



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

Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 7, 2015

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

Others in Attendance:

Sandy Nolan, Town Accountant

Chairman Gordon Andrews opened the meeting at 7:03pm.

Meeting is being filmed by Area 58.

Mel requested from Kendra, all of the numbers from Article 4 for the last 7 years along with the Year End budget for the same time frame.

Mail

Invitation to the Fire House Chili Cook-off at the Fire station on 12/12/15.

1 Copy of the Beacon was received.

Minutes

Nikki Newton made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 5/11/15. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Linda Braga made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 5/12/15. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Stu Hall made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 6/8/15. Seconded by Linda Braga. Motion passed unanimously.

Mel Conroy made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 8/24/15. Seconded by Linda Braga. Motion passed unanimously.

Mel Conroy made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 9/8/15. Seconded by Linda Braga. Motion passed unanimously.

Nikki Newton made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 9/28/15. Seconded by Mel Conroy. Motion passed unanimously.

School Building Update

As of today there is no date for a walk around the building. Charlie figures it will be after the first of the year. The workshop will be later this week. A report will follow that workshop.

Election

The Finance Committee needs to elect a new Clerk to replace the position held by Peg Fitzgerald.

Stu Hall nominated Mel Conroy for the position of Clerk for the remaining term of Peg's position. Seconded by Nikki Newton. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Schedule

Add Thursday February 4, 2015 to the Meeting Schedule and check the Great Room availability.

Nikki Newton made a motion to approve the 2016 Meeting Schedule with 2/4/15 added. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Grants

Sandy Nolan said that she had answers to the questions that were asked about the SPED grants and how could they save \$40,000.00. The Town doesn't pay a share of the retirement for the Teachers. Their retirement is paid by the state, so would save money to take them out of the grants and pay the Aides through the grants. If you pay teachers through grants then the grant has to pay the retirement portion that the state would usually pay. Instead, pay the Aides through the grant as they don't get retirement and pay the teachers through the budget.

Upcoming Meetings

1/4/16 – Special Town Meeting

Stu Hall made a motion to adjourn at 7:28pm. Seconded by Mel Conroy. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mel Conroy
Clerk