

TOWN OF HALIFAX

MAY 9, 2011

Annual Town Meeting
Quorum 100

As Voted
Present 131
Guests 15

The Town Moderator, John Bruno was unavailable for Town Meeting. Town Clerk Barbara Gaynor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Town Clerk Barbara Gaynor read the Call to the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance recited thereafter. The Town Clerk introduced Tom Calter, our State Representative for Precinct 1, who spoke on the State Budget. The Finance Committee Chair, Peter Beals read a short opening statement thanking department heads and committees for their help with the FY12 Budget process. Mr. Beals asked Principal Assessor Suzan Duggan to make a statement regarding the tax rate and how it is calculated.

Selectmen Troy Garron nominated Town Clerk Barbara Gaynor to act as Moderator for the Town Meeting. It was moved and seconded and Passed Unanimously. Town Clerk Barbara Gaynor nominated Kathryn Roche as Town Clerk for the purposes of the Town Meeting. It was moved and seconded and Passed Unanimously. Barbara Gaynor was sworn in as Moderator and Kathryn Roche was sworn in as
Town Clerk for the Annual Town Meeting and the Special Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 1 To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Moved by Selectmen Troy E. Garron – Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 2 Voted to amend the Wage and Personnel By-Law as recommended by the Wage and Personnel Board.

Chief Carrico put a hold on this article to amend Wage & Personnel Appendix A: Group C Fire Department – Retainer Wage Scale

Except for the following proposed amendments to the Wage and Personnel By-Law, the Wage and Personnel Board recommends that all positions and provisions in the By-Law remain unchanged:

Treasurer Collector Kathleen Shiavone asked that Linda Cole, Assistant Treasurer speak to the following (1). Ms. Cole read a statement as the new position to be created.

(1) Create the position of Personnel Administrator and classify the position as Grade 8;

FAILED

Chief Carrico made a motion for the following change to the Wage and Personnel By-Law, Appendix A.

GROUP C. FIRE DEPARTMENT (NON-UNION PERSONNEL)
replace the following:

Chief's Clothing Allowance \$575.00 annually

Retainer – Call Deputy Chief Retainer Call Firefighter plus \$75.00

Retainer – Call Captain Retainer Call Firefighter plus \$50.00

Retainer – Call Firefighter \$ 50.00 annually after 1 year

\$ 75.00 annually after 2 years
\$100.00 annually after 3 years
\$125.00 annually after 5 years
\$150.00 annually after 10 years
\$175.00 annually after 15 years
\$200.00 annually after 20 years

The retainer paid annually to the Call Firefighter is to be received only by those men who do not miss more than three meetings or drills throughout the year. If more than three meetings or drills are missed without suitable explanation to the Fire chief, they shall not be eligible for full guarantee.

Retainer – Call Captain Shall be one hour's pay at Call Captain's pay per duty day as an on-call Captain. On-call time Monday through Friday 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., Saturday and Sunday 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Retainer - EMT Shall be one hour's pay at regular E.M.T. rate per duty day on call. On-call duty time shall be 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., this retainer to take effect after E.M.T. has served on full year as E.M.T.

A Call Firefighter shall start on Step 1 and remain at this level for at least one year from the time he/she is appointed. At the end of the probationary period (one year) the Firefighter shall be given a practical test; the Firefighter shall have two tries at passing the test; if the Firefighter does not pass the examination at this time he shall remain at Step 1 and be retested in six (6) months. If the Firefighter does not pass the examination at this time, he/she shall be terminated.

The standards for the practical examination shall be set by the Chief of the Fire Department.

To advance to Step 4 a Firefighter must qualify as a Pump Operator and Driver
FIRE RELATED COURSES – Each member of the Fire Department who attends a Fire course sponsored by the Massachusetts Fire Academy shall receive the following compensation for satisfactorily completing the course.

(1) Mileage for each day of travel to and from the training site (at the Town of Halifax mileage rate).

(2) Meal Allowance of \$5.00 (if the training course requires the Firefighter to spend over six hours at the training site).

A Firefighter shall receive payment after he/she produces a certificate of completion from the Massachusetts Fire Academy

Before a Firefighter attends a course he must obtain approval from the Fire Chief.

RECERTIFICATION – Each E.M.T. shall be paid for attending required recertification courses in order to maintain certification as E.M.T. – the amount paid to be at the E.M.T. rate.

EXTRA DETAILS – Extra Details to outside contractors (not town-related details) are to be paid at an hourly rate equal to a full-time Captain's hourly rate and will be for a minimum of four hours' pay.

with the following:

EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE

All Call FF's hired after October 01, 2005 shall receive an incentive based yearly bonus system for the certifications they receive up to a maximum of \$500.00. The breakdown of certifications and dollar amount is as follows:

Certification Level

Firefighter I/II	\$150	(Minimum Certification)
Fire Officer I	\$100	(Requires FF I/II and Instructor I Certification)
Fire Officer II	\$50	
Fire Officer III	\$50	
Fire Officer IV	\$50	
Fire Instructor I	\$100	(Requires FF I/II Certification)
Fire Instructor II	\$50	
Fire Inspector I	\$50	(Requires FF I/II Certification)
Fire Inspector II	\$50	
Pump Operator	\$50	
Aerial Operator	\$50	

LENGTH OF SERVICE INCENTIVE

All Call FF's hired prior to October 01, 2005 shall receive an incentive based yearly bonus system for the certifications they receive up to a maximum of \$500.00. Members hired prior to October 01, 2005 are not required to complete the Firefighter I/II certification due to being on the department for more than 15 years will have the years of service time pro-rated to max out to \$500. This, years of service exclusion will not be available to anyone hired after October 01, 2005.

Incentive for Non-Certified Members hired before October 02, 1998

15 Years of Service	\$100
20 years of Service	\$200
25 Years of Service	\$300
30 Years of Service	\$400
35 Years or More	\$500 (Max)

POINT SYSTEM FOR LENGTH OF SERVICE AND EDUCATION INCENTIVES

All Call FF shall receive points for attending training drills and calls. The point system for receiving the incentive is based on a 12 month period, and would be pro-rated based on the number of training sessions and calls available to respond to. Each call responded too is worth 1.5 points. Each training session is worth 6.25 points.

An example of this is as follows:

If the department has one training per month, 12 per year, and you attend 12 training session offered, you receive 75 points or 75% of the incentive. If you respond to at least 17 calls per year, you receive another 25 points or 25%. This system balances out depending on the member's availability over the calendar year. If you come to half of the training offered and respond to 34 calls, you hit 100% of the point total.

MINIMUM ENTRY LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS

A Call Firefighter shall start on Step 1 and remain at this level for at least one year from the time he/she is appointed.

All Call FF's shall attend a FF I/II program, and shall certify to the Firefighter I/II NFPA 1001 Standard for Fire fighter Professional Qualifications, within one year of appointment, or as soon as practicable. The Call FF shall remain on probation until such time as they successfully complete FF I/II certification.

If the Firefighter fails to certify to the FF I/II standard, he/she shall be terminated.

CALL FIREFIGHTER TRAINING AND REIMBURESMENT

All Call FF's shall be paid for all training at their hourly rate. To advance to Step 4 a Firefighter must certify as a Pump Operator and/or Aerial Operator through the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.

FIRE RELATED COURSES – Each member of the Fire Department who attends a Fire course sponsored by the Massachusetts Fire Academy shall obtain approval from the Fire Chief prior to attending the course.

RECERTIFICATION – Each E.M.T. shall be paid for attending required recertification courses in order to maintain certification as E.M.T. – the amount paid to be at the E.M.T. rate plus the cost of the EMT course.

EXTRA DETAILS – Extra Details to outside contractors (not town-related details) are to be paid at an hourly rate equal to a full-time Captain's hourly rate and will be for a minimum of four hours' pay

Passed Unanimously

(2) In Chapter 35, Section 19, replace the following:

B. Employees designated as exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act are exempt from the overtime provision of this chapter.

with the following:

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Act (i.e. salaried employees) are exempt from the overtime provision of this chapter. Employees designated as not exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act (i.e. hourly employees) are not eligible for compensatory time.

and replace the following:

C. Salaried (exempt) employees who are not eligible for overtime pay shall be entitled to compensatory time off for time worked in excess of the workweek designated by the Wage and Personnel Board as the regular workweek for that position.

with the following:

C. Salaried (exempt) employees who are not eligible for overtime pay shall be entitled to compensatory time off for time worked in excess of the workweek designated by the Wage and Personnel Board as the regular workweek for that position. Employees must use this compensatory time within the next consecutive two week pay period and shall schedule this time off with their department head and/or appointing authority.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

(3) In Chapter 35, Section 27, replace the following:

A. For full-time employees, the vacation year will be the period of July 1 to June 30; vacation time will be accrued as follows:

with the following:

A. For full-time employees, vacation time will be accrued based on their date of hire. The new accrual rate will begin the 1st of the month following their date of hire. Vacation time will be accrued as follows:

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

(4) In Chapter 35, Section 28, add the following:

J. Employees are not allowed to take more sick, vacation or personal leave hours on a given day than the normal number of hours they work on that day.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerard Elliott put a Hold on subsection 5. Mr. Elliot moved to amend the amount to \$150.00 – Passed Unanimously

(5) Grant a clothing allowance of \$150.00 per person, per year for permanent part-time employees of the Municipal and School Building Committee, not including clerical staff.

