



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

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, October 27, 2014

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

Others in Attendance: Kendra Kelly, Finance Committee Secretary; Charlie Seelig, Town Administrator; Sandy Nolan, Town Accountant.

Gordon Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:07pm

Mail

The ATFC Annual Meeting will be 10/18 at Tri Town. Gordon is unable to attend. Peg is still considering.

Silver Lake Discussion

Gordon will email out the copy of the 1.2 million dollar plan that was distributed at the last meeting. It includes items such as the replacement of the track and other maintenance items. Mary MacKinnon from Kingston's Finance Committee reached out to the Department of Revenue to see what they can do with the money so it will be an ongoing discussion. They didn't want to get into future planning discussions at this time. Peg feels that they should bring it to the town for a vote.

Ch. 71 Section 68

This refers to the School Building Maintenance Law. The town can take the Building Maintenance back from the School if it chooses. The building department will take the job if the Selectmen and the School Committee are on board with it. They can take custodial and/or maintenance depending on the wishes of the town. The building Committee made a proposal. The School committee is not interested at this time in accepting that proposal. Cathy Drinan has done a list of the issues in the Elementary School, as has Chief Vivieros. The school is falling into disrepair. Gordon is going to ask for 10 signatures to get it put on the Town Meeting. Gordon would like to invite the Building Committee to the next Finance Committee Meeting to discuss the matter. Stu is concerned that there is no Memorandum of Agreement. There needs to be something to make someone the responsible party. Maybe Finance should meet with the School Committee. Peg feels that is could even become a shared position with Union 31.

Upcoming Meetings

The Meeting with the Selectmen and Finance Committee is now going to be held on 11/10/14. Gordon feels that there needs to still be a needs based budget. Peg disagrees and wants to see what the departments are planning for. Sandy said that Kim had a meeting in Boston and was told not to expect anything more in State Aid. There will be an increase in electricity charges. You can level fund but you need to pick what your priority is.

IT Discussion

See the handout provided by Charlie.

1. Backup – the system would be up and running within 24 hours.
2. Monitoring of servers.
3. Maintenance – Help desk type of service (not including Fire, Police or School)

All bids need to be in by the end of FY15. There is enough money right now to do the backup option for \$2 - \$3,000.00 per year. Both firms are similar in price. Monitor and the help desk options won't be feasible this year. We can't do both and replace machines for the next 8 months. We could possibly share with the school at a reasonable wage. There is no action yet, just an update.

Upcoming Meetings

11/10/14 – Meet with the Selectmen

11/24/14 – Cancel

12/1/14 –

12/8/14

12/15/14 - Cancel

Stu Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12pm. Seconded by Peg Fitzgerald. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Fitzgerald
Corresponding Clerk