



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

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 1, 2012

Board Members in attendance: Nikki Newton and Gordon Andrews

Others in Attendance: Tara Martin, Conservation Agent; Gerry Fitzgerald, Conservation Commission Clerk; Tina Tonello, Conservation Commission Vice Chairperson; Kathy Evans, Conservation Commission Member; April Letourneau, Conservation Commission Member; Sandy Nolan, Town Accountant; Charlie Seelig, Town Administrator.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm

A memo from Charlie Seelig to the Conservation Commission regarding the Open Space fund was read by Gordon. The fund can only be used for Administration of or protection of the Wetlands. Therefore the Commission is unable to transfer the money that they requested to this fund. Sandy showed a history of the percentage of money funding the Agent's salary that was supported by the Wetlands Account in previous years with the exception of FY12 where the Con Comm did not fund any money for the Agent. Gerry Fitzgerald of the Con Comm made a motion to fund 50% of the Agents salary from the Wetlands account as requested by the Finance Committee. There was no second to the motion. Con Comm said they would discuss it at their next meeting and get back to the Committee. Charlie brought up the point that Con Comm is not meeting again until after Town Meeting. If the money is not released it will come from Raise and Appropriate and it will still affect the tax payers. A vote by Con Comm on May 15th will have no effect on the voters. As a result, Gerry Fitzgerald made another motion to fund 5230.00 for the Agent from the Wetlands Account. Seconded by April Letourneau. Motion passed.

Richard Wright
Corresponding Clerk