PASSED

Mr. Garron moved to waive the reading of subsection 6 – Passed Unanimously

(6) Amend Section V Classes and Rates as follows:

GRADE 2	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
From:	\$12.75	\$13.43	\$14.14	\$14.90	\$15.66	\$16.14
To:	\$12.94	\$13.63	\$14.35	\$15.12	\$15.89	\$16.38
GRADE 4	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
From:	\$14.28	\$14.97	\$15.67	\$16.41	\$17.20	\$17.71

To: \$14.49 \$15.19 \$15.91 \$16.66 \$17.46 \$17.98

GRADE 6 **Step 1** **Step 2** **Step 3** **Step 4** **Step 5** **Step 6**
From: \$15.89 \$16.57 \$17.24 \$17.97 \$18.70 \$19.25
To: \$16.13 \$16.82 \$17.50 \$18.24 \$18.98 \$19.54

GRADE 7 **Step 1** **Step 2** **Step 3** **Step 4** **Step 5** **Step 6**
From: \$17.38 \$18.05 \$18.74 \$19.46 \$20.21 \$20.82
To: \$17.64 \$18.32 \$19.02 \$19.75 \$20.51 \$21.13

GRADE 8 **Step 1** **Step 2** **Step 3** **Step 4** **Step 5** **Step 6**
From: \$18.84 \$19.54 \$20.22 \$20.96 \$21.71 \$22.37
To: \$19.12 \$19.83 \$20.52 \$21.27 \$22.04 \$22.71

GRADE 10 **Step 1** **Step 2** **Step 3** **Step 4** **Step 5** **Step 6**
From: \$51,634 \$53,095 \$54,596 \$56,137 \$57,726 \$59,458
To: \$52,409 \$53,892 \$55,415 \$56,980 \$58,592 \$60,350

GRADE 11 **Step 1** **Step 2** **Step 3** **Step 4** **Step 5** **Step 6**
From: \$57,796 \$59,278 \$60,799 \$62,356 \$63,954 \$65,873
To: \$58,663 \$60,168 \$61,711 \$63,292 \$64,914 \$66,862

GRADE 12 **Step 1** **Step 2** **Step 3** **Step 4** **Step 5** **Step 6**
From: \$67,748 \$69,217 \$70,720 \$72,256 \$73,824 \$76,039
Holiday \$3,122 \$3,187 \$3,257 \$3,329 \$3,399 \$3,499
Grand Total \$70,870 \$72,404 \$73,977 \$75,585 \$77,223 \$79,538

To: \$68,765 \$70,256 \$71,781 \$73,340 \$74,932 \$77,180
Holiday \$3,169 \$3,235 \$3,306 \$3,379 \$3,450 \$3,552
Grand Total \$71,934 \$73,491 \$75,087 \$76,719 \$78,382 \$80,732

GRADE 14 **Step 1** **Step 2** **Step 3** **Step 4** **Step 5** **Step 6**
From: \$73,970 \$75,478 \$77,020 \$78,593 \$80,196 \$82,601
To: \$75,080 \$76,611 \$78,176 \$79,772 \$81,399 \$83,841

Grade "U"
Unclassified

Administrative
and Clerical

Registrar of Voters **From** \$11.81 **To** \$11.99
Election Workers **From** \$11.35 **To** \$11.52
Assessing Lister **From** \$11.32 **To** \$11.49
Water Inspector **From** \$32.47 **To** \$32.96

Veterans Agent **From** \$9,027 **To** \$9,163
Veterans Service Officer **From** \$1,044 **To** \$1,060

Assistant Building Inspector	From	\$1,883	To	\$1,912
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Fire Department

Call Deputy Chief	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>	<u>Step 6</u>
From:	\$18.75	\$19.96	\$21.24	\$21.93	\$23.32	\$24.03
To:	\$19.03	\$20.26	\$21.56	\$22.26	\$23.67	\$24.39
Call Captain	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>	<u>Step 6</u>
From:	\$16.66	\$17.63	\$18.67	\$19.75	\$20.88	\$21.52
To:	\$16.91	\$17.89	\$18.95	\$20.05	\$21.19	\$21.84
Call Firefighter	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>	<u>Step 6</u>
From:	\$15.14	\$16.16	\$16.78	\$17.66	\$18.60	\$19.15
To:	\$15.37	\$16.40	\$17.03	\$17.92	\$18.88	\$19.44

Call EMT-A	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>
From:	\$18.05	\$18.81	\$19.59	\$20.19
To:	\$18.32	\$19.09	\$19.88	\$20.49

Call EMT-D	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>
From:	\$18.46	\$19.21	\$20.02	\$20.62
To:	\$18.74	\$19.50	\$20.32	\$20.93

Call EMT-I	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>
From:	\$19.03	\$19.82	\$20.63	\$21.26
To:	\$19.32	\$20.12	\$20.94	\$21.58

Call EMT-P	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>
From:	\$19.69	\$20.54	\$21.40	\$22.04
To:	\$19.99	\$20.85	\$21.72	\$22.37

Call Scuba Diver	From	\$17.00	To	\$17.26
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CPR Instructor	From	\$21.65	To	\$21.97
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PARKS AND RECREATION

Director/Instructor - 2	From	\$18.13	To	\$18.40
Supervisor	From	\$14.39	To	\$14.61
Assistant/Instructor 1	From	\$10.14	To	\$10.29
Life Guard	From	\$13.33	To	\$13.53
Aide/Helper	MA Minimum Wage			

OTHER

Recycling Laborer/

Heavy Equipment Operator **From** \$20.36 **To** \$20.67

Cemetery Superintendent **From** \$9,659 **To** \$9,804

Inspector of Animals **From** \$2,717 **To** \$2,758

Sealer of Weights and Measures **From** \$1,954 **To** \$1,984

Proposed by the Wage and Personnel Board – Troy Garron

Except where noted – all items Passed Unanimously

Troy Garron made a motion to adjourn to the Special Town Meeting – Passed Unanimously

We adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

We reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

ARTICLE 3 Voted to determine the salaries of several elective Town Officers, July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, or take any action thereon:

	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>
Moderator	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Town Clerk	\$32,291	\$35,487	\$35,487	\$36,020
Selectmen (ea)	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Treasurer	\$32,291	----	----	----
Town Collector	\$56,045	----	----	----
Treasurer-Collector	----	\$60,798	\$60,798	\$61,710
Assessors (ea)	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Highway Surveyor	\$63,236	\$64,501	\$64,501	\$65,469

Proposed by the Finance Committee Peter Beals

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 4 Operating Budget

Voted to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, to defray charges and expenses to the Town, including debts and interest, or take any action thereon.

Item #	Account Description	Expended FY09	Expended FY10	Budget FY11	Recommended FY12
General Government					
1	Moderator - Salary	200	200	200	200
2	Selectmen - Salary	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
3	Town Administrator - Salary	81,131	82,751	82,751	84,091

