



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

Meeting Minutes  
 Tuesday, May 13, 2014

|         | Gordon Andrews | Karen Fava | Margaret (Peg) Fitzgerald | Nikki Newton | Stu Hall | Summer Schmaling | Vacant |
|---------|----------------|------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------|------------------|--------|
| Present | ✓              | ✓          | ✓                         | ✓            | ✓        | ✓                |        |

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

Gordon Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:50pm.

Line Item Transfer

A Line Item Transfer was received to transfer \$4,000.00 from Trash Collection Disposal to Recycling Center Expense.

A motion to approve the Line Item Transfer was made by Peg Fitzgerald. Seconded by Nikki Newton. Motion passed unanimously.

A Line Item Transfer was received from Highway Surveyor Bob Badore to transfer \$2,500.00 from Highway Wages to Highway Clerical.

A motion to approve the Line Item Transfer was made by Peg Fitzgerald. Seconded by Nikki Newton. Motion passed unanimously.

Gordon Andrews made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session by individual Roll Call vote at 6:55pm.

Executive Session was adjourned to Open Session at 7:02pm by individual Roll Call vote.

Silver Lake Budget Discussion

Peg Fitzgerald said that all we need to know is how much we can afford. The schools can spend it however they want. We don't have jurisdiction over that. Finance Committee said that they could afford 3% for an increase. Peg will peak to it on Town Meeting floor to avoid any acrimony between Gordon and Cassey Hanson. Summer would like to be sure that sustainability of the budget is addressed.

COA Discussion

Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to reconsider Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting. Seconded by Nikki Newton. Gordon Andrews voted No. All other members in attendance voted yes. Discussion: If the 1.5% raises pass for Town Employees, Karen would definitely still be against funding it under the levy. Gordon would also be against it. Nikki and Summer are both on the fence and would wonder if it could be funded half under the levy and half as a debt exclusion.

Finance Committee adjourned to Town Meeting at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nikki Newton  
Corresponding Clerk