



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

Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 17, 2014

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

Others in Attendance: Kendra Kelly, Finance Committee Secretary; Sandy Nolan, Town Accountant

Gordon Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

Mail

A copy of a memo to Charlie Seelig from John Tuffy was read regarding a request for establishing a stabilization fund for the District.

Silver Lake School Committee Update

See the handout that includes a 12-18 month plan for the current, ongoing and future needs for the Silver Lake Regional School District dated November 13, 2014. In addition, there is concern for homeless transportation reimbursement. It is not required to be reimbursed by the Federal Government and we will most likely not receive any reimbursement this year. E&D is at \$1,093,000.00. The previous year was \$769,000.00. They can go up to 5% of the \$22,000.00 (their yearly operating budget). Gordon's feeling is that they are planning to spend this money in May/June but it has to go through the DOE and DOR first.

Animal Control Officer

Nikki is very concerned that the Animal Control officer does not have a Microchip scanner that reads all the chips. She will be investigating that.

Budget Letter

Peg's wording for Budget Letter:

Everyone is aware of the fact that our property tax is limited by law to a 2.5 percent increase and we expect state aid to be level funded or reduced, so we would appreciate you sharpening your pencils and submitting as conservative of a budget as possible including anything you see as an extraordinary need or request.

Upcoming Meetings

12/1/14

12/8/14

1/12/14 – Tri Town Finance Committees Meeting in Kingston at 7pm.

Stu Hall made a motion to adjourn at 8:10pm. Seconded by Peg Fitzgerald. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Fitzgerald
Corresponding Clerk