



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

Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, May 11, 2015

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

Others in Attendance: Sandy Nolan, Town Accountant

Meeting called to order by Gordon Andrews at 6:30 pm.

Line Item Transfer

A Line Item Transfer request in the amount of \$750.00 was received from Charlie Seelig to be moved from Office Machines to Town Report.

Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the request. Seconded by Nikki Newton. Motion passed unanimously.

ATM Articles

Article 2 (1) - Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to reconsider. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously. Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend \$67,331.00 11/2 % to all Wage and Personnel and Union Contracts. Seconded by Stu Hall. Gordon Andrews, Linda Braga and Julianne Crawford voted no. All other members voted yes. Motion failed. Julianne Crawford made a motion to recommend \$44,903.00 1% to all Wage and Personnel and Union Contracts. Seconded by Peg Fitzgerald. Stu Hall and Peg Fitzgerald voted no. All other members voted yes. 4-2, motion passed.

Article 2 (5) – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend. Seconded by Nikki Newton. Gordon Andrews voted no. All other members voted yes. Motion passed.

Article 2 (8) - Hold

Article 3 – Julianne Crawford made a motion to amend the Town Clerk, Treasurer/Collector and Highway Surveyor by 1% if the raise passes. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 4 – Julianne Crawford made a motion to reconsider. Seconded by Linda Braga. Motion passed unanimously. Julianne Crawford made a motion to follow the figures listed on the green sheet if the 1% raise passes. Seconded by Peg Fitzgerald. Stu Hall voted no. All other members voted yes. Motion passed.

Article 8 – Nikki Newton made a motion to recommend 1.00. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 9 – Nikki Newton made a motion to recommend \$5,898.00. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Peg Fitzgerald and Stu Hall voted no. All other members voted yes. 4-2 motion passed.

Article 10 – Nikki Newton made a motion to recommend \$1,680.00. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Peg Fitzgerald and Stu Hall voted no. All other members voted yes. 4-2 motion passed.

Article 11 – Nikki Newton made a motion to recommend \$3,301.00. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Peg Fitzgerald and Stu Hall voted no. All other members voted yes. 4-2 motion passed.

Article 12 – Nikki Newton made a motion to recommend \$2,856.00. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Peg Fitzgerald and Stu Hall voted no. All other members voted yes. 4-2 motion passed.

Article 13 – Nikki Newton made a motion to recommend \$6,357.00. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Peg Fitzgerald and Stu Hall voted no. All other members voted yes. 4-2 motion passed.

Article 27 – Stu Hall made a motion to not recommend. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 34 – Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to reconsider. Seconded by Nikki Newton. Motion passed unanimously. Nikki Newton made a motion to have \$4,000.00 come from Free Cash and \$4,000.00 come from Water Retained Earnings for a total of \$8,000.00. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 37 – Nikki Newton made a motion to reconsider. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously. Nikki Newton made a motion to recommend \$10,050.00 from Free Cash. Seconded by Peg Fitzgerald. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 53 – Nikki Newton made a motion to recommend. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Peg Fitzgerald voted no. All other members voted yes. 5-1 motion passed.

Meeting adjourned to Town Meeting at 7:30pm.

#### Votes taken on Town Meeting Floor

Article 2 (1) – Nikki Newton made a motion to not recommend giving only employees at their top step a 1% raise. Seconded by Peg Fitzgerald. Motion to not recommend passed unanimously.

Article 2 (5) – Julianne made a motion to reconsider. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously. Julianne made a motion to not recommend. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously. Julianne Crawford made a motion to not recommend an amendment to cover for Keith while on vacation etc. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

STM Article 12 – Nikki Newton made a motion to recommend \$53,476.57. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 78 – Linda Braga made a motion to recommend \$4,027,189.00 for the Silver Lake Assessment. Seconded by Julianne Crawford. Nikki Newton voted no. Julianne Crawford, Linda Braga and Gordon Andrews voted yes. Motion passed.

10:50 pm Town Meeting Adjourned to May 12, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

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Margaret Fitzgerald  
Corresponding Clerk