Item #	Account Description	Expended FY09	Expended FY10	Budget FY11	Recommended FY12	
4	Selectmen - Clerical	72,428	74,023	62,390	61,778	
5	Selectmen - Expense	3,880	3,475	3,990	3,950	
6	Law	61,770	34,864	33,500	37,000	
7	Payment of Claims	4,118	0	0	0	
8	Town Hall - Electricity	13,967	11,288	15,375	14,750	
9	Town Reports	4,801	4,017	5,500	5,500	
10	Audit	17,500	17,540	18,000	18,500	(A)
11	Finance Committee - Clerical	1,563	2,046	4,267	3,950	
12	Finance Committee - Expense	368	353	359	359	
13	Accountant - Salary	64,351	58,046	59,528	61,961	
14	Accountant - Clerical	38,541	35,341	40,722	42,905	
15	Accountant - Expense	2,140	2,960	1,500	1,650	
16	Data Processing	35,724	33,467	50,300	48,200	
17	Assessors - Salary	4,500	4,207	4,500	4,500	
18	Assessor/Appraiser, Principal - Salary	65,331	72,612	64,528	66,862	
19	Assessors - Clerical	89,892	91,633	91,056	92,408	
20	Assessors - Expense	4,889	4,611	10,053	9,520	
21	Assessors - Annual Revaluation	0	1,500	0	0	
22	Office Machines - Expense	3,704	5,264	7,818	7,700	
23	Treasurer - Salary	33,291	0	0	0	
24	Treasurer - Banking & Payroll Expense				5,800	
25	Treasurer - Clerical	40,213	50,303	49,802	50,533	
26	Treasurer - Expense	8,681	6,587	6,035	6,035	
27	Treasurer - Tax Title	5,686	1,834	2,500	2,500	
28	Treasurer-Collector Salary	7,308	60,798	60,798	61,710	
29	Collector - Salary	48,810	0	0	0	
30	Collector - Clerical	47,865	50,926	53,513	58,267	
31	Collector - Expense	12,514	12,358	10,924	10,924	
32	Clerk - Salary	32,291	35,487	35,487	36,020	
33	Clerk - Clerical	38,183	24,210	27,218	29,466	
34	Clerk - Expense	4,582	3,781	3,765	3,850	
35	Elections and Registration	15,742	8,097	17,396	13,310	
36	Wage and Personnel - Clerical	3,153	3,357	3,897	3,956	
37	Wage and Personnel - Expense	200	230	240	240	
38	Recruitment and Employment Costs	14,544	2,450	4,500	4,500	
39	Conservation Commission - Expense	2,469	2,446	1,700	1,225	
40	Conservation Commission - Agent	25,183	25,689	23,355	11,930	
41	Planning Board - Expense	1,858	1,144	2,109	2,109	
42	Board of Appeals - Expense	659	642	825	825	
43	Regulatory - Clerical	62,443	63,609	65,470	68,639	
44	Building Committee - Clerical	8,086	9,437	10,049	10,200	
45	Building Committee - Expense	496	167	450	450	
46	Town Buildings - Custodial	118,348	409,813	139,582	144,249	
47	Town Buildings - Expense	48,953	49,886	45,000	46,000	
48	Town Buildings - Snow & Ice Melt				3,000	
	Total General Government	1,156,856	1,367,949	1,125,452	1,146,022	
	Public Safety - Police					
49	Police - Chief Salary	87,162	91,861	91,861	93,224	
50	Police - Wages	758,256	750,165	820,503	829,763	
51	Police - Training	5,397	5,685	5,700	5,700	
52	Police - Clerical	53,067	37,681	38,672	45,548	

Item #	Account Description	Expended FY09	Expended FY10	Budget FY11	Recommended FY12	
53	Police - Expense	53,167	60,009	66,018	64,485	
54	Police - Station Electricity	24,921	18,829	21,803	20,173	
55	Police - Cruiser Maintenance	14,808	12,603	16,420	12,420	
	Total Public Safety - Police	996,778	976,833	1,060,977	1,071,313	
	Public Safety - Fire					
56	Fire – Chief Salary	91,798	82,598	85,000	88,000	
57	Fire - Clerical	35,457	36,321	36,325	36,870	
58	Fire - Wages	473,731	494,611	515,357	513,966	
59	Fire - Retainers (All)	22,885	23,462	27,000	4,850	
60	Fire - Training	17,982	13,776	17,992	44,437	
61	Fire - Expense	25,057	23,240	27,600	27,600	
62	Fire - Station Maintenance	12,243	10,420	12,783	12,783	
63	Fire - Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance	26,950	26,855	29,922	29,077	
64	Ambulance Billing	5,640	4,576	13,500	7,500	
	Total Public Safety - Fire	711,743	715,859	765,479	765,083	
	Public Safety - Other Public Safety					
65	Emergency Management - Expenses	1,545	4,499	1,545	1,545	
66	Building Inspector - Wages	58,442	59,608	59,608	60,600	
67	Building Inspector, Assistant - Wages	1,846	1,883	1,883	1,912	
68	Building Inspector - Expense	5,255	5,147	4,750	4,750	
69	Sealer of Weights and Measures - Salary	1,915	1,954	1,954	1,984	
70	Sealer of Weights and Measures - Expense	384	412	389	389	
71	Dog Officer - Salary	17,718	2,996	18,107	18,227	(D)
72	Dog Officer - Expense	2,246	1,346	4,161	4,616	(D)
73	Dog Pound Maintenance	225	0	0	0	
74	Communications Center - Wages	210,431	227,729	221,225	226,838	
75	Communications Center - Expense	1,465	226	1,900	1,900	
76	Communications Center - Telephone	21,247	22,286	25,540	28,160	
	Total Public Safety - Other Public Safety	322,719	328,086	341,062	350,921	
	Total Public Safety	2,031,240	2,020,778	2,167,518	2,187,317	
	Schools					
77	Elementary School	4,545,971	4,600,561	4,614,546	4,614,546	
78	Vocational Education	49,584	12,444	27,000	60,000	
79	Special Needs - Tuition	608,648	967,357	1,165,672	1,155,925	
80	Special Needs - Transportation	213,486	177,052	239,913	312,474	
81	Silver Lake Assessment - Operating	3,610,603	3,491,754	3,529,517	3,790,240	
82	Silver Lake Assessment - Debt	519,106	531,313	531,313	455,777	(E)
	Total Schools	9,547,398	9,780,481	10,107,961	10,388,962	
	Public Works - Highway					
83	Highway - Surveyor Salary	63,236	64,501	64,501	65,469	
84	Highway - Wages	241,769	256,169	258,728	263,442	
85	Highway - Clerical	25,286	27,918	31,120	31,434	
86	Highway - Expense	4,488	4,347	4,671	5,421	
87	Highway - Barn Maintenance	9,841	9,338	10,100	10,100	
88	Highway - Equipment	40,451	34,031	34,500	38,500	
89	Highway - Town Roads	55,782	76,254	67,215	74,355	
90	Highway - Snow and Ice	206,963	152,849	177,509	177,509	
91	Street Lights	21,164	19,982	21,945	21,945	
92	Traffic Lights	4,314	3,563	5,500	5,500	
93	Tree Warden Salary	0	0	1	1	

Item #	Account Description	Expended FY09	Expended FY10	Budget FY11	Recommended FY12
94	Tree Maintenance	2,000	1,778	2,000	2,000
95	Insect and Pest Control	0	0	1	1
	Total Public Works - Highway	675,294	650,730	677,791	695,677
	Public Works - Cemetery				
96	Cemetery - Superintendent Salary	9,469	9,659	9,659	9,804
97	Cemetery - Wages	61,835	64,531	62,902	63,316
98	Cemetery - Supplies and Equipment	4,436	4,853	4,870	5,020
	Total Public Works - Cemetery	75,740	79,043	77,431	78,140
	Public Works - Water				
99	Water - Superintendent Salary	65,727	70,359	70,359	71,658 (F)
100	Water - Wages	157,578	162,221	177,102	179,759 (G)
101	Water - Clerical	39,401	40,252	40,888	41,653 (F)
102	Water - Supply	112,315	109,351	136,970	136,970 (F)
103	Water - Distribution	29,087	30,123	30,462	30,462 (F)
104	Water - Insurance	38,994	41,681	45,000	49,200 (F)
105	Water - Retirement	41,758	43,774	45,000	5,000 (F)
106	Water - Legal Fees	0	0	1,500	1,500 (F)
107	Water - Meters	9,158	19,800	20,000	20,000 (F)
108	Water - Gas & Oil	7,972	8,605	12,500	13,750 (F)
109	Water - Vehicles	2,761	7,419	7,500	7,500 (F)
110	Water - Tower & Wells Maintenance	1,275	24,736	25,000	25,000 (F)
	Total Public Works - Water	506,026	558,321	612,281	582,452
	Public Works - Solid Waste				
111	Recycling Office - Clerical	23,974	24,613	24,841	25,439 (H)
112	Recycling Office - Expense	2,181	2,389	2,520	2,520 (H)
113	Recycling Center - Wages	54,970	61,881	65,906	65,564 (H)
114	Recycling Center - Expense	20,137	12,676	20,410	20,410 (H)
115	Hazardous Waste Collection	3,479	3,033	9,800	9,800 (H)
116	Trash Collection/Disposal	195,633	187,092	211,407	212,667 (I)
	Total Public Works - Solid Waste	300,374	291,684	334,884	336,400
	Total Public Works	1,557,434	1,579,778	1,702,387	1,692,669
	Health and Human Services				
117	Board of Health - Clerical	30,816	31,926	34,449	37,494
118	Board of Health - Expense	4,081	3,483	4,335	4,335
119	Board of Health - Inspections	56,188	59,004	60,593	63,258
120	Board of Health - Nursing Service	6,900	7,000	4,855	7,000
121	Board of Health - Landfill - Engineering	19,300	20,300	25,300	11,616
122	Council on Aging - Wages	127,070	140,460	134,850	135,702
123	Council on Aging - Expense	8,497	8,806	8,580	8,880
124	Pope's Tavern - Electricity	2,282	1,643	2,600	2,600
125	Veterans Agent - Salary	8,036	9,200	9,027	9,163
126	Veterans Agent - Expense	139	221	1,269	1,269
127	Veterans Service Officer	929	1,064	1,044	1,060
128	Veterans Benefits	49,947	34,742	54,000	88,000
129	Housing Authority	0	0	1	1
130	ADA Expense	0	0	1	1
	Total Health and Human Services	314,185	317,849	340,904	370,379

