

**TOWN OF HALIFAX  
MAY 12, 2014**

**Annual Town Meeting**  
Quorum 100

**As Voted**  
Present 433  
Guests 14

Moderator John Bruno called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Town Clerk Barbara Gaynor read the Call to the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance recited immediately thereafter.

Board of Selectmen member Kim R. Roy spoke to Question 2 on the Annual Town Election ballot concerning the appointment of a Treasurer/Collector rather than elected. She stated her reasons for recommending that the Treasurer/Collector be appointed and hoped that the Question would pass.

The Finance Committee Chair Gordon C. Andrews read a statement concerning the needs of the town and the FY 2015 budget.

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

**Passed**

Moderator John Bruno informed the voters in attendance that the vote for the following article requires a two-thirds vote to pass and that the vote will be taken by a secret ballot.

ARTICLE 2 Voted to appropriate \$1,155,000 to pay costs of the purchase of land, buildings, structures, property, and furnishings at 327 Plymouth Street, Halifax, MA (Assessors Map 63, Lot 2) for a Council on Aging center including but not limited to any associated costs including any architectural, engineering, administrative and legal work associated with this purchase said purchase to be conditional upon the Halifax Board of Selectmen entering into a binding purchase and sale agreement for the property and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. No amounts shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless and until the Town shall have voted to exclude the amounts required to repay any borrowing hereunder from the limitations on total property taxes imposed by Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws (Proposition 2 ½).

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee – John Campbell

The discussion and questions were quite lengthy regarding Article 2.

A motion was made by Edward Whitney and seconded to end debate and move the question and vote. A two-thirds vote is required to move the question.

The Moderator declared a two-thirds vote.

A secret ballot was then held. Yes: 233 No: 144

**Failed**

At 10:20 p.m. a motion made by Troy E. Garron, and seconded to recess the Annual Town Meeting and to open the Special Town Meeting.

**Passed Unanimously**

**We adjourned at 10:20 and reconvened at 11:10 p.m.**

John Brenton put the town on notice of his intent to ask for reconsideration of Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting.

A motion was made by Troy Garron, and seconded to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting until Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Halifax Elementary School gymnasium.

**Passed Unanimously**

**Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 11:12 p.m.**

(Note: Article 2 was reconsidered on Tuesday, May 13, 2014. See notes after Article 3.)

**Tuesday, May 13, 2014 we reconvened at 7:35 p.m. with 377 present and 7 guests.**

ARTICLE 3 Voted to amend the Wage and Personnel By-Law as recommended by the Wage and Personnel Board.

- 1) Add the following to the Wage and Personnel By-law: under Appendix A, Grade “U” Unclassified – Administrative and Clerical – Geriatric Nurse \$18.00 per hour.

A motion was made by Barbara Brenton, and seconded to amend the article to include the following: “not subject to any across the board wage increases”.

The vote on the amendment FAILED

A voice vote was taken and the Moderator did not hear a definitive vote. Moderator requested a standing count vote.

Standing vote taken: Yes 200 No 113

**Passed**

- 2) Add the following to the Wage and Personnel By-law: under Appendix A, Grade “U” Unclassified, – Administrative and Clerical – Council on Aging Newsletter Writer – hourly rate equivalent to a Grade 2, Step 1 (Currently \$13.40/per hour)

A motion was made by Barbara Brenton, and seconded to amend the article to include/ change the following: “not subject to any across the board wage increases” and to change the hourly rate to \$15.00 per hour.

A motion was made by Lori Costa-Cline, and seconded to table the discussion.

A two-thirds majority vote is required.

A voice vote was taken and the Moderator did not hear a definitive vote. Moderator requested a standing count vote

Standing vote taken: Yes 252 No 65

**Motion to table discussion Passed**

- 3) Add the following to the Wage and Personnel By-law: under Appendix A, Grade “U” Unclassified, – Administrative and Clerical – Assistant Outreach Worker \$14.75 per hour.

A motion was made by Barbara Brenton, and seconded to amend the article to include/ change the following: “not subject to any across the board wage increases”.

The vote on the amendment Failed.

A motion was made by Lori Costa-Cline, and seconded to table the discussion.

A two-thirds majority vote is required.

**Passed**

(Note: Article 3, Amendment 3 was brought forward for consideration. (See notes after Article 5)

- 4) In Appendix A - Group D Other Public Safety, replace the

following:

Dispatcher Trainee Massachusetts minimum wage.

With the following:

Dispatcher Trainee – Equivalent to a Grade 2, Step 1.

**Passed Unanimously**

Point of Order was asked as to the timing of requesting reconsideration of an Article. Moderator stated that a request for reconsideration on Article 2 could be made after the completion of Article 4.

A motion was made by John Grace, and seconded to pass over the following article. – Passed Unanimously

5) In Chapter 35, Section 18 – Promotions, Change of Position, replace the following:

E. Existing reclassified positions do not need reposting due to reclassifications.

With the following:

E. Existing reclassified positions or existing positions reclassified due to changes in the job description that are not substantial shall not be required to be reposted.

**Passed Over Unanimously**

6) To grant all non-union Wage and Personnel employees an across the board wage increase of 1.5%.

A voice vote was taken . The Moderator could not hear a definitive vote. Moderator requested a standing count vote.

Standing vote taken: Yes: 186 No: 141

**Passed**

Gordon C. Andrews challenged the vote and requested seven other voters to do same. The vote was challenged and a secret ballot was requested.

Yes: 178 No: 154

**Passed**

The amended Section V Classes and Rates are as follows:

