



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

Meeting Notes  
 Monday, December 10, 2012

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

Others in Attendance: Kendra Kelly, Finance Committee Secretary; Sandy Nolan, Town Accountant; Kim Roy, Selectmen; Charlie Seelig, Town Administrator; Cassandra Hanson, SL School Committee Chair.

Peg Fitzgerald asked for some changes to be made to the minutes. Pg 2 should read “There will be no school library debt this year. In projected revenue for FY14, Charlie reduced the allowed levy by last year’s unused levy as he believed that to be Fin Com philosophy.” Peg Fitzgerald made a motion to accept the minutes from November 20, 2012 with the listed changes. Seconded by Karen Fava. Motion passed unanimously.

Mail

Inventory List – Fin Comm only has one filing cabinet to be listed.  
 Kendra will develop a budget for Fin Comm and submit it before 1/7/12.  
 Gordon will write a letter for the Annual Budget.

Fiscal Cliff Discussion

If there is no budget what is going to be affected? Cassandra Hanson is not sure what the impact to the schools is going to be. Schools are more worried about the State Revenue at this point. Homeless transportation may be cut and that will affect the Elementary School more than Silver Lake. Gordon asked if there is a lot of panic yet. Mrs. Hanson said that there is no solid money for Regional transportation as of yet. Silver Lake receives no Circuit Breaker money so that would have to be picked up in their budget. Projected 9C cuts are out but they still are being watched. Even though they are not finalized yet, they are expected to affect FY13 as well as FY14 so then a Reserve Fund Transfer would be needed. Budget talk for FY14 will depend on what the cuts are. Preliminary discussion will be on Thursday evening at the school committee meeting.

Updates

Armand’s assessed value is substantially lower than the asking price. The max value is only 768,000.00. It doesn’t appear that the Commission is moving quickly towards it.

Nikki Newton spoke with Jean Gallant at the Library. She will update us at the next meeting.

Possibility of having kids putting up the letters on the signs for community service for the High School in order to free up hours was discussed. Karen will look into it with the school and the Highway Dept. Peg suggested finding someone to do filing for the Treasurer's office through the school year to free up some hours as well. Kim Roy indicated that the signs are in delicate shape and having kids update them may not be a good idea. There is no estimate of cost at this time. The money for the signs will have to come through an Article at Town Meeting, not through a Reserve Fund Transfer. We should put in for two signs instead of just one. Peter asked who would ultimately do the updating of the info on the new signs. Chief Carrico and Charlie would take care of inputting the information.

Reminder of the meeting with the Kingston and Plympton Fin Comm's on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 7:30pm at the Plympton Town Hall. Kendra will reserve a room at the Plympton Town Hall for 7pm on January 7, 2013 for a short meeting before the joint meeting at 7:30.

Peter Beals announced that he would be leaving the Finance Committee effective immediately. After further discussion, he decided that he would meet with his liaisons and report back on January 7<sup>th</sup>, at which time he would be leaving. Peter has not been able to contact Stu Hall regarding joining the Fin Comm as of yet, but he will do so.

Karen Fava made a motion to adjourn at 8:05pm. Seconded by Peg Fitzgerald. Motion passed unanimously.

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Nikki Newton  
Corresponding Clerk