Item #	Account Description	Expended FY09	Expended FY10	Budget FY11	Recommended FY12	
Culture and Recreation						
131	Library - Director Salary	64,587	53,095	54,596	56,980	
132	Library - Wages	133,893	137,353	139,630	143,359	
133	Library - Expense	83,006	82,108	90,897	89,973	
134	Youth and Recreation - Wages	12,729	12,983	12,597	12,786	
135	Youth and Recreation - Expense	9,834	9,965	9,700	9,700	
136	Youth and Recreation - Director	15,362	15,683	15,209	15,438	
137	Parks - Wages	0	0	450	100	
138	Parks - Expense	809	265	100	450	
139	Cable Television	0	0	1	1	
140	Patriotic Celebrations	500	305	500	500	
141	Historical Commission	2,238	2,528	2,499	2,499	
142	Historic District Commission	0	44	446	446	
143	Holidays in Halifax	2,444	2,980	3,395	3,395	
144	Beautification Committee - Expense	0	0	1	1	
145	Website Committee - Expense				4,200	
	Total Culture and Recreation	325,402	317,309	330,021	339,828	
Debt Service						
146	Debt - Water Extension Project	111,975	108,900	105,750	102,600	(J)
147	Debt - School/Library Project	391,350	370,075	348,275	326,875	(K)
148	Debt - Police Station	182,183	176,580	170,978	165,375	(L)
149	Debt - Water Pollution Abatement Trust	10,401	10,401	10,401	10,401	(M)
150	Debt - Water Pollution Abatement Trust II	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	(N)
151	Debt - Landfill Capping	149,906	145,869	141,950	138,150	(O)
	Total Debt Service	855,815	821,825	792,354	753,401	
152	Interest on Temporary Loans	0	0	5,000	5,000	
153	Plymouth County Retirement	632,695	611,581	720,586	763,459	(P)
154	Group Insurance - Town Share	715,349	768,466	893,685	929,213	
155	Medicare - Town Share	87,101	96,374	105,000	108,150	
156	Insurance	183,066	187,977	184,300	206,300	
157	Gas & Oil - All Departments	118,639	97,586	115,000	128,000	
158	Heating - All Buildings	43,651	44,136	65,000	71,500	
	Total Fixed Costs	1,780,501	1,806,120	2,083,571	2,211,622	
	Total Operating Costs	17,568,831	18,012,089	18,650,168	19,090,200	

FUNDING SOURCES:

- (A) \$6,167 to be funded from Water Revenues: \$6,167 to be funded from Solid Waste Revenue
- (B) If Article 2 (1) "Personnel Administrator" and Article 37 pass:
This amount to be amended to \$37,810 without a 1.5% wage rate increase:
This amount to be amended to \$38,360 with a 1.5% wage rate increase
- (C) The recommendation includes \$10,000 from the Wetlands Fees Account;
This amount may or may not be available at Town Meeting and the recommendation may be adjusted.
- (D) Full amount to be funded from Dog Fund
- (E) \$38,350 to be funded from Article 5, Line 80 (Silver Lake Assessment-Debt) of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 10, 2010; remaining \$417,427 under debt exclusion
- (F) Full amount to be funded from Water Department Revenues
- (G) Full amount to be funded from Water Department Fund Balance
- (H) Full amount to be funded from Solid Waste Revenues
- (I) Full amount to be funded from Solid Waste Fund Balance
- (J) Funded from Water Department Fund Balance
- (K) \$469.29 funded from Fund Balance Reserved for Bond Premium
\$280,127 funded from School Building Construction Aid
\$46,278.71 funded from Debt Exclusion
- (L) Full amount to be funded from Debt Exclusion
- (M) Funded from WPAT Special Revenue Fund
- (N) Funded from WPAT Special Revenue Fund
- (O) \$903.22 funded from Fund Balance Reserved for Bond Premium
\$137,246.78 funded from Debt Exclusion
- (P) \$45,000 funded from Water Department Revenues

ARTICLE 5 Voted to continue the following Revolving Funds for certain Town departments under the Massachusetts General Laws or regulations cited for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011.

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY2012 Spending Limit
Conservation Commission	Conservation Commission	Fees for review of permits, postage and advertising	Consulting Services, postage and ads	\$20,000
Board of Health Consulting	Board of Health	Fees for review of permits	Consulting services	\$30,000
Recycling bins	Highway Surveyor	Fees for purchase of bins	Purchase of bins	\$5,000
Earth Removal Review	Board of Selectmen	Fees for review of permits	Consulting services	\$15,000
Planning Board Consulting	Planning Board	Fees for review of permits	Consulting services	\$50,000
Building Inspector Consulting	Building Inspector	Fees for review of permits	Consulting services	\$15,000
Youth & Recreation Programs	Youth and Recreation	Fees for Programs	Youth and Recreation Programs	\$80,000
CPR Classes	Fire Chief	Fees for Classes	CPR instructors and materials	\$5,000
ZBA Consulting	Zoning Board of Appeals	Fees for review of permits, postage and advertising	Consulting services, postage, legal ads	\$15,000
Library Computer and printers	Library Trustees	Computer/printer fees	Computer/printer supplies	\$5,000
Selectmen Legal Advertising	Board of Selectmen	Payments for Legal ads	Legal ads	\$1,500
COA Elderbus	Council on Aging	Transportation fees & donations	Elderbus operation including wages	\$8,000
Inspector Wages	Building Inspector	Fees for permits	80% for plumbing, gas and wiring inspectors wages; remainder to general fund	\$30,000

In all cases, all the revolving funds are authorized under MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2.

Proposed by the Finance Committee – Peter Beals

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 6 Voted to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$75,000 to the Reserve Fund to cover extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures during Fiscal Year 2012 in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and to transfer from Water Department Retained Earnings Account the sum of \$25,000 to the Water Department Reserve Fund.

Proposed by the Finance Committee – Peter Beals

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 7 Voted to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$0 to meet the Town's share and to appropriate the sum of \$259,235 from available funds under Chapter 10 of the Acts of 2011 as the State's share of the cost of work under Chapter 90, Section 34(2)(a) of the General Laws, for the purposes as set forth in the memorandum of agreement with the Massachusetts Highway Department including maintaining, repairing, improving, and constructing town and county ways and bridges, sidewalks adjacent to said ways and bridges, bike ways and other projects eligible for funding as a "transportation enhancement project" as described in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, P.L. 102-240, salt storage sheds, public use off-street parking facilities related to mass transportation, for engineering services and expenses related to highway transportation enhancement and mass transportation purposes, for care, repair, storage, purchase, and long-term leasing of road building machinery, equipment and tools, and for the erection and maintenance of direction signs and warning signs.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor – Robert Badore

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 8 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$150,000 for the maintenance of Town roads.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor – Robert Badore

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 9 Voted to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$85,000 to purchase and equip a new multi-purpose tractor.

Proposed by the Cemetery Superintendent –Robert Badore

Passed

ARTICLE 10 Voted to transfer \$17,037 from Overlay Surplus and \$14,963 from Undesignated Fund Balance for a total of \$32,000 to purchase and equip a new F250 4-wheel pickup truck with plow and trade or sell the 1998 Ford F150.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor – Robert Badore

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 11 Voted to transfer \$19,900 from the Water Department Retained Earnings Account to purchase and equip a new service truck and to sell or trade the 2000 truck.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners – Richard Clark

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 12 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$5,000 to purchase portable radios and pagers for use by the Fire Department.

Proposed by the Fire Chief – Chief Carrico

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 13 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$15,000 to purchase new structural and forestry turn-out gear for Fire Department personnel.

Proposed by the Fire Chief – Chief Carrico

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 14 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$31,000 to purchase a new Life Pak 15 (Heart Monitor).

Proposed by the Fire Chief – Chief Carrico

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 15 Voted to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$92,000 to send 4 Fulltime Firefighters to the Fire Academy located in Stow, to complete the 12 week Fire Fighter class.

Proposed by Edward J. Gavin, Jr. et al

Failed

ARTICLE 16 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$5,000 to make improvements to the crosswalks at the Elementary School.

Proposed by the Traffic Safety Committee – Chief Carrico

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 17 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance \$82,635 to purchase and equip with miscellaneous police equipment, two (2) new marked police vehicles and trade or sell two older vehicles.

