



Finance Committee  
 Town of Halifax  
 499 Plymouth St.  
 Halifax, MA 02338

Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, May 9, 2016

	Gordon Andrews	Linda Braga	Mel Conroy	Nikki Newton	Stu Hall	Julianne Crawford	Vacant
Present	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Others in Attendance:

Sandy Nolan, Town Accountant

Gordon Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:55pm.

The meeting was immediately moved into the Selectmen's Meeting to discuss Contracts that have been settled. The Selectmen's Meeting is being recorded by Area 58.

Contracts

4 of the 5 Contracts have been settled. The Dispatchers Contract Article will be passed over as we are in talks re the possibility of a Regional Dispatch Center. The Selectmen apologize for the last minute decisions, but 3 of the Contracts did not finish until Friday. Highway still has a few things to fix on their Contract as well. The Selectmen would really like an answer from Finance Committee before Town Meeting on their feelings towards the Contracts. Will they be supporting them? Finance Committee feels that they have not had enough time to discuss, but they will go back and see what they come up with.

Article 4

Line 42 – Mel Conroy made a motion to reconsider the line. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously. Nikki Newton made a motion to recommend \$30,850.00 for Town Buildings Custodial. Seconded by Mel Conroy. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 70 – Nikki Newton made a motion to reconsider the line. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously. Nikki Newton made a motion to recommend \$290,001.00 for Comm Center Wages. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.

Articles

Article 7 – Contract for the Fire Department. It is a large amount. When you compare ours to like towns we are 20% lower on Step 1. It also includes Wage Openers and stipends for Paramedics in the Base Rate.

Nikki Newton made a motion to recommend the Article. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. There was no vote as the Committee was still in discussions when they were called into Town Meeting as Quorum was reached.

Meeting was adjourned to Town Meeting at 7:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mel Conroy  
Clerk