



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

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, December 1, 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 7:10pm

Meeting Minutes

Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 6/2/14. Seconded by Nikki Newton. Motion passed unanimously.

Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 6/9/14. Seconded by Nikki Newton. Motion passed unanimously.

6/23/14 minutes held – no quorum

Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 7/7/14. Seconded by Nikki Newton. Motion passed unanimously.

Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 8/11/14. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

A brief recap of the 6/9/14 minutes was discussed for use in the current budget year planning information.

Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the 2015 Finance Committee Meeting Schedule. Seconded by Nikki Newton. Motion passed unanimously.

There is no free cash number yet and not much overlay available. There is only about \$50,000. Leftover from last year. We are still waiting for tax title #'s to come in. The Auditors have not been in to do the closing yet but we are hoping for a figure before the New Year.

Senior Center

Nothing new that Charlie has heard of. Peg was approached for advice on a Special Town Meeting on the subject. She felt it should to the Annual Town Meeting instead as younger people should be involved in the decision.

Meal Tax

The Meal Tax would increase by .75% so it would go from 6.25% to 7%. It would go to the State first and the state would send the check back to the town for the excess. Business owners would feel that their business would suffer if the taxes were increased. Charlie will research what other towns are participating but he is pretty sure Middleboro, Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, Pembroke, Carver and Kingston are among them. The extra meal tax would have created \$73,000.00 in 2014.

Spending

Building Maintenance is getting close on their budget. They had some things come up. They still have their previous budget so that is good but Sandy is keeping an eye on it.

Upcoming Meetings

12/8/15

Meals Tax Comparison with 10 Towns

4/8/15

Go to print on both warrants

Nikki Newton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Fitzgerald
Corresponding Clerk