Proposed by the Police Chief – Chief Manoogian

Passed

ARTICLE 18 Voted to transfer \$1,820 from Article 12 (Library HVAC) of the Annual Town Meeting of May 10, 2010, \$4,706.27 from Article 30 (School Generator) of the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2009, \$1,006.02 from Article 1 (Highway Barn Roof) of the Special Town Meeting of September 29, 2009 and transfer \$2,467.71 from Undesignated Fund Balance for a total of \$10,000 to replace the heating unit at the Museum of Halifax.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee –
John Campbell

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 19 Voted to transfer \$5,979 from Article 12 (Library HVAC) of the Annual Town Meeting of May 10, 2010 and transfer \$69,021 from Undesignated Fund Balance for a total of \$75,000 to repair and replace the roof on the older section of the Fire Station and the entirety of the Town Hall Roof and the Council on Aging/Pope's Tavern roof.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee -
John Campbell

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 20 Voted to transfer \$7,500 from Undesignated Fund Balance to make improvements to the Council on Aging parking lot

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee -
John Campbell

Passed

ARTICLE 21 Voted to transfer \$10,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance to be added to the Assessors' Triennial Revaluation Account for assistance in revaluations and related costs.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors –Thomas Millias

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 22 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$1,500 to purchase new holiday, welcome and patriotic banners, and equipment to hang the banners.

Proposed by the Holidays in Halifax - Troy Garron

Passed

ARTICLE 23 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$1,000 to purchase a new computer to be placed on the counter at the Collector's office.

Proposed by the Town Collector/Data Processing – Kathleen Shiavone

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 24 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$150 for the use of the Trustees for County Cooperative Extension Service and authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Town Director within fifteen days as provided in revised Chapter 128, Section 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Kim Roy

Passed Unanimously

Selectmen Kim Roy moved to Pass Over the following article – Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 25 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$100 to pay for a bond for Constable Thomas Hammond for fiscal year 2012 or take any action thereon.

Proposed by Constable Thomas Hammond

Passed Over Unanimously

ARTICLE 26 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for computer hardware and software and accompanying materials and equipment for Halifax Elementary School.

Proposed by the Halifax Elementary School Committee -
John Stanbrook

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 27 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$7,500 to repair the Halifax Elementary School roof.

Proposed by the Halifax Elementary School Committee -
Cassandra Hanson

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 28 Voted to adopt Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 18 which requires all eligible retirees to enroll in Medicare B.

Proposed by the Town Accountant – Sandra Nolan

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 29 Voted to adopt Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 20 which allows the Town to set up an irrevocable trust for “Other Post Employment Benefits Liabilities”.

Proposed by the Town Accountant – Sandra Nolan

Passed Unanimously

Beverly Smith moved to amend the transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance from \$100,000 to \$30,000 - Passed

ARTICLE 30 Voted to transfer the amount of \$5,760.89 plus any interest accrued before July 1, 2011, from the Stabilization #2 Fund, set up in Article 50 of the May 12, 2008 Annual Town Meeting for Unfunded Liability and Future Compensation and Benefits to an “Other Post Employment Benefits Liabilities Trust Fund” to be considered an irrevocable trust fund where the funds can be used only for post employment benefits offered to the Town’s retirees and to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance \$30,000 for said Fund .

Proposed by the Town Accountant – Sandra Nolan

Passed

ARTICLE 31 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$1,800 to purchase a digital duplicator for the Council on Aging.

Proposed by the Council on Aging-Barbara Brenton

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 32 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$12,778.26 for the Town’s share of the purchase of a new Council on Aging Van.

Proposed by the Council on Aging-Barbara Brenton

Passed Unanimously

Selectmen Troy E. Garron moved to pass over the following article – Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 33 A New Day (formerly Womansplace Crisis Center) requests from the Town of Halifax that \$3,500 be raised and appropriated to A New Day in

fiscal year 2012 in lieu of services provided to the sexual assault survivors and their families.

Proposed by Amanda Briggs, et al

Passed Over Unanimously

ARTICLE 34 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$3,500 to contract with South Shore Women's Resource Center for domestic violence intervention and prevention services for its residents.

Proposed by Maria Edlin, et al – Troy Garron

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 35 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$3,000 to support South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.'s continued free legal services in civil matters to elders, low-income families and their children.

Proposed by Lisa Arcuri, et al – Troy Garron

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 36 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$5,000 to purchase and install an alarm system to monitor the performance of the Halifax Elementary School heating system.

Proposed by the Halifax Elementary School Committee -
Cassandra Hanson

Passed Unanimously

Selectmen Kim Roy moved to Pass Over the following article – Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 37 To see if the Town of Halifax will vote to establish two new line items: Personnel Administrator-Wages and Personnel Administrator-Expense and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$32,129 for Personnel Administrator-Wages and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,500 for Personnel Administrator-Expense, for Fiscal Year 2012 or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Town Treasurer-Collector

Passed Over Unanimously

ARTICLE 38 Voted to request its state legislators to submit the following bill:

An Act Transferring a parcel of land, approximately seventeen (17) acres in area, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the Town of Halifax:

Whereas the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Town of Halifax signed a settlement agreement in June, 2002 which included a stipulation that the Town of Halifax file legislation to facilitate the transfer of a certain acreage of land, which the parties believe to be approximately seventeen (17) acres, as shown on the sketch attached to the settlement agreement and incorporated as Exhibit "B" in the settlement agreement and;

Whereas, the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts agreed not to oppose and to provide a positive recommendation to legislation filed by the Town of Halifax for the aforementioned land transfer.

That, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts transfer said parcel to the Town of Halifax.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen - Troy Garron

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 39 Voted to request its state legislators to submit the following bill:

An Act Exempting the Position of inspector of gas piping and gas appliances and the assistant inspector of gas piping and gas appliances of the Town of Halifax from the Provisions of the Civil Service Law:

SECTION 1. The positions of inspector of gas piping and gas appliances and the assistant inspector of gas piping and gas appliances of the Town of Halifax shall not be subject to chapter 31 of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. Section 1 shall not impair the civil service status of any person holding the office of inspector of gas piping and gas appliances and the assistant inspector of gas piping and gas appliances of the town of Halifax on the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Troy Garron

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 40 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,403 to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement between AFSCME AFL-CIO Union Council 93, Local 1700 (Dispatchers) and the Town of Halifax for Fiscal Year 2012.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Kim Roy

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 41 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,688 to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement between AFSCME AFL-CIO Union Council 93, Local 1700 (Highway/Cemetery) and the Town of Halifax for Fiscal Year 2012.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Kim Roy

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 42 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,228 to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement between IBPO, Local 309 (Sergeants) and the Town of Halifax for Fiscal Year 2012.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Kim Roy

Passed Unanimously

Selectmen Kim Roy moved to pass over the following article – Pass Unanimously

ARTICLE 43 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement between IAFF, Local 3159 (Firefighters) and the Town of Halifax, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Passed Over Unanimously

Selectmen Kim Roy moved to pass over the following article – Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 44 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement between the Halifax Association of Police Patrolmen and the Town of Halifax, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Passed Over Unanimously

Finance Committee Chair Peter Beals moved to Pass Over the following article – Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 45 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund in accordance

with Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Finance Committee

Passed Over Unanimously

ARTICLE 46 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Halifax, Section 167-12 subsection F (5) which reads as follows:

No garage or barn shall have a door height greater than 12 feet unless authorized by special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

And replace it with the following:

No *residential* garage or barn shall have a door height greater than 12 feet unless authorized by special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Proposed by the Planning Board- Gordon Andrews

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 47 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Halifax, Section 167-10 subsection N which reads as follows:

All lots, with the exception of estate lots, shall have a ratio of area to perimeter of more than 45. Estate lots shall have a ratio of area to perimeter of more than 40.

And replace it with the following:

All lots, with the exception of estate lots, shall have a ratio of area to perimeter of more than 35. Estate lots shall have a ratio of area to perimeter of more than 30.

Proposed by the Planning Board – Gordon Andrews

Passed Unanimously

Planning Board Chair Gordon Andrews moved to waive the reading of the following article – Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 48 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Halifax, Section 167-13 (Exterior Signs) by replacing the current Chapter 167-13 with the following:

A list of changes to Chapter 167-13 follows the proposed new Chapter 167-13. Copies of the current and proposed Chapter 167-13 along with a list of the changes are available

*at the Halifax Board of Selectmen's Office and the Town's web site:
<http://www.town.halifax.ma.us/townmeetings.html>*

167-13 Exterior signs. [Amended 5-11-1992 ATM, Art. 34; 5-11-1992 ATM, Art 35; 5-11-1992 ATM, Art. 42; 5-10-1993 ATM, Art. 38]

A. Purpose.

- (1) To promote the safety, comfort and well-being of the users of streets, roads and highways;
- (2) To reduce distraction and obstructions from signs which would adversely affect traffic safety, and to alleviate hazards caused by signs projecting over or encroaching upon public ways;
- (3) To discourage excessive visual competition in signage and ensure that signs aid orientation and adequately identify uses and activities to the public; and;
- (4) To preserve the aesthetic nature of the Town and enhance community character by requiring new and replacement signage which is:
 - (a) Creative and distinctive;
 - (b) Compatible with the surroundings;
 - (c) Appropriate to the type of activity to which it pertains;
 - (d) Expressive of the identity of individual proprietors or the community as a whole; and
 - (e) Appropriately sized in its context so as to be easily readable.
- (5) All signs shall be subject to any and all other applicable bylaws and regulations of the Town of Halifax and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Nothing in this bylaw is intended to limit the exercise of the right of free speech guaranteed under the Constitution of the United States or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

B. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

ADDRESS SIGN - A sign displaying the street number or name of the occupant of the premises or both.

