



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

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, April 27, 2015

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

Others in Attendance: Charlie Seelig, Town Administrator; Barbara Gaynor, Town Clerk; Cassandra Hanson, School Committee Chairperson.

Meeting called to order by Gordon Andrews at 7:08 pm. Meeting is being taped by CHAT TV.

Mail

An email was received from Charlie regarding obtaining information from Department Heads. If any info is needed, tell Charlie and he will set up meetings for 5/4/15.

An email was received from Charlie concerning the 1.5% pay raise.

An email was received from Charlie regarding funding for the Cable article. Quarterly checks along with an annual capital check will be among the options.

A letter from Silver Lake was received advising of a vote of a n increase revised 2014 – 2015 District Operating Budget by \$160,000.00 to pay for Snow Removal costs.

A letter from Silver Lake was received advising of a vote approving the 2015 – 2016 FY Operating Budget of \$23,039,296.00. It also approved the reduction of the operating costs by \$9,098,014.32 and set the assessment at \$13,941,281.68.

ATFC opportunities coming up in May. Gordon is interested in attending.

Reserve Fund Transfers

A Reserve Fund Transfer Request was received from Charlie Seelig in the amount of \$1,405.28 for the cost of printing and mailing the special town meeting warrant for February 2015 to be transferred to Town Report 01-195-5340.

Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to approve \$1,405.28. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

A Reserve Fund Transfer Request was received from Charlie Seelig in the amount of \$2006.00 for payment of surety bonds for Town employees to be transferred to Insurance – Property /Liability.

Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to approve \$1,405.28. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes

Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 6/23/14. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Stu Hall made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 2/11/15. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.

Stu Hall made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 2/23/15. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.

Julianne Crawford made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 3/9/15. Seconded by Peg Fitzgerald. Motion passed unanimously.

Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 3/16/15. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.

Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 3/18/15. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.

Nikki Newton made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 3/23/15. Seconded by Peg Fitzgerald. Motion passed unanimously.

Julianne Crawford made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 4/1/15. Seconded by Peg Fitzgerald. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 5 (using 4/6/15 draft)

Article B2 – Hold

Article B3 – Hold

Article B7 – Stu Hall made a motion to recommend. Seconded by Nikki Newton. Motion passed unanimously.

Article B13 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend. Motion withdrawn. Stu Hall made a motion to not recommend. Seconded by Nikki Newton. Motion passed unanimously.

Article B14 - Stu Hall made a motion to not recommend. Seconded by Nikki Newton. Motion passed unanimously.

Article B16 - Stu Hall made a motion to not recommend. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Gordon Andrews voted no. All other members voted yes. 5-1 voted, passed.

Article B17 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

STM Articles

- Article 1 – Hold
- Article 2 – Hold
- Article 3 – Hold
- Article 4 – Hold
- Article 5 – Hold
- Article 6 - Hold
- Article 7 - Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.
- Article 8 - Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.
- Article 9 – Hold
- Article 10 – Pass Over
- Article 11 Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.
- Article 12 – Nikki Newton made a motion to recommend. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.
- Article 13 - Hold

1.5% Increase Discussion

Peg feels that we should do everything we can to make this work as a matter for fairness. Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend the 1.5% wage increase dependent on it being able to be funded. No Second. Gordon and Stu were both not ready to vote without seeing the new totals.

Next Meeting

5/4/15 – Article 2 and the STM

9:08 pm Stu Hall made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Fitzgerald
Corresponding Clerk