



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

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, July 11, 2016

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

Others in Attendance:

Sandy Nolan, Town Accountant; Charlie Seelig, Town Administrator; Chief Jason Viveiros, Fire Chief.

Gordon Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. The meeting is being recorded by Area 58.

Mail

There was no new mail.

Reserve Fund Transfer

A Reserve Fund Transfer Request in the amount for \$9,321.63 was received from Charlie Seelig for the settlement of a suit filed by Elaine Wissel.

Stu Hall made a motion to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer. Seconded by Linda Braga. Motion passed unanimously.

Line Item Transfer

A Line Item Transfer was received from Chief Viveiros in the amount of \$277.00 from Station Maintenance to Vehicle Maintenance.

Mel Conroy made a motion to approve the Line Item Transfer. Seconded by Linda Braga. Motion passed unanimously.

A Line Item Transfer was received from Bob Badore in the amount of \$1,500.00 from Trash Collection Disposal to Recycling Expense.

Mel Conroy made a motion to approve the Line Item Transfer. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

A Line Item Transfer was received from Keith Swanson in the amount of \$1,534.06 from Water Gas & Oil to Water Retirement.

Mel Conroy made a motion to approve the Line Item Transfer. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

A Line Item Transfer was received from Charlie Seelig in the amount of \$484.69 from Office Machines to Data Processing.

Stu Hall made a motion to approve the Line Item Transfer. Seconded by Linda Braga. Motion passed unanimously.

A Line Item Transfer was received from Christine Healy in the amount of \$60,609.00 from Vocational Education to Special Needs Tuition.

Mel Conroy made a motion to approve the Line Item Transfer. Seconded by Linda Braga. Motion passed unanimously.

A Line Item Transfer was received from Christine Healy in the amount of \$71,145.57 from Special Needs Transportation to Special Needs Tuition.

Mel Conroy made a motion to approve the Line Item Transfer. Seconded by Linda Braga. Motion passed unanimously.

A Line Item Transfer was received from Christine Healy in the amount of \$11,428.76 from Halifax Elementary Expense to Special Needs Tuition.

Mel Conroy made a motion to approve the Line Item Transfer. Seconded by Linda Braga. Motion passed unanimously.

A Line Item Transfer was received from Rob Piccirilli in the amount of \$30.00 from Regulatory Wages to Building Expense Account.

Mel Conroy made a motion to approve the Line Item Transfer. Seconded by Linda Braga. Motion passed unanimously.

A Line Item Transfer was received from Wil Corey in the amount of \$118.00 from Veterans Benefits to Veterans Expense.

Stu Hall made a motion to approve the Line Item Transfer. Seconded by Mel Conroy. Motion passed unanimously.

Special Town Meeting

Article 1 – Transfer \$210,000.00 to Line 54 Fire Wages for a total of \$817,250.00. Mel would like to see the revenue numbers higher, more toward \$230,000.00 in order to earn his vote. He is concerned about a valley. The chief explained that the billing is actually further behind than just 3 months so the money is still coming in. Gordon shares Mel's concerns. If the Article passes, it would take effect immediately. If he had to make a cut it would be to the night coverage. He will need to look at the numbers again in the December/January time frame to be sure everything is still on track.

Mel Conroy made a motion to recommend. Seconded by Linda Braga. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 2 – Dispatchers Contract. No progress has been made at this time.

Article 3 – Will create a new budget line for the Dispatchers Wages to be paid out of. Housekeeping item.

Article 4 – MSBA grant at HES will need \$140,000.00 for Project Manager, site survey etc. Work includes 40 windows, 90,000 sq. ft. of roof, façade, drainage system, etc. Any extra money will require another Town Meeting to move the money from Stabilization.

Mel Conroy made a motion to recommend. Seconded by Linda Braga. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 5 – Monponsett Pond Management Placeholder. May be passed over at Town Meeting.

Article 6 – HOPS Placeholder. May be passed over at Town Meeting as they are not ready yet.

Meeting Minutes

Mel Conroy made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 6/27/16. Seconded by Linda Braga. Motion passed unanimously.

Update on Letter to Legislature

Kingston has not voted so there is no contract. Therefore, Rep Calter cannot do anything. He does not have discretion to file special legislation yet as there is no binding contract. It must be approved in the House and Senate. Rep Calter is in favor of letting all 3 towns vote on the matter.

Monponsett Pond signs

They are being worked on. They are in the design process.

Calendar

7/25/16 – Special Town Meeting

8/8/16 – Cancel Meeting

8/22/16 – (No Julianne)

Starting at the August Meeting, we will be having Public Participation via Facebook in the Halifax Locals Section at 8pm for approximately 20min. Hoping to encourage the public to ask questions and get involved.

Stu Hall made a motion to adjourn at 8:37pm. Seconded by Linda Braga. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mel Conroy
Clerk