AWNING SIGN - A sign painted on or attached to the cover of a movable metallic frame of the hinged roll or folding type of awning.

BILLBOARD - A free standing sign larger than 40 square feet in gross area, or a wall sign covering more than 10% of the area to which it is affixed.

COMMERCIAL DIRECTORY SIGN - A sign to be located at the entrance of an Industrial Development, to specifically identify more than one property and business, allowed by Special Permit from the Planning Board.

FAÇADE - The exterior surface of a building.

FLASHING SIGN - A sign whose illumination is not kept constant in intensity at all times when in use.

FREESTANDING SIGN - A self-supporting sign not attached to any building, wall or fence, but in a fixed location. This does not include portable or trailer-type signs.

ILLUMINATED SIGN - Any sign lit by electrical bulbs, fluorescent lights or neon tubes. Neon tubes used as abstract, graphic, decorative or architectural elements shall be considered to constitute an “illuminated sign.”

LANDMARK SIGN - An older sign of artistic or historic merit, uniqueness or extraordinary significance to the community.

MARQUEE SIGN - A sign painted on, attached to or consisting of an interchangeable copy reader, on a permanent overhanging shelter which projects from the face of a building.

MOVABLE/PORTABLE SIGN - A sign capable of being readily moved or relocated, including portable signs mounted on a chassis and wheels, or supported by legs, not to include sandwich board signs.

MULTIPLE DIRECTORY SIGN - A group of signs clustered together in a single structure or compositional unit used to advertise several occupants of the same building or building complex.

OFF-PREMISE SIGNS - Any sign which is not on the premises of the business, including a billboard.

ON-PREMISE SIGNS - Any sign that advertises, calls attention to or identifies the occupant of the premises on which the sign is maintained, or the business transacted thereon.

PAINTED WALL SIGN - A permanent mural or message painted directly onto a building surface.

POLITICAL SIGN - A sign designed to influence the action of voters for the passage or defeat of a measure or the election of a candidate to a public office at a national, state or other local election.

PROJECTING SIGN - A sign which is affixed to a building, pole or other structure and which extends more than six (6) inches beyond the surface to which it is affixed.

PUBLIC SERVICE SIGN - A sign located for the purpose of providing directions towards or indication of use not readily visible from the street (e.g., restrooms, telephones, etc.)

ROOF SIGN - A sign which is located above or projects above the lowest point of the eaves or the top of the parapet wall of any building or which is painted on or fastened to a roof.

SIGN - Any device visible to the public from outside of a building or from a traveled way which either conveys a message to the public or intends to advertise, direct, invite, announce or draw attention to a use conducted, goods, products, services or facilities available, on the property, excluding window displays and merchandise.

TEMPORARY/PROMOTIONAL SIGN - A sign, (including sandwich board type signs) which is to advertise or promote a service or conveys a message to the public. i.e.: for a business opening, special event/advertisement, or function for a limited amount of time as per section E13(c).

WALL SIGN - Any sign which is painted on, incorporated into or affixed parallel to the wall of a building, and which extends not more than six (6) inches from the surface of that building.

WINDOW SIGN - Any sign which is painted, mounted or hung onto a window pane, directly inside the window with the purpose of advertising any premises or services or products for sale.

C. Administration.

(1) Permits.

- (a) No sign shall be erected, displayed, altered or enlarged until an application has been filed and until a permit for such action has been issued, except where hereinafter excluded. Applications shall be on forms prescribed by the sign officer. At a minimum, all applications shall include a scale drawing specifying dimensions, materials, illumination, letter sizes, colors, support systems, cost and location on land or buildings, with all relevant measurements.
- (b) Permits shall be issued only if the sign officer determines the sign complies or will comply with all applicable provisions of this bylaw and the state building code. Such applications may be filed by the owner of the land or building, or any person authorized by the owner of the property to erect a sign on the premises.
- (c) The sign officer shall act within thirty (30) days of receipt of such application together with the required fee. The sign officer's action or failure to act may be appealed to the Board of Appeals under the provisions of Chapter 40A.

- (d) A special permit application for lighted signs, signs which are larger than those allowed by right or signs not allowed in all districts shall be referred to the Planning Board. The Planning Board shall hold a public hearing, and its decision must be rendered within twenty-one (21) days of the public hearing. An appeal from the Planning Board's decision must be made in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 8.
- (2) Special Permits. The Special Permit Granting Authority shall be the Planning Board.
- (3) Fees. A schedule of fees for such permits may be established and amended from time to time by the Board of Selectmen.
- (4) Enforcement. The Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer is hereby designated as the Sign Officer and is hereby authorized to enforce this bylaw. The Sign Officer is authorized to order the repair or removal of any sign and its supporting structure which is judged dangerous or in disrepair or which is erected or maintained contrary to this bylaw. Whenever a Sign Officer is designated, that person shall notify the State Outdoor Advertising Board.
- (5) Removal of signs. Any sign which has been found to be abandoned discontinued, in disrepair, illegible, dilapidated or in any manner a hazard to public safety and health shall be ordered removed by the Sign Officer. Identified sign or signs shall be removed by the property owner, person, firm or corporation responsible for the sign within thirty (30) days of written notice to remove.
- (6) Penalties. Violation of any provision of this bylaw or any lawful order of the Sign Officer shall subject the owner of the property to a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300) per offense. Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. Provisions of this bylaw are subject to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 21D.

D. General Provisions.

- (1) Permitted signs. Only signs which refer to a permitted use or an approved conditional use as set forth in § 167-13 of the Town of Halifax Zoning Bylaw are permitted, provided that such signs conform to the provisions of this section.
- (2) Prohibited signs:
 - (a) A sign which is structurally or otherwise unsafe.
 - (b) Signs which are internally lit.
 - (c) Billboards.
 - (d) Signs which flash rotate or which contain moving or motorized parts.
 - (e) Streamers, pennants, ribbons, spinners or other similar devices posted or erected in any zone. Exceptions: Flags and buntings exhibited to commemorate national patriotic holidays, and temporary banners announcing charitable or civic events.
 - (f) Signs containing reflective elements which sparkle or twinkle in the sunlight. Exceptions: Signs indicating the current time and/or temperature are permitted, provided that they meet all other provisions of this bylaw.

- (g) Signs that constitute a hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic because of intensity or direction of illumination.
 - (h) Signs advertising or identifying a business or organization which is either defunct or no longer located on the premises and off-premises businesses. Exception: commercial directory signs which may be located at the entrance of any complex.
 - (i) No sign shall be larger than forty (40) square feet.
 - (j) No sign, except for a traffic, regulatory or informational sign that use the words “stop” or “danger”, or shall incorporate red, amber or green lights resembling traffic signals, or resemble “stop” or “yield” in shape and color.
 - (k) No person may erect a sign with exposed electrical wires or is capable of causing electrical shock.
- (3) Measurement of sign area:
- (a) Sign measurement shall be based upon the entire area of the sign, with a single continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of the actual sign surface.
 - (b) For a sign painted on or applied to a building, the area shall be considered to include all lettering, working and accompanying designs or symbols, together with any background if a different color than the natural color or finish material of the building.
 - (c) For a sign consisting of individual letters or symbols attached to or painted on a surface, building, wall or window, the area shall be considered to be that of the smallest rectangle or other shape which encompasses all of the letters and symbols.
 - (d) The area of supporting framework (for example: brackets, posts, etc.) shall not be included in the area if such framework is incidental to the display.
 - (e) When a sign has two (2) or more faces, the area of all faces shall be included in determining the area, except where two (2) faces are placed back to back and are at no point more than two (2) feet from each other. In this case, the sign area shall be taken as the area of either face, and if the faces are unequal, the larger shall determine the area.
- (4) Measurement of height. The height of any sign shall be measured from the surface of the road up to the highest point on the sign. In situations where a sign is intended to be visible from two (2) roads of different elevations, measurement shall be from the surface of the lower roadway.
- (5) Illumination standards:
- (a) Signs may be illuminated only by a white, steady, stationary light of reasonable intensity shielded and directed solely at the sign and shall not be permitted to shine onto residential properties or traveled ways.
 - (b) Neon window signs may be permitted in cases where they are designed to be compatible with the building’s historic and/or architectural character, as approved by the Sign Officer or the Historical Commission if within the historical zone.