**Pay Rate Chart Reflecting 1.5% Increase  
Grades & Steps**

<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>
From:	\$13.40	\$14.11	\$14.86	\$15.65	\$16.45	\$16.96
To:	\$13.60	\$14.32	\$15.08	\$15.88	\$16.70	\$17.21
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>
From:	\$15.00	\$15.72	\$16.47	\$17.24	\$18.08	\$18.62
To:	\$15.23	\$15.96	\$16.72	\$17.50	\$18.35	\$18.90
<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>
From:	\$16.70	\$17.42	\$18.12	\$18.88	\$19.65	\$20.23
To:	\$16.95	\$17.68	\$18.39	\$19.16	\$19.94	\$20.53
<b>Grade 7</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>
From:	\$18.26	\$18.97	\$19.69	\$20.45	\$21.23	\$21.87
To:	\$18.53	\$19.25	\$19.99	\$20.76	\$21.55	\$22.20
<b>Grade 8</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>
From:	\$19.79	\$20.53	\$21.24	\$22.03	\$22.82	\$23.51
To:	\$20.09	\$20.84	\$21.56	\$22.36	\$23.16	\$23.86
<b>Grade 10</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>
From:	\$55,260	\$55,795	\$57,372	\$58,992	\$60,661	\$62,481
To:	\$55,074	\$56,632	\$58,233	\$59,877	\$61,571	\$63,419
<b>Grade 11</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>
From:	\$60,735	\$62,293	\$63,891	\$65,527	\$67,207	\$69,223
To:	\$61,647	\$63,228	\$64,850	\$66,510	\$68,216	\$70,262
<b>Grade 12</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>
From:	\$71,193	\$72,737	\$74,315	\$75,929	\$77,578	\$79,905
Holiday	<u>\$3,282</u>	<u>\$3,350</u>	<u>\$3,424</u>	<u>\$3,499</u>	<u>\$3,572</u>	<u>\$3,679</u>
Grand Total	\$74,475	\$76,087	\$77,739	\$79,428	\$81,150	\$83,584
To:	\$72,261	\$73,829	\$75,430	\$77,068	\$78,742	\$81,104
Holiday	<u>\$3,332</u>	<u>\$3,401</u>	<u>\$3,476</u>	<u>\$3,552</u>	<u>\$3,626</u>	<u>\$3,735</u>
Grand Total	\$75,593	\$77,230	\$78,906	\$80,620	\$82,368	\$84,839
<b>Grade 14</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>
From:	\$77,731	\$79,317	\$80,937	\$82,589	\$84,273	\$86,801
To:	\$78,897	\$80,507	\$82,152	\$83,828	\$85,538	\$88,104

**Grade "U" Unclassified**

**Administrative and Clerical**

Registrar of Voters	From	\$12.41	To	\$ 12.60
Election Workers	From	\$11.93	To	\$ 12.11
Assessing Lister	From	\$11.90	To	\$ 12.08
Water Inspector	From	\$34.12	To	\$ 34.63
Veterans' Agent	From	\$13,761.00	To	\$13,968.00
Veterans' Service Officer	From	\$0.00	To	\$0.00
Assistant Building Inspector	From	\$1,981.00	To	\$2,011.00

**Police Department**

Special Duty Officers	From	\$22.17	To	\$ 22.50
Police Matron	From	\$16.25	To	\$16.49

**Communications Dept.**

Part Time Dispatchers	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
From	\$16.25	\$16.86	\$17.47	\$18.48	\$19.04
To	\$16.49	\$17.11	\$17.73	\$18.76	\$19.33

**Fire Department**

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	
Call Firefighter	From	\$16.98	\$17.49	\$18.02	\$18.56
	To	\$17.24	\$17.75	\$18.29	\$18.83
Call Firefighter EMT	From	\$18.34	\$18.89	\$19.46	\$20.04
	To	\$18.61	\$19.17	\$19.75	\$20.34
Call Firefighter EMT-1	From	\$18.68	\$19.24	\$19.82	\$20.41
	To	\$18.96	\$19.53	\$20.11	\$20.72
Call Firefighter EMT-P	From	\$19.10	\$19.68	\$20.27	\$20.87
	To	\$19.39	\$19.97	\$20.57	\$21.19
Call Lieutenant	From	\$18.37	\$18.92	\$19.49	\$20.08
	To	\$18.65	\$19.21	\$19.78	\$20.38
Call Lieutenant EMT	From	\$19.84	\$20.44	\$21.05	\$21.68
	To	\$20.14	\$20.74	\$21.37	\$22.01
Call Lieutenant EMT-1	From	\$20.21	\$20.81	\$21.44	\$22.08
	To	\$20.51	\$21.13	\$21.76	\$22.41
Call Lieutenant EMT-P	From	\$20.67	\$21.29	\$21.93	\$22.58
	To	\$20.98	\$21.61	\$22.26	\$22.92
Call Captain	From	\$19.88	\$20.48	\$21.09	\$21.73
	To	\$20.18	\$20.79	\$21.41	\$22.05
Call Captain EMT	From	\$21.47	\$22.12	\$22.78	\$23.47
	To	\$21.80	\$22.45	\$23.12	\$23.82
Call Captain EMT-1	From	\$21.87	\$22.53	\$23.20	\$23.90
	To	\$22.20	\$22.87	\$23.55	\$24.26

		<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>
Call Captain EMT-P	From	\$22.37	\$23.04	\$23.73	\$24.44
	To	\$22.70	\$23.39	\$24.09	\$24.81
Call Deputy Chief	From	\$21.84	\$22.49	\$23.17	\$23.86
	To	\$22.16	\$22.83	\$23.51	\$24.22
Call Deputy Chief EMT	From	\$23.58	\$24.29	\$25.02	\$25.77
	To	\$23.94	\$24.66	\$25.39	\$26.16
Call Deputy Chief EMT-1	From	\$24.02	\$24.74	\$25.48	\$26.25
	To	\$24.38	\$25.11	\$25.86	\$26.64
Call Deputy Chief EMT-P	From	\$24.57	\$25.30	\$26.06	\$26.84
	To	\$24.93	\$25.68	\$26.45	\$27.25

**Parks & Recreation**

<b>Director/Instructor - 2</b>	From	\$19.05	To	\$19.34
<b>Supervisor</b>	From	\$15.12	To	\$15.35
<b>Assistant/Instructor 1</b>	From	\$10.66	To	\$10.82
<b>Life Guard</b>	From	\$14.01	To	\$14.22
<b>Aide/Helper</b>	MA Minimum Wage			

**Other**

<b>Recycling Laborer/ Heavy Equipment Operator</b>	From	\$21.40	To	\$21.72
<b>Cemetery Superintendent</b>	From	\$10,152.00	To	\$10,305.00
<b>Inspector of Animals</b>	From	\$2,857.00	To	\$2,900.00
<b>Sealer of Weights and Measures</b>	From	\$2,405.00	To	\$2,442.00

Proposed by the Wage and Personnel Board

ARTICLE 4 Voted the salaries of several elective Town Officers, July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 as amended on the chart below reflecting a 1.5% increase for Fiscal Year 2015 for the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer/Collector and the Highway Surveyor.

	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
Moderator	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Town Clerk	\$36,020	\$36,741	\$37,293	\$37,853
Selectmen (ea)	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Treasurer-Collector	\$61,710	\$62,945	\$63,890	\$64,849
Assessors (ea)	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Highway Surveyor	\$65,469	\$66,779	\$67,781	\$68,798

Proposed by the Finance Committee- Gordon C. Andrews

**Passed Unanimously**

Joy Marble put the town on notice that Article 3, Amendment 1 would be brought up for reconsideration.

