



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

Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 13, 2012

	Gordon Andrews	Peter Beals	Karen Fava	Margaret (Peg) Fitzgerald	Paul Weckbacher	Nikki Newton
Present	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓

Others in Attendance: Charlie Seelig, Town Administrator; Sandy Nolan, Town Accountant and Kim Roy, Selectmen.

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm
Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm

Mail

A letter was received from Wage and Personnel regarding the renewal of the MMPA membership. The board does not want to renew the membership as the benchmark has not been kept up well with only 3 of 10 towns participated. They feel that 200.00 is a lot to pay when the information is not available in its entirety. Kim is going to call the MMPA to advise of the problem. Kendra will write a memo to advise the board that Fin Comm. has discussed it and they agree with their decision.

Motion to approve was made by Peg Fitzgerald. Seconded by Nikki Newton. Motion passed unanimously.

Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from July 9, 2012. Seconded by Peter Beals. Motion passed unanimously.

General Discussion

Upcoming Meetings 8/27 (cancelled), 9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22 (Meet with Kingston and Plympton Fin Comm.'s), 11/12 (Meet with Selectmen), 11/26, 12/10, 12/24 (will cancel). Weekly Monday meetings will begin on January 14, 2013.

Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to cancel the Meeting on August 27, 2012. Seconded by Karen Fava. Motion passed unanimously.

November 12, 2012 the board will meet with the Selectmen so a letter can go out to the departments with budgets due the first week of January. The Silver Lake Budget is expected to come in sometime in February.

Kim said the new ambulance will be in sometime next week. The bids closed today and only one bid was received. It was for 13.00 less than originally anticipated. The bids also closed on the cruisers today. The two line cruisers should be in sometime in the next two weeks. There were two bids on the Tahoe and there is a 2,500.00 difference between them. The lowest bidder is not sure that he can make the September 15 deadline but should know by tomorrow.

The Senior Center is not going as quickly as they would like as far as the addition is concerned. They are still talking about a few options.

Peter asked Kim if the reorganization that Troy previously discussed has been acted on. Peg is concerned with what the Auditor said about the Treasurer's Office and the cash reconciliation. Kim is looking for ideas to streamline the whole process. The Selectmen are pursuing a regional dispatch option for EMS with Plympton and possibly Kingston and/or Duxbury to bring in more revenue. If anyone has suggestions please bring them to Kim and she will bring them to the Gov't Study Committee.

Karen wants to be sure the board's recommendations are printed in the Warrant for FY13. This should be a priority. Contracts should be given a recommendation at Town Meeting, not in the Warrant as long as they are received at least a week prior to Town Meeting for the board's review. Kim said almost all of the contracts are up for review this year.

Summary

Next Meeting is Monday, September 10, 2012.

Karen Fava made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Peter Beals. Motion passed unanimously.

Nikki Newton
Corresponding Clerk