- (c) Gas-filled tubes shall be allowed for indirect illumination and when placed in such a manner that the tubes are not exposed to view from any point along the public roadway or sidewalk.
 - (d) No sign shall be illuminated between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless the premises on which it is located is open for business.
 - (e) Strings of bulbs are not permitted, except as part of a holiday celebration. In addition, strings of bulbs may be permitted to decorate trees at the discretion of the Sign Officer, provided that such display does not interfere with neighboring land uses.
- (6) Placement and Safety standards:
- (a) No Sign may be erected or affixed to a fence, utility pole structure, tree, scrub, rock or other natural object.
 - (b) Signs shall not be mounted on roofs or extend above the roofline (unless mounted on a parapet wall which extends above the roofline, in which case the sign may not extend above the top of said parapet).
 - (c) No projecting sign shall extend into a vehicular public or private way or be less than ten (10) feet above a pedestrian way. If projecting over an alley or driveway, the clearance must be at least thirteen (13) feet
 - (d) No signs, together with any supporting framework, shall extend to a height above twenty (20) feet, except that in the Industrial Zone Districts they may be erected to heights of thirty (30) feet above the roadway if approved by the sign officer and located as not to create a danger or hazard to the public.
 - (e) No Sign may be erected which obstructs free entrance or exit from a required door, window or a fire escape.
 - (f) No Sign may be erected which interferes with light, air flow or which interferes with the proper functioning of a building.
- (7) Exceptions : For the purpose of this section, the term “sign” shall not include:
- (a) Signs erected or posted and maintained for public safety and welfare of pursuant to any governmental function, law, bylaw, or other regulation.
 - (b) A bulletin board or similar sign not exceeding twenty (20) square feet in display area, in connections with any church, museum, library, school, municipal uses or similar public or semipublic structure, provided that the top of such sign shall not be more than eight (8) feet above ground level, and provided that it does not possess any of the characteristics listed in subsection D(2) above.
 - (c) Directional signs solely indicating ingress and egress placed at driveway locations, containing no advertising material, and where display area does not exceed three (3) square feet. Such sign will conform in all respects with the requirements of this bylaw.
 - (d) Signs relating to trespassing or hunting, not exceeding two (2) square feet in area.
- (8) Nonconforming signs:
- (a) Maintenance. No sign can be enlarged, reworded, redesigned or altered in any way, including repainting in a different color, except to conform to the requirements of this bylaw; and provided further that any such sign which

has deteriorated to such an extent that the cost of restoration would exceed thirty-five percent (35%) of the replacement cost shall not be repaired or rebuilt or altered except to conform to the requirements of this bylaw.

- (b) Replacement. Any sign replacing a nonconforming sign shall conform to the provisions of these sections, and the nonconforming sign shall no longer be displayed.

E. General Standards for specific types of signs.

- (1) Addresses: One (1) sign permitted in all districts.
 - (a) Such sign may include identification of an on-premise professional office or customary home occupation.
 - (b) Such sign may be attached to the building or may be on a post not more than five (5) feet high, and set back at least three (3) feet from the public right of way.
 - (c) Such sign may not exceed two (2) square feet in area.
- (2) Awning:
 - (a) Such sign must be painted on or attached flat against the surface of the awning, but not extend beyond the valance or be attached to the underside.
 - (b) Letters shall not exceed ten (10) inches in height.
 - (c) A minimum of eight (8) feet above walkway level must be allowed for pedestrian clearance.
- (3) Freestanding sign:
 - (a) Such sign shall have no more than two (2) faces.
 - (b) The area of each face shall not exceed thirty (30) square feet
 - (c) A lot with a frontage of three hundred (300) feet or more may have two (2) such signs, not less than one hundred seventy-five (175) feet apart.
 - (d) Such signs shall be erected so as not to interfere with safe and free egress to or from any building or public right of way.
- (4) Individual letters or symbols: These may be attached to an awning, marquee, building surface, wall or signboard.
 - (a) Letters or symbols shall not project more than six (6) inches from the building surface.
 - (b) Such letters and symbols shall not obscure the architectural features of the building to which they are attached.
 - (c) Such letter and symbols shall not extend above the lowest part of the roof, nor beyond the ends of the wall to which they are attached.
 - (d) Such letters and symbols shall have an aggregate area not exceeding one and five-tenths (1.5) square feet for each foot of the building face parallel to a street lot line, or ten percent (10%) of the wall area to which they are affixed, whichever is less, when a lot fronts on more than one (1) street, the aggregate sign area facing each street frontage shall be calculated separately.
 - (e) See also Subsection E(14) Wall signs.
- (5) Landmark Sign: The restoration and/or preservation including size and placement shall be determined by the Planning Board.

- (6) Marquee signs: Permitted as determined by the Planning Board.
- (7) Movable/portable signs: Movable/portable signs are only permitted by Special Permit issued by the Planning Board, except as allowed under section 13(c).
- (8) Multiple directory signs: [Amended 5-8-2006 ATM, Arts. 41;41]
 - (a) The display board shall be of integrated and uniform design.
 - (b) The maximum sign area permitted is 40 square feet for the sign bearing the name of the building or office park, inclusive of each business or office located there.
 - (c) Complexes with over three hundred (300) feet of frontage will be allowed two (2) freestanding signs not less than one hundred seventy-five (175) feet apart.
- (9) Painted wall signs: A special permit is required for all new signs of this type, and will comply with the dimensional requirements of a wall sign.
- (10) Political signs:
 - (a) Such signs are permitted in all districts without a permit if they are stationary, unlighted and temporary.
 - (b) Such signs shall be displayed no earlier than forty-five (45) days prior to a voting day and shall be removed the day after the voting day.
 - (c) Such signs may not exceed nine (9) square feet in area.
 - (d) A maximum of two (2) signs per lot per cause is allowed.
 - (e) Such signs may be posted on private property only with permission of the property owner.
 - (f) No political signs are allowed on public property or telephone poles.
- (11) Projecting signs:
 - (a) If flat, each face shall not exceed ten (ten) square feet.
 - (b) The total area of a three dimensional sign shall be determined by enclosing the largest cross section of the sign in an easily recognizable geometric shape and computing its area which shall not exceed nine (9) square feet.
 - (c) Such sign shall be hung at right angles to the building and shall not project closer than two (2) feet to the curb line.
 - (d) The supporting framework shall be in proportion to the size of such sign.
 - (e) Signs which overhang public ways (including sidewalks) shall be covered by a public liability insurance policy which names the town as the insured party.
 - (f) The top of the sign may be suspended in line with one (1) of the following, whichever is the most successful application of scale, linear continuity and visibility as determined by the Sign Officer:
 - [1] Suspended between the bottom sills of the second story windows and the top of the doors and windows of the ground floor; or
 - [2] The lowest point of the roof of a one-story building.
- (12) Public service signs:
 - (a) Such signs necessary for public safety and convenience shall not exceed two (2) square feet.
 - (b) Such signs shall bear no advertising.
 - (c) Such signs are not included in computing total sign area allowed.

- (13) Temporary signs:
- (a) Construction: An on-premise sign identifying the contractor, architect, landscape architect and/or engineer's name, address and other pertinent information,
 - (1) Such signs shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet in area and shall be set back at least ten (10) feet from the street lot line, or one-half (1/2) the building setback distance, whichever is less.
 - (2) Such a sign may be maintained on the building or property for the interim of construction, and not more than thirty (30) days following the completion of said construction.
 - (b) For sale/rent/lease. An on-premise sign advertising the property being sold or rented.
 - (1) Such signs shall not exceed six (6) square feet.
 - (2) Such signs shall advertise only the property on which the sign is located.
 - (3) A maximum of two (2) such signs may be maintained on any property being sold or rented, and they shall be removed by the owner or agent within thirty (30) days of sale, rent or lease.
 - (c) Promotional signs: (including sandwich board signs) advertising a sale or special offer by a merchant.
 - (1) Allowable by permit from the building inspector upon application of property owner
 - (2) Such sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet
 - (3) Such signs shall only be out during operating business hours
 - (4) Maximum of 1 on single occupancy property, and maximum of 2 on multi occupancy property
 - (d) Special events: of both civic and private nature
 - (1) Such sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet in area
 - (2) May be erected no sooner than 14 days before an event, and must be removed no later than 24 hours after the event.
 - (3) Flags and bunting exhibited to commemorate national patriotic holidays, and temporary banners announcing charitable or civic events.
- (14) Wall signs:
- (a) Such sign and/or no part of, including the display surface shall not project more than six (6) inches from the building surface.
 - (b) The maximum height of a wall sign shall not exceed two feet. The length shall not exceed 60% of the horizontal building frontage of each said business.
 - (c) Where two or more wall signs are affixed to one wall, the gross display area shall be the sum total area of all signs.
 - (d) Wall signs shall not extend higher than the eave line or top of the parapet wall of the principal building.
 - (e) The size of signs attached to buildings may be increased in area (over allowable size) by 25% for every 100 feet of building setback. This shall

apply to buildings set back more than 100 feet from the road right-of-way, and the increase may be prorated according to the actual setback distance.

