



Finance Committee
TOWN OF HALIFAX
499 Plymouth Street
Halifax, MA 02338

Meeting Minutes

Monday May 8, 2023

Committee Members Present (Remotely): Todd Dargie, Cheryll Zarrella Burke, Frank Johnston, Jim Walters & Jonathan Schmaling

Committee members absent: Michael Bennett

Audience: Sandy Nolan & Katie Esposito

Todd Dargie called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: Minutes from April 24, 2023 & May 1, 2023 have been circulated to the committee for a vote.

Todd entertained a motion to recommend the meeting minutes from April 24th & May 1st.

Motion: Cheryll Zarrella Burke

Second: Jonathan Schmaling

Roll Call: Frank Johnston, Jim Walters, Cheryll Zarrella Burke, Jonathan Schmaling & Todd Dargie

Line-Item Transfers Requests: None for this meeting

Discuss and Recommend Remaining FY24 Town Articles: Todd reviews the committee the amended article #14. The warrant was originally for two HVAC units, and they are now requesting just one for Silverlake Regional Highschool. The school is requesting \$101,000 to repair the HVAC system located in the cafeteria. The committee agrees to revise this to \$115,000 to allow for unexpected costs.

Todd entertained a motion to approve stabilization #1 special purpose (Silverlake) in the amount of \$115,000.

Motion: Cheryll Zarrella Burke

Second: Jonathan Schmaling

Roll Call: Jonathan Schmaling, Frank Johnston, Jim Walters, Cheryll Zarrella Burke & Todd Dargie

Correspondence & As May Arise: Todd informs the committee they received a packet from masspayers.org in the mail. It includes valuable information regarding surrounding towns. He is going to review the information and input to excel to share with the committee for the next meeting. Sandy suggested using towns from Plymouth and Bristol counties only. In the past they used towns further away and the cost of living and other factors did not allow for a practical comparison to Halifax

Todd entertained a motion continue the Finance Committee meeting into the Town Meeting

Motion: Cheryll Zarrella Burke

Second: Jonathan Schmaling

Roll Call: Jonathan Schmaling, Frank Johnston, Jim Walters, Cheryll Zarrella Burke & Todd Dargie

Halifax Town Meeting Begins

I move that the town vote to set the salaries of several elected Town Offices for July 1, 2023 to June 30th 2024 as printed in the warrant.

Motion: Todd Dargie

Second: John Bruno

I Move that the town approve Article 4 as printed in the warrant.

Motion: Todd Dargie

Second: John Bruno

I Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to the Reserve fund to cover extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures during fiscal year 2024 in accordance with Chapter 40 Section 6 of Massachusetts General Law, and to transfer from Water Retraining Earnings the sum of \$50,000 to the Water Department Reserve Fund

Motion: Todd Dargie

Second: John Bruno

I Move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$1,267,745 from undesignated fund balance for the purpose of funding the Fiscal Year 2024 Capital plan as printed in Article 9 of the warrant.

Motion: Todd Dargie

Second: John Bruno

I Move the town vote to transfer from undesignated fund balance the sum of \$96,075 to be added to the General Stabilization Fund

Motion: Todd Dargie

Second: John Bruno

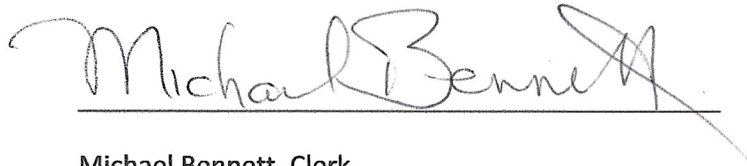
Next Meeting: The Committee agrees the next meeting will be held in person on May 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the town Hall.

Todd Dargie makes a motion to adjourn at 9:14 PM

Second: Cheryll Zarrella Burke

Roll Call: Frank Johnston, Jim Walters, Cheryll Zarrella Burke, Jonathan Schmaling & Todd Dargie

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Michael Bennett", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large "M" and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Michael Bennett, Clerk