John Grace put the town on notice that Article 3, Amendment 3 would be brought up for reconsideration.

A motion was made by John Campbell, and seconded to reconsider Article 2.

Discussion on reconsideration.

A motion was made by Lori Costa-Cline, and seconded to end debate on reconsideration of Article 2 and to hold a secret ballot on reconsideration.

The vote was called in two parts:

The vote to end discussion of reconsideration PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Lori Costa-Cline amended her motion, and it was seconded to have a standing vote on the vote for reconsideration.

The Moderator called for a Standing vote taken: Yes 219 No 125  
Passed

#### **Reconsideration of Article 2:**

A motion was made by Karen Fava, and seconded to move the article with a standing vote.

The Moderator stated that the motion was out of order as the Article had not yet been moved (only the article to reconsider had been moved).

A motion was made by Tina Tonello, and seconded to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting.

The Moderator stated that the motion needed to state a time certain.

The motion was withdrawn.

A motion was made by John Campbell, and seconded to move the following article as read:

Moderator John Bruno requested the reading of Article 2.

ARTICLE 2 Voted to appropriate \$1,155,000 to pay costs of the purchase of land, buildings, structures, property, and furnishings at 327 Plymouth Street, Halifax, MA (Assessors Map 63, Lot 2) for a Council on Aging center including but not limited to any associated costs including any architectural, engineering, administrative and legal work associated with this purchase said purchase to be conditional upon the Halifax Board of Selectmen entering into a binding purchase and sale agreement for the property and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. No amounts shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless and until the Town shall have voted to exclude the amounts required to repay any borrowing hereunder from the limitations on total property taxes imposed by Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws (Proposition 2 ½).

Proposed by Municipal School and Building Committee – John Campbell

Discussion continued.

A motion was made by Edward Whitney, and seconded to end debate.

A two-thirds motion is required to end debate.

Vote to end debate Passed Unanimously

As declared by the Moderator at the start of town meeting, the vote on Article 2 would be a secret ballot. Yes: 212 No: 135

**Failed**

A motion was made by Troy E. Garron, and seconded to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting to Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the All Purpose Room of the Halifax Elementary School.

**Passed Unanimously**

**The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.**

**The Annual Town Meeting reconvened on Thursday, May 15, 2015 at 7:35 p.m. with 162 voters and 13 guests.**

ARTICLE 5 Operating Budget.

Voted to raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, to defray charges and expenses to the Town, including debts and interest.

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Proposed by the Finance Committee – Gordon C. Andrews

The following budget includes amendments to wages that were previously voted under Article 3, Amendment 6 of this Annual Town Meeting.

Item#	Account Description	Expended FY12	Expended FY13	Budget FY14	Recommended FY15
<b>General Government</b>					
1	Moderator – Salary	200	200	200	200
2	Selectmen - Salary	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
3	Town Administrator - Salary	84,091	85,768	87,051	88,357
4	Selectmen - Clerical	61,695	65,384	69,399	69,559
5	Selectmen - Expense	4,155	4,450	4,100	4,100
6	Law	41,872	41,792	42,200	42,200
7	Town Hall - Electricity	11,617	12,099	12,800	12,800
8	Town Reports	6,927	6,877	5,500	5,600
9	Audit	18,500	18,500	19,000	20,000 (A)
10	Finance Committee - Clerical	1,554	2,036	4,171	4,433
11	Finance Committee - Expense	213	315	359	359
12	Accountant - Salary	61,961	64,808	67,457	70,769
13	Accountant - Clerical	42,877	45,175	46,180	46,858
14	Accountant - Expense	1,401	1,498	1,625	1,625
15	Data Processing	50,320	49,977	44,400	60,000
16	Assessors - Salary	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
17	Principal Assessor/Appraiser	66,862	68,200	69,223	62,229
18	Assessors - Clerical	91,745	71,174	62,099	65,038
19	Assessors - Expense	10,144	9,802	9,645	10,900
20	Office Machines - Expense	7,756	7,059	7,700	7,700
21	Treasurer - Clerical	49,331	50,557	56,005	57,226
22	Treasurer - Expense	5,386	4,976	5,735	6,500
23	Treasurer - Tax Title	2,963	4,063	2,500	2,500
24	Treasurer - Banking & Payroll Expense	6,101	5,985	6,100	6,100
25	Clerk - Salary	36,020	36,741	37,293	37,853
26	Clerk - Clerical	23,195	29,143	31,690	30,960
27	Clerk - Expense	3,535	4,144	4,350	5,370
28	Elections and Registration	12,536	19,388	12,310	14,337
29	Treasurer-Collector Salary	61,710	62,945	63,890	64,849
30	Collector - Clerical	57,476	60,936	66,730	60,221
31	Collector - Expense	11,107	11,128	11,672	12,922
32	Wage and Personnel - Clerical	2,297	2,162	4,348	4,620
33	Wage and Personnel - Expense	223	235	250	250
34	Recruitment and Employment Costs	5,452	5,975	5,500	6,000
35	Conservation Commission - Expense	953	741	1,225	1,225
36	Conservation Commission - Agent	1,818	708	10,719	0
37	Planning Board - Expense	1,722	160	2,109	2,109
38	Board of Appeals - Expense	592	820	825	825
39	Regulatory - Clerical	66,129	61,303	66,692	68,378
40	Building Committee - Clerical	10,200	10,364	10,561	10,720
41	Building Committee - Expense	221	379	450	450
42	Town Buildings - Custodial	137,783	137,803	159,340	161,732
43	Town Buildings - Expense	52,959	66,076	48,000	31,467
43A	Town Buildings – Preventative Maintenance				31,750
44	Town Buildings - Snow & Ice Expense	528	379	3,000	3,000
	<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>1,123,127</b>	<b>1,141,243</b>	<b>1,173,403</b>	<b>1,203,091</b>
<b>Public Safety - Police</b>					
45	Police - Chief Salary	95,087	121,025	96,396	98,420
46	Police - Wages	822,552	818,189	880,253	907,189
47	Police - Training	5,313	4,368	8,700	8,700
48	Police - Clerical	51,045	41,454	42,241	42,875

