



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

Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday, April 1, 2015

	Gordon Andrews	Linda Braga	Margaret (Peg) Fitzgerald	Nikki Newton	Stu Hall	Julianne Crawford	Vacant
Present	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	

Others in Attendance: Charlie Seelig, Town Administrator; Sandy Nolan, Town Accountant; Kim Roy, Selectmen; Cassey Hanson, Halifax Elementary School and Silver Lake School Committee Chairperson;

Meeting called to order by Gordon Andrews at 7:10pm. Meeting is being taped by CHAT TV

There is no mail.

There are no Reserve Fund Transfers

Kendra is not in attendance so they don't need to approve any Meeting Minutes.

Peg would like to know if there are any changes to the Revenue side of the handouts that Sandy gave out. Sandy said that New Growth has gone up to \$191,000.00. There is a 1.5% wage increase for all employees that would total \$69,150.00 which is not reflected in the numbers. Currently we are running a \$9,000.00 deficit before the 1.5% increase. State Aid numbers (shaded numbers are the ones that we are using) left Chapter 70 numbers as level funded. Kendra gave a list of Article 5 items that have been held off on or not voted on. There is also a copy of the new Elementary school budget that has not been voted on yet.

Article 5 Line Items

Line 11 – Committee chose to leave it at \$359.00 as already voted.

Line 15 – Hold

Line 21 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$59,760.00 for Treasurer Clerical. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 25 – Hold – Kendra to ask Barbara - What will the increase of 8 hours do. What is the town getting in exchange for an increase in hours? What will be done that isn't being done now? What work is being left behind or not being completed because of the

changes in statutory laws. What can the Town Clerk do that the Asst. cannot do?

Increase is \$12,618.00 request for 8 hours per week.

Line 27 – Stu Hall made a motion to recommend \$5,370.00 for Clerk Expense. Seconded by Linda Braga. 4 Yes, 1 No, motion passed.

Line 31 – Hold

Line 34 – Julianne Crawford made a motion to change the title to Recruitment, Employment and Training Costs. Seconded by Peg Fitzgerald. Motion passed unanimously. Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$9,000.00 for Recruitment, Employment & Training Costs. There was no second to the motion. Julianne Crawford made a motion to recommend \$7,500.00 for Recruitment, Employment and Training Costs. Seconded by Peg Fitzgerald. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 42 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to reconsider the line. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously. Peg made a motion to recommend \$164,990.00 for Town Buildings Custodial. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 43 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$30,850.00 for Town Buildings Expense. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously

Line 43a – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$43,240.00 for Town Building Preventative Maintenance. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 44 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$3,000.00 for Town Buildings – Snow & Ice Expense. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 50 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$24,100.00 for Police Station Maintenance. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 51 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$14,000.00 for Police Cruiser Maintenance. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 58 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$13,533.00 for Fire Station Maintenance. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 69 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$4,616.00 for Animal Control Officer Expense. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 70 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$281,336.00 for Comm. Center Wages. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 72 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$3,000.00 for Comm. Center Expense. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 74 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to reconsider the line. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously. Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$5,102,810.00 for Elementary School Costs. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 75 – Hold

Line 76 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$1,443,583.00 for Special Needs Tuition. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 77 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$445,847.00 for Special Needs Transportation. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 78 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$4,127,189.00 for Silver Lake Assessment. No second. The line will be held in order for the bids to be reviewed.

Line 84 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$10,100.00 for Highway Barn Maintenance. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 88 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$27,300.00 for Street Lights. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 89 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$5,500.00 for Traffic Lights. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 96 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$67,636.00 for Water Superintendent Salary. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 97 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$188,895.00 for Water Wages. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 98 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$43,920.00 for Water Clerical. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 99 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$182,100.00 for Water Supply. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 101 Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$50,237.00 for Water Insurance. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 102 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$13,000.00 for Water Retirement. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 103 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$ 1,500.00 for Water legal Fees. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion Passed unanimously.

Line 104 - Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$25,000.00 for Water Meters. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 105 - Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$13,750.00 for Water Gas and Oil. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 106 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$9,000.00 for Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 107 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$25,000.00 for Tower/Wells Maintenance. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 111 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$24,400.00 for Recycling Center Expense. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 115 – Hold

Line 119 - Hold

Line 122 –Stu Hall made a motion to recommend \$2,500.00 for Popes Tavern Electricity. Seconded by Peg Fitzgerald. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 131 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$84,953.00 for Library Expense. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 132 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$14,437.00 for Youth and Rec Wages. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 139 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$2,499.00 for Historical Commission. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Gordon made a motion to go back to one meeting a week starting Monday 4/6. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.

For Monday 4/6 Meeting

Holds left on budget lines 15, 25, 31, 75, 78, 115, 119

1.5% Wage increase

Update total deficit number

Need questions answered from C. Drinan / fwd email.
Need questions answered from B. Gaynor
Need questions answered from K. Shiavone
Capital Plan Discussion

9:10 pm Stu Hall made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Fitzgerald
Corresponding Clerk