- (15) Window signs: Window signs shall not exceed more than 30% of the window area in which they are displayed.

F. Use by Districts.

(1) Table of Districts.

AR = Agricultural and Residential

B = Business/Commercial

I = Industrial

I-2 = Industrial 2

C = Conservancy

(2) Table of Use Regulations.

Y = Permitted use

N = Prohibited use

SP = Use allowed under special permit by the Planning Board or other designated special permit granting authority as provided in §167-13C(2)

(3) Schedule of Placement Standards.

Type of Sign	AR	B	I	I-2	C
Address	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Awning	N	Y	Y	N	N
Freestanding	N	Y	Y	N	SP
Illuminated	SP	Y	Y	N	SP
Landmark	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marquee	N	Y	Y	N	SP
Moveable/portable	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP
Multiple/directory	N	Y	Y	N	SP
Painted wall sign	N	SP	SP	SP	SP
Political sign	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Projecting	N	Y	Y	SP	SP
Public service	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Temporary	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wall	N	Y	Y	SP	SP
Window	SP	Y	Y	Y	SP

Changes made to the Sign By-laws

Section A Purpose – no changes

Section B. Definitions –

“Lintel” removed, as there is no further mention of the word in the by-laws

“Commercial Directory sign” - added

“Special Permit Granting Authority” – moved from definitions to Administration - Section C(2).

“Temporary signs” – language change/addition to definition

“Address, awning, marquee, multiple directory painted wall, political public service and window sign” definitions added

Section: C. (General Provisions – moved to Section D.)

Now as “Administration”

Subsection 1. – Permits – (b) some language added

Subsection 2. – changed from Fees to Special Granting Authority

Subsection 3. – changed from Enforcement to Fees

Subsection 4. – changed from Removal of signs to Enforcement

Subsection 5. – changed from Penalties to Removal of signs-language change and combined with formerly C2 subsection (f)

Subsection 6. – changed from Measurement of sign area to Penalties

Subsection 7. –moved to D4

Section: D. (Administration – moved to Section C.)

Now as “General Provisions”

Subsection 1. – Permitted signs – no changes

Subsection 2. – changes within Prohibited signs & combined with some Safety Standards

Subsection 3. – changed from Illuminated standards to Measurement of sign area (no further changes within this section)

Subsection 4. – changed from Placement standards to Measurement of height (no further changes)

Subsection 5. – changed from Safety standards to Illumination standards (changes within this section – some moved into prohibited signs - Illuminated standards and Illuminated Signs have been incorporated together for this section)

Subsection 6. – changed Exceptions to Placement and Safety standards changes within this section – as placement and safety standards have been incorporated together to create one section – eliminating duplications.)

Subsection 7. – changed from Nonconforming signs to Exceptions (no changes to this section)

Subsection 8. – added - Nonconforming signs. (no changes to this section)

Section: E. General Standards for specific types of signs

Subsection 1. – Addresses – definition moved to B, no other changes

Subsection 2. – Awning – definition moved to B, no other changes

**Subsections 3&4. - “Construction” & “For sale/rent/lease”: now under Subsection 13

Subsection 5. – Freestanding sign – now as subsection 3 (changes within section)

**Subsection 6. – Illuminated signs now incorporated with Illuminated standards section D(5)

Subsection 7. – Individual letters or symbols – now as subsection 4(without changes)

Subsection 8. – Landmark signs – now as subsection 5 (with language change)

Subsection 9. – Marquee signs – now as subsection 6: definition moved to B and language change

Subsection 10 – Movable/portable signs – now as subsection 7(language added)

Subsection 11 – Multiple directory signs – definition moved to B, now as subsection 8 Subsection 12 – Painted wall signs – definition moved to B,

now as subsection 9 (“exceptions” language removed as is duplicated)

Subsection 13 – Political signs – now as subsection 10 (no changes)

Subsection 14 – Projecting signs – definition moved to B, now as subsection 11, (g) taken out as duplicated 6C

Subsection 15 – Public service signs – now as subsection 12, definition moved to B (no changes)

NEW SUBSECTION 13 – TEMPORARY SIGNS ADDED

Subsection 16 – Wall signs – now as subsection 14 (g taken out as duplicate of a / b taken out as duplicate in placement standards)

Subsection 17 – Window signs – definition moved to B, now as subsection 15, (no changes)

Section: F. Tables – Construction, For sale/rent/lease taken out, Temporary added in which Subsection includes: Construction and for sale/rent/lease

Proposed by the Planning Board – Gordon Andrews

Passed Unanimously

Planning Board Chair, Gordon Andrews moved to waive the reading of the following article – Passed Unanimously

After several minutes of debate, Karen Fava moved to terminated debate - Passed

ARTICLE 49 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Halifax, Chapter 167 (Zoning) by amending Section 7, subsection (13) concerning the sizes of commercial buildings which reads as follows:

All commercial buildings or structures 5,000 square feet or greater in area are allowable by special permit from the Planning Board in the Commercial, Industrial, Industrial-2, and Conservancy Districts and are not allowed in the Agriculture-Residential Districts.

To:

All commercial buildings or structures 30,000 square feet or greater in area are allowable by special permit from the Planning Board in the Commercial, Industrial, Industrial-2, and Conservancy Districts and are not allowed in the Agriculture-Residential Districts.

Proposed by the Planning Board – Gordon Andrews

Failed

ARTICLE 50 Voted to amend Chapter 167 (Zoning) by deleting Section 10(E) on minimum frontage/area requirements which reads as follows:

A lot or parcel of land having an area or frontage of lesser amounts than required in the following table (2) may be considered as coming within the area and frontage requirements of this section, provided that such lot or parcel of land was shown on a plan or described in a deed duly recorded or registered at the time of the adoption of this chapter or subsequent amendment hereto and did not at the time of such adoption or amendment adjoin other land of the same owner available for use in connection with such lot or parcel. Lots specifically exempted under MGL C. 40A, 5A and 7A are also exempted from this chapter, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Thomas Millias

Passed Unanimously

Planning Board Chair Gordon Andrews moved to Pass Over the following article- Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 51 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Halifax Chapter 167-7 Use Regulations – Table of Use Regulations, as follows by:

Replacing

Residential uses	AR	B	I	I-2	C
Single-family detached dwellings	Y	Y	N	N	SP

With

Residential uses	AR	B	I	I-2	C
Single-family detached dwellings	Y	Y	SP	N	SP

Or take any other action thereon.

Proposed by Kozhaya Nessralla

Passed Over Unanimously

Planning Board Chair Gordon Andrews moved to Pass Over the following article- Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 52 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Halifax Chapter 167-4 C Use Districts – Industrial District Purpose, as follows by:

Replacing:

I Industrial District Purpose: To provide space for industrial uses and the higher impact commercial uses in suitable locations. The district allows a wide range of light industrial and commercial uses as of right. It also allows most public/institutional uses as of right but excludes housing to avoid use conflicts. It requires a minimum of lots of forty thousand (40,000) square feet.

With:

I Industrial District Purpose: To provide space for industrial uses and the higher impact commercial uses in suitable locations. The district allows a wide range of light industrial and commercial uses as of right. It also allows most public/institutional uses as of right but excludes housing, with the exception of single-family dwellings by special permit, to avoid use conflicts. It requires a minimum of lots of forty thousand (40,000) square feet.

Proposed by Kozhaya Nessralla

Passed Over Unanimously

ARTICLE 53 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Halifax by inserting the following as Chapter 1 (General Provisions), Section 5 (Numbering):

The Town Clerk shall be allowed to make nonsubstantive changes to the numbering of these by-laws in order that they may be in compliance with the numbering format of the Code of the Town of Halifax.

Proposed by the Town Clerk – Charlie Seelig

Passed Unanimously

Troy Garron move to adjourn to Saturday, May 14th to act on the following article.

Passed Unanimously.

We adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

And on Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to meet at the Halifax Elementary School:

ARTICLE 54 Voted to elect one Assessor for three years, one Board of Health member for three years, two Halifax Elementary School Committee members for three years, one Highway Surveyor for three years, one Housing Authority member for five years, two Holmes Public Library Trustees for three years, one Park Commissioner for three years, one Planning Board member for five years, one Selectman for three years, one Silver Lake

Regional School Committee member for three years and one Water Commissioner for three years.

QUESTION 1 Shall the Town of Halifax accept Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 6C which allows the Town to appropriate money for the removal of snow and ice from private ways within its limits and open to the public use as may be designated by the Board of Selectmen?

Yes _____ No _____

Results are on the following page.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Gaynor, Town Clerk