Item#	Account Description	Expended FY12	Expended FY13	Budget FY14	Recommended FY15
49	Police - Expense	60,236	69,815	64,485	62,485
50	Police - Station Maintenance	15,986	17,732	17,173	19,173
51	Police - Cruiser Maintenance	17,109	13,697	14,000	14,000
	<b>Total Police</b>	1,067,328	1,086,280	1,123,248	1,152,842
	<b>Public Safety - Fire</b>				
52	Fire - Chief Salary	88,000	95,200	97,457	98,919
53	Fire - Clerical	36,811	37,449	38,169	38,844
54	Fire - Wages	501,403	528,919	524,111	579,597
55	Fire - Retainers/Incentives	2,282	7,906		
56	Fire - Training	44,282	47,888	65,690	57,627
57	Fire - Expense	27,193	26,553	30,000	30,000
58	Fire - Station Maintenance	10,583	11,410	11,783	11,783
59	Fire - Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance	41,081	23,366	20,065	24,065
60	Fire – Medical Supplies		14,998	15,000	15,000
61	Ambulance Billing	7,470	6,416	7,500	7,500
	<b>Total - Fire</b>	759,105	800,105	809,775	863,335
	<b>Public Safety - Other Public Safety</b>				
62	Emergency Management	1,351	1,449	1,545	1,545
63	Building Inspector - Wages	60,600	61,807	62,731	63,672
64	Building Inspector, Assistant - Wages	1,912	1,951	1,981	2,011
65	Building Inspector - Expense	4,349	4,345	4,750	4,750
66	Sealer of Weights and Measures - Salary	1,984	2,300	2,405	2,442
67	Sealer of Weights and Measures - Expense	483	415	541	802
68	Dog Officer - Salary	4,023	3,104	16,658	16,908 (B)
69	Dog Officer - Expense	2,994	1,987	4,616	4,616 (B)
	<b>Total Other Public Safety</b>	77,696	77,358	95,227	96,746
70	Communications Center - Wages	211,683	218,876	252,065	270,816
71	Communications Center - Clerical		4,202		
72	Communications Center - Expense	2,473	2,171	2,925	2,500
	<b>Total Communications</b>	214,156	225,249	254,990	271,909
	<b>Total Public Safety</b>	2,118,285	2,188,992	2,283,240	2,386,239
	<b>Schools **** (see notes following chart)</b>				
74	Elementary School ****	4,619,451	4,717,522	4,834,222	4,979,249 (M)
75	Vocational Education	60,000	67,778	99,000	153,000
76	Special Needs - Tuition	1,153,760	1,142,405	1,179,121	1,107,919
77	Special Needs - Transportation	296,959	279,658	381,931	387,887
78	Silver Lake Assessment ****	3,790,240	3,939,451	4,047,897	4,165,867 (N)
79	Silver Lake Assessment - Debt	455,777	518,487	535,771	550,882 (C)
	<b>Total Schools</b>	10,376,187	10,665,301	11,077,942	11,344,804
	<b>Public Works - Highway</b>				
80	Highway - Surveyor Salary	65,469	66,779	67,781	68,798
81	Highway - Wages	249,337	260,797	274,468	279,348
82	Highway - Clerical	32,997	33,747	32,539	38,583
83	Highway - Expense	5,398	5,021	5,421	4,971
84	Highway - Barn Maintenance	9,284	9,865	10,100	10,100
85	Highway - Equipment	38,372	55,735	38,500	48,500
86	Highway - Town Roads	72,581	73,419	74,355	74,355

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87	Highway - Snow and Ice	67,600	177,307	177,509	177,509
88	Street Lights	20,845	21,184	21,945	21,945
89	Traffic Lights	4,895	5,178	5,500	5,500
90	Tree Warden Salary	0	0	1	1
91	Tree Maintenance	1,954	3,213	3,500	3,500
92	Insect and Pest Control	0	0	1	1
	<b>Total - Highway</b>	<b>568,732</b>	<b>712,245</b>	<b>711,620</b>	<b>733,111</b>
	<b>Public Works - Cemetery</b>				
93	Cemetery - Superintendent Salary	9,804	10,001	10,152	10,305
94	Cemetery - Wages	62,219	65,047	65,825	66,830
95	Cemetery - Supplies and Equipment	5,013	5,201	5,320	5,770
	<b>Total - Cemetery</b>	<b>77,036</b>	<b>80,249</b>	<b>81,297</b>	<b>82,905</b>
	<b>Public Works - Water</b>				
96	Water - Superintendent Salary	71,658	73,077	74,161	65,977
97	Water - Wages	164,750	173,702	182,241	174,315
98	Water - Clerical	41,011	41,604	42,944	43,766
99	Water - Supply	113,532	149,759	167,432	167,432
100	Water - Distribution	24,308	1,473	0	0
101	Water - Insurance	39,397	23,961	49,200	49,200
102	Water - Retirement	808	5,411	5,000	11,000
103	Water - Legal Fees	0	313	1,500	1,500
104	Water - Meters	19,921	19,805	20,000	20,000
105	Water - Gas & Oil	10,076	11,358	13,750	13,750
106	Water – Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance	7,343	5,028	7,500	7,500
107	Water – Tower/Wells Maintenance	2,119	23,126	25,000	25,000
	<b>Total - Water</b>	<b>494,923</b>	<b>528,617</b>	<b>588,728</b>	<b>579,440 (D)</b>
	<b>Public Works - Solid Waste Management</b>				
108	Recycling Office - Clerical	24,763	25,232	26,437	26,831
109	Recycling Office - Expense	2,297	2,225	2,610	2,610
110	Recycling Center - Wages	64,002	67,344	67,769	71,009
111	Recycling Center - Expense	17,332	19,240	21,085	21,085
112	Hazardous Waste Collection	7,110	3,849	9,800	9,800
113	Trash Collection/Disposal	201,520	188,526	218,035	215,356
	<b>Total Solid Waste Management</b>	<b>317,024</b>	<b>306,416</b>	<b>345,736</b>	<b>346,691 (E)</b>
	<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>1,457,715</b>	<b>1,627,527</b>	<b>1,727,381</b>	<b>1,742,147</b>
	<b>Health and Human Services</b>				
114	Board of Health – Clerical	37,514	38,266	39,282	39,872
115	Board of Health – Expense	4,281	4,353	4,335	7,455
116	Board of Health – Inspections	63,258	61,707	62,631	63,571
117	Board of Health - Nursing Service	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
118	Landfill – Engineering & Monitoring	11,434	10,739	15,000	14,047
119	Inspector of Animals	Incl'd in Agent	2,814	2,857	2,900
120	Council on Aging – Wages	135,472	143,950	150,196	155,803
121	Council on Aging – Expense	8,074	8,447	8,880	8,880
122	Pope's Tavern – Electricity	1,877	2,223	2,200	2,200
123	Veterans' Agent – Salary	9,163	9,347	13,761	13,968
124	Veterans' Agent - Expense	456	703	1,269	1,269
125	Veterans' Service Officer	1,060	1,082	0	0

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126	Veterans' Benefits	71,667	100,721	110,000	130,000
127	Housing Authority	0	0	1	1
128	ADA Expense	0	0	1	1
	<b>Total Health and Human Services</b>	<b>351,256</b>	<b>391,352</b>	<b>417,413</b>	<b>446,967</b>
	<b>Culture and Recreation</b>				
129	Library - Director Salary	56,980	50,395	58,167	60,709
130	Library - Wages	141,521	137,222	157,523	160,656
131	Library - Expense	85,594	92,804	84,953	84,953
132	Youth and Recreation - Wages	12,786	13,042	13,238	13,437
133	Youth and Recreation - Expense	9,700	10,416	10,000	13,216
134	Youth and Recreation - Director	15,438	15,747	15,984	16,224
135	Parks - Wages	0	0	102	104
136	Parks - Expense	431	442	450	450
137	Cable Television	0	0	1	1
138	Patriotic Celebrations	149	0	500	500
139	Historical Commission	2,190	2,052	2,499	2,499
140	Historic District Commission	260	201	446	446
141	Holidays in Halifax	3,395	3,284	3,395	3,395
142	Beautification Committee - Expense	0	500	500	500
143	Website Committee - Expense	4,161	4,082	4,300	2,950
	<b>Total Culture and Recreation</b>	<b>332,605</b>	<b>330,187</b>	<b>352,058</b>	<b>360,040</b>
	<b>Debt Service</b>				
144	Debt - Water Extension Project	102,600	99,345	96,075	92,700 (F)
145	Debt - School/Library Project	326,875	310,338	0	0
146	Debt - Police Station	165,375	159,570	153,630	147,555 (G)
147	Debt - Water Pollution Abatement Trust	10,401	10,400	10,400	10,400 (I)
148	Debt - Water Pollution Abatement Trust II	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000 (J)
149	Debt - Landfill Capping	138,150	134,469	126,000	122,625 (H)(K)
150	Interest on Temporary Loans	0	6,282	5,000	5,000
	<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>753,401</b>	<b>730,404</b>	<b>401,105</b>	<b>388,280</b>
	<b>Fixed Costs</b>				
151	Plymouth County Retirement	763,459	840,177	874,375	934,616 (L)
152	Group Insurance - Town Share	899,282	854,354	881,428	882,460
153	Medicare - Town Share	96,037	97,855	102,688	104,935
154	Insurance	218,019	252,618	253,300	253,300
155	Telephone	28,989	28,450	29,200	29,200
156	Gas & Oil - All Departments	127,744	138,023	140,650	140,650
157	Heating - All Buildings	38,918	45,371	78,650	78,650
	<b>Total Fixed Costs</b>	<b>2,172,448</b>	<b>2,256,848</b>	<b>2,360,291</b>	<b>2,423,811</b>
	<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	<b>18,685,024</b>	<b>19,331,854</b>	<b>19,792,833</b>	<b>20,258,420</b>
(A)	From Solid Waste Revenue	6,167	6,167	6,333	6,666
(A)	From Water Fund/Revenue	6,167	6,167	6,333	6,666
(B)	From Dog Fund	22,843	16,411	16,411	21,274
(C)	Under Debt Exclusion	455,777	518,487	535,771	550,882
(D)	From Water Fund/Revenue	582,452	584,315	584,315	621,906
(E)	From Solid Waste Fund Revenue	336,400	341,767	344,343	129,888
	From Solid Waste Fund Retained Earnings				215,356
(F)	From Water Retained Earnings	102,600	99,375	96,075	92,700

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(G)	Under Debt Exclusion	165,375	159,570	153,630	147,555
(H)	Under Debt Exclusion	138,150	134,469	126,000	122,625
(I)	From Abatement Trust Revenue	10,401	10,400	10,400	10,400
(J)	From Abatement Trust Revenue	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
(K)	From Fund Balance Reserved for Bond Premium			754	683
(L)	From Water Fund/Revenue	45,000	45,000	46,000	46,000
(M)	\$ 5,018,010 was the budget requested by the Halifax Elementary School Committee.				
(N)	\$ 4,197,479 was the assessment requested by the Silver Lake Regional School Committee.				

**PASSED**

\*\*\*\* Schools

A motion was made by Cassandra Hanson, and seconded to amend Line 74 from \$4,979,249 to \$5,018,010.

Standing count: Yes: 58 No: 79

Failed

A motion was made by Cassandra Hanson and seconded to amend Line 78 from \$4,165,867 to \$4,197,479.

Failed

A motion was made by John Grace, and seconded to reconsider Article 3, Amendment 3.

Passed Unanimously

A motion was made by John Grace, and seconded to move **Article 3, Amendment 3** as printed.

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 6 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, 2014.

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY2015 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, printers and copier	Library Trustees	Computer/printer/copier fees	Computer/printer/copier 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	\$10,000
Inspector Wages	Building Inspector	Fees for permits	80% for plumbing, gas and wiring inspectors wages; remainder to general fund	\$35,000
Concession Stand	Board of Selectmen	Use, lease and utility payments	Maintenance, repairs, replacement, utility costs	\$10,000
Cable Television	Board of Selectmen	Fees from any license or contract with a cable television provider	Fund non-profit cable TV access	\$100,000

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

Proposed by the Finance Committee- Gordon C. Andrews

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 7 Voted to establish a Revolving Fund under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws to pay for any expenses relating to solar projects sponsored by the Town or by private developers including legal expenditures and payments to consultants to review these projects and any proposed agreements relating to these projects; all revenues derived from any fees or payments for these projects are to be deposited in said fund and the Board of Selectmen is authorized to expend money from said fund, and said fund to have a spending limit of \$10,000.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen- Troy E. Garron

**Passed**

ARTICLE 8 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to the Reserve Fund to cover extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures during Fiscal Year 2015 and to transfer from Water Department Retained Earnings the sum of \$25,000 to the Water Department Reserve to cover extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures during Fiscal Year 2015 for the Water Department in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Proposed by the Finance Committee – Gordon C. Andrews

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 9 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,620 to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement for Fiscal Year 2015 between AFSCME AFL-CIO Union Council 93, Local 1700 (Dispatchers) and the Town of Halifax.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Michael J. Schleiff

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 10 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,864 to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement for Fiscal Year 2015 between AFSCME AFL-CIO Union Council 93, Local 1700 (Highway/Cemetery) and the Town of Halifax.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Michael J. Schleiff

**Passed**

ARTICLE 11 Voted to raise and appropriate or the sum of \$4,303 to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement for Fiscal Year 2015 between IBPO, Local 309 (Sergeants) and the Town of Halifax.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Troy E. Garron

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 12 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,358 to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement for Fiscal Year 2015 between IAFF, Local 3159 (Firefighters) and the Town of Halifax.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen - Kim R. Roy

**Passed Unanimously**

**A motion was made by Troy E. Garron and seconded to pass over the following article - Passed Unanimously.**

ARTICLE 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement for Fiscal Year 2015 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**

**A motion was made by Kim R. Roy and seconded to pass over the following article –Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the provisions of the contract [for Fiscal Year 2015](#) between the Fire Chief and the Town of Halifax or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Passed Over Unanimously**

ARTICLE 15 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$150 for the use of the Trustees for Plymouth 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 – Troy E. Garron

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 16 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 \$270,938 from available funds under Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2014 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 17 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 18 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$86,000.00 to purchase and equip a new Toro Lawn Tractor, or equivalent.

Proposed by the Cemetery Superintendent- Robert Badore

A motion was made by Jason Conroy, and seconded to amend the amount to \$70,168.18 to purchase a Toro Groundmaster 4100D or equivalent and return any unused funds to the General Fund.

A motion was made by Jason Conroy, and seconded to withdraw the above motion - Passed Unanimously

A motion was made by Robert Badore to withdraw his motion for Article 18 – Passed Unanimously

A motion was made by Troy Garron, and seconded to take Article 55 out of order so that the Annual Town Election could be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014.

**Passed Unanimously**

A motion was made by Troy Garron, and seconded to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting to Saturday, May 17, 2014 for the Annual Town Election and to then reconvene the Annual Town Meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the All Purpose Room of the Halifax Elementary School.

**Passed Unanimously**

**We reconvened the meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2014 at 7:35 p.m. with 109 voters and 11 guests.**

A motion was made by Robert Badore, and seconded to move Article 18.

**Passed**

A motion was made by Gerard Elliott and seconded to pass over the following article – Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to re-line the parking lot at Town Hall including a reconfiguration of the lines to create more handicapped designated parking spaces or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee

**Passed Over Unanimously**

ARTICLE 20 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$40,000 to repair, renovate and replace the flat roof at Halifax Elementary School.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee – Gerard Elliott

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 21 Voted to transfer from Article 9 (Monponsett Algae Remediation) of the Special Town Meeting of May 11, 2009, the sum of \$20,000 to provide matching share funds for any State or Federal grant to study Monponsett Ponds or related water bodies or any State or Federal grant to improve the water quality or remediate problems in Monponsett Ponds or related water bodies.

Proposed by the Board of Health- John Delano

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 22 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance, the sum of \$5,000 to purchase and repair radios and pagers for the Fire Department.

Proposed by the Fire Chief – Kim R. Roy

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 23 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$20,000 to purchase new turn-out gear for Fire Department personnel.

Proposed by the Fire Chief – Kim R. Roy

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 24 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$8,000 to purchase new SCBA bottles for the Fire Department personnel.

Proposed by the Fire Chief -Kim R Roy

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 25 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$10,000 to repair the fire department station radios.

Proposed by the Fire Chief – Kim R. Roy

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 26 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance, the sum of \$2,000 for the purpose of purchasing a four-drawer Fire King, or equivalent, file cabinet for the Assessors' Department.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors – Thomas Millias

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 27 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$10,000 for the Assessors' FY2017 Triennial Revaluation Account.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors' – Thomas Millias

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 28 Voted to transfer \$5,359 from Line 36 (Conservation Commission Agent) of Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2013 and \$2,141 from the Wetlands Fund for the sum of \$7,500 for additional hours for the Conservation Commission Secretary to assist applicants in processing wetland applications, as well as contract with wetlands specialists for work including but not limited to the review of permit applications and wetland delineations.

Proposed by Conservation Commission – Tina Tonello

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 29 Voted to transfer from Article 35 (Purchase of two copy machines) of the Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 2008 the sum of \$1,800 to purchase three new desktop copiers/multi-function devices, one for Town Hall, one for the Fire Department and one for the Highway Department including toner supplies and maintenance contracts for these devices.

Proposed by the Town Administrator/Office Machines – Kim R. Roy

**Passed**

ARTICLE 30 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$4,500 for computer hardware and software and accompanying materials and equipment for the Holmes Public Library.

Proposed by the Board of Library Trustees

**Passed unanimously**

ARTICLE 31 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,640 for a part-time receptionist at 19.5 hours a week for the purpose of more adequate coverage at the Council on Aging.

Proposed by the Council on Aging – Barbara Brenton

A motion was made by Barbara Brenton, and seconded to amend the hours to 19. – Passed

A motion was made by Joy Marble, and seconded to replace “receptionist” with Secretary 1, Grade 2. – Passed Unanimously.

**Failed**

**The vote was challenged by 10 voters. A standing vote was called: Yes 50 No 42**

**Passed**

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ARTICLE 32 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$3,500 to support South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.'s continued free legal services in civil matters to elders, low-income families and their families.

Proposed by Gilbert Elliot-Smith and others – Troy E. Garron  
**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 33 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$3,500 to support South Shore Women's Resource Center for domestic violence intervention and prevention services for its residents.

Proposed by Ida Hathaway and others – Troy E. Garron  
**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 34 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$25,000 to purchase computers, monitors, peripheral equipment, warranties, service agreements, software and associated other costs for the Halifax Elementary School.

Proposed by Halifax Elementary School Committee – Cassandra Hanson  
**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 35 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to fund the Town's unemployment costs.

Proposed by the Town Treasurer-Collector – Kathleen Shiavone  
**Passed**

ARTICLE 36 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$66,000 and transfer from the Insurance Recovery Revolving Fund the sum of \$10,000 for a total of \$76,000 to purchase and equip two police cruisers.

Proposed by the Police Chief – Edward Broderick  
**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 37 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to the "Other Post Employment Benefits Liabilities Irrevocable Trust Fund".

Proposed by the Finance Committee – Gordon C. Andrews  
**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 38 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$31,500 to purchase and equip a new 2015 four-wheel drive pick-up truck for the Municipal and School Building Committee.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee – Gerard Elliott  
**Passed**

ARTICLE 39 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance, the sum of \$22,200 and transfer from Article 3 (Police Station Roof Repair) of the Special Town Meeting of September 23, 2013 the sum of \$9,300 for a total of \$31,500 for repairs, renovations and replacement of the roof at the Halifax Police Station.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee – Gerard Elliott  
**Passed Unanimously**

- ARTICLE 40 Voted to transfer from Overlay Surplus, the sum of \$53,760 for Phase 2 repairs, renovations and replacement of the alarm system at the Halifax Elementary School.
- Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee – Gerard Elliott
- Passed**
- ARTICLE 41 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance, the sum of \$9,999 and transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$5,501 for a total of \$15,500 for flushing, testing, and repairs of the sprinkler system at the Halifax Elementary School, the Halifax Police Station and the Halifax Town Hall.
- Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee – Gerard Elliott
- Passed Unanimously**
- ARTICLE 42 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance, the sum of \$3,856 and transfer from Article 33 (Repairs Roofs at Old School House and Municipal and School Building Committee Building) of the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2013 the sum of \$2,144 for a total of \$6,000 for repairs, renovations and replacement of the roof at the Halifax Water Department/Municipal and School Building Committee.
- Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee – Gerard Elliott
- Passed Unanimously**
- ARTICLE 43 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance, the sum of \$400 and transfer from Article 27 (Library Carpet Replacement) of Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2013 the sum of \$1,200 for a total of \$1,600 to upgrade the alarm systems at the Holmes Public Library and the Museum of Halifax.
- Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee – Gerard Elliott
- Passed Unanimously**
- A motion was made by Barbara Brenton and seconded to pass over the following article – Passed Unanimously**
- ARTICLE 44 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$500 to replace the porch door at the Council on Aging or take any action thereon.
- Proposed by the Council on Aging
- Passed Over Unanimously**
- A motion was made by Gordon C. Andrews, and seconded 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 accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71 Section 16G ½ establishing a stabilization fund for the Silver Lake Regional School District.
- Proposed by the Silver Lake Regional School Committee – Cassandra Hanson

**Failed**

ARTICLE 47 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Halifax, Chapter 156-2 (Trailers) from the following:

Before approval for a renewal is given, a public hearing shall be held by the Selectmen. ~~Two notices of such hearing shall be given by the Board of Selectmen on the Town of Halifax web site.~~ A copy of said notice shall be given to the applicant who shall notify by certified mail, all owners on land directly abutting said location, including those across the street, as appearing in the most recent tax list certified by the Board of Assessors. The Board of Assessors may waive any fee for said list, due to the hardship of the applicant. Proof of notice to the abutters must be provided by the applicant to the Board no later than at the time of the public hearing. If a renewal is granted by the Selectmen, the Board can extend that renewal for an additional 90 days without requiring another public hearing.

With the following:

Before approval for a renewal is given, a public hearing shall be held by the Selectmen. One notice of such hearing shall be given by the Board of Selectmen on the Town of Halifax web site at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the hearing. A copy of said notice shall be given to the applicant who shall notify by certified mail, all owners on land directly abutting said location, including those across the street, as appearing in the most recent tax list certified by the Board of Assessors. The Board of Assessors may waive any fee for said list, due to the hardship of the applicant. Proof of notice to the abutters must be provided by the applicant to the Board no later than at the time of the public hearing. If a renewal is granted by the Selectmen, the Board can extend that renewal for an additional 90 days without requiring another public hearing.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Passed**

ARTICLE 48 Voted to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, paragraph 54 and establish a minimum fair cash value of \$3,000 for personal property accounts to be taxed beginning in Fiscal Year 2015.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors- Thomas Millias

1) **A motion was made by Robert Johnson to amend “establish a minimum fair cash value” to “establish a baseline fair cash value”.**

**Failed**

2) **A motion was made by Amy Troup-Greeley to amend the cash value of \$3,000 to a cash value of \$10,000.**

**Failed**

3) **A motion was made by Thomas Fitzgerald to move the question as printed/read in the warrant.**

**Passed by two-thirds majority vote.**

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 49 Voted to enact Chapter 148 of the Town of Halifax General Bylaws, entitled “Stretch Energy Code” for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk .

**STRETCH ENERGY CODE**

§ 148-1 Definitions

§ 148-2 Purpose

§ 148-3 Applicability

§ 148-4 Stretch Code

§ 148-1 Definitions

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) - The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building energy code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency, and is updated on a three-year cycle. The baseline energy conservation requirements of the MA State Building Code are the IECC with Massachusetts amendments, as approved by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards.

Stretch Energy Code - Codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA of the 8th edition Massachusetts building code, the Stretch Energy Code is an appendix to the Massachusetts building August 2013 code, based on further amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to improve the energy efficiency of buildings built to this code.

§ 148-2 Purpose

The purpose of 780 CMR 115.AA is to provide a more energy efficient alternative to the Base Energy Code applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for both new construction and existing buildings.

§ 148-3 Applicability

This code applies to residential and commercial buildings. Buildings not included in this scope shall comply with 780 CMR 13, 34, 51, as applicable.

§ 148-4 Stretch Code

The Stretch Code, as codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA, including any future editions, amendments or modifications, is herein incorporated by reference into the Town of Halifax General Bylaws, Chapter 148.

The Stretch Code is enforceable by the Inspector of Buildings or Building Commissioner.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Michael J. Schleiff

**A Standing Vote was called: Yes 53 No 15**

**Passed**

ARTICLE 50 Voted to amend Chapter 112 (Junk Dealers and Collectors), Section 8 (Materials and Audit Sheets) by deleting the words ~~erossed-out~~ below.

All materials taken in will be held for a minimum of thirty (30) days before resale, trade, melting, changing of appearance or other means of disposal occur.

Audit sheets shall be submitted to the Chief of Police on a weekly basis with record of all transactions, including date of sale, amount, seller's name and address, date of birth, driver's license and state of issue, itemized list and description of article. Each licensee shall also take a color photograph of each item purchased and a color photograph of each person selling items. All audit sheets are to be legible and written in English. The required reports and photographs may be stored and transmitted electronically if the format is approved by the Chief of Police.

Criminal History Check Authorization

The Police Department may conduct State and Federal Fingerprint Based Criminal History check for individuals applying for ~~or in possession of~~ certain licenses including ~~but not limited to~~ those engaged in the business of Hawking and Peddling or other Door-to-Door Salespeople, Pawn Dealers and Hackney Drivers.

An applicant, ~~employee or volunteer~~ seeking to engage in the above employment shall submit, if required by the licensing authority, fingerprints taken by the Police Department along with a fee of \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars).

Upon receipt of the fingerprints and the appropriate fee, the Police Department will transmit the fingerprints to the State Police Identification Unit through the Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (DCJIS), formerly the Criminal History System Board (CHSB). ~~The State Police will compare the subject's fingerprints against its criminal file and then submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for a comparison with national records. The results of the FBI check will be returned to the State Police, which will then disseminate the state and national results back to the Police Department.~~

In rendering a fitness determination, the Police Department will decide whether the record subject has been convicted of (or is under pending indictment for) a crime, which bears upon his/her ability or fitness to serve in that capacity, any felony or a misdemeanor, which involved force or treat of force, controlled substances, or was a sex-related offense.

A record subject may request and receive a copy of his/her criminal history record from the Police Department. Should the record subject seek to amend or correct his/her record, he/she must contact CHSB for a state record or the FBI for records from other jurisdictions maintained in its file.

The Town or any of its officers, departments, boards, committees or other licensing authorities is hereby authorized to deny any application for, or to revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers thereof, for any person who is determined unfit for the license, as determined by the licensing authority, due to information obtained pursuant to this by-law or take any other action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Troy E. Garron

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 51 Voted to add the following to Chapter 167 (Zoning) of the Code of the Town of Halifax:

Adding the following to Schedule of Use Regulations for Commercial Uses under Section 167-7C:

Use	AR	B	I	I-2	C
Commercial Uses					
Medical Marijuana Treatment Center as a primary or accessory Use [See § 167-7D(14)]	N	N	SP	N	N

Adding the following to Schedule of Use Regulations for Agricultural Uses under Section 167-7C:

Use	AR	B	I	I-2	C
Agricultural Uses					
Medical Marijuana Treatment Center as a primary or accessory Use [See § 167-7D(14)]	N	N	SP	N	N

*Note:*

*AR=Agricultural Residential Zone*

*B=Business Zone*

*I=Industrial Zone*

*I-2=Industrial 2 Zone*

*C=Conservancy Zone*

Adding the following definition to Chapter 167-3 Definitions.

**MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER** – A not-for-profit entity, as defined by Massachusetts law only, registered by the Department of Public health, that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses or administers marijuana, products

containing marijuana, related supplies or education material to qualify patients or their personal caregivers.

Add the following as Chapter 167 167-7D(14)

Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers:

Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers may be allowed by special permit in the Industrial and I-2 District. The Special Permit Granting Authority shall be the Planning Board and the following regulations shall apply:

1. No treatment center shall be located within 500 hundred linear feet of any school or child care facility or where children generally congregate, any other Medical Marijuana Treatment Center or any establishment licensed to pour alcohol under the provision of G.L. c.138 § 12.

Distances shall be calculated by direct measurement of a straight line from the nearest property line of the facility in question to the nearest property line of the Medical Marijuana Treatment Center.

2. The hours of operation of Medical Marijuana Treatment Center may be set by the Planning Board, but at no time shall the facilities be open between the hours of 8 pm and 8 am.
3. The special permit shall be granted for a term of 2 years from the dates of issuance. A renewal application shall be submitted 90 days prior to expiration date of the special permit and will be subject to a public hearing in accordance with G.L. c.40A § 9, 11 and 15. The special permit will become null and void if the applicant does not construct or commence within one year of granting a permit.
4. In addition to this by-law, any permit applied for and/or issued for a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center shall comply with all the requirements of 105 CMR 725.000.
5. No burning, smoking or consuming of any product containing marijuana or related products shall be permitted on or in the premises.
6. There will be no displayed products in the facilities windows or be visible from any street or parking lot.
7. Business owners shall provide security measures for the facility to include one or more fencing, lighting, surveillance cameras, gates and alarm system to ensure the safety of any persons and to protect the premises from theft.
8. Signage will conform to the current sign by-laws in section 167-13 and any exterior sign may identify the establishment but will not contain any other advertisement.
9. Any Treatment Center is prohibited to sell or distribute marijuana to any persons other than for medical use to qualifying patients.

Proposed by the Planning Board – Gordon R. Andrews

Planning Board recommended.

**A two-thirds vote is required to pass.**

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 52 Voted to replace Section 167-7 subsection (13):

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. [Added 5-12-2003 ATM, Art. 50]

With the following:

All commercial buildings or structures 15,000 square feet or greater in area of all above ground floors 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 R. Andrews

**A two-thirds majority vote is required to pass.**

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 53 Voted to amend Chapter 149 (Swimming Pools) of the Code of the Town of Halifax:

1. Retitle Chapter 149 as “Swimming Pools, Hot Tubs and Spas”

2. Replace the current Section 2 which reads as follows:

§ 149-2. Pools to be enclosed by fence or wall.

A. Every outdoor residential swimming pool shall be completely surrounded at all times, whether or not the same is filled with water, by a fence or wall not less than five (5) feet in height, except that fences or walls in existence at the time this chapter becomes effective shall satisfy this requirement if they are not less than four (4) feet in height. Each such fence or wall shall be so constructed as not to have openings, holes or gaps larger than four (4) inches in any dimension except for doors and gates and except for picket fences, in which case, however, the gaps between pickets shall not exceed four (4) inches. A building may be used as part such enclosure.

B. All gates or doors opening through such enclosure shall be of not less than the same height as the fence or wall and shall be equipped with a self-closing and self-latching device, located not less than four (4) feet above the ground on the fence or wall for keeping the gate or door securely closed at all times when not in actual use, except that the door of any dwelling which forms a part of the enclosure need not be so equipped. Each such gate or door shall be latched at all times when the swimming pool enclosure is not in use.

With the Following:

Every outdoor residential swimming pool, spa or hot tub shall be completely surrounded at all times, whether or not the same is filled with water, as set out in the Massachusetts State Building Code 780 CMR for “Swimming Pool, Spas and Hot Tubs”.

3. Delete Section 3 (Exceptions) which reads as follows:

149-3. Exceptions.

The provisions of § 149-2 shall not be applicable to residential swimming pools with locked enclosures, in existence on the date of enactment of said sections, until the date six (6) months subsequent to such date or enactment.

4. Renumber Section 4 (Violations and penalties) as Section 3.

Proposed by the Zoning By-Law Review Committee – Thomas Millias

**A two-thirds majority vote is required.**

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 54 Voted to replace Section 167-3

Definitions.

SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING – A freestanding structure designed and equipped for occupancy in its entirety by one household or family and having no party wall or walls in common with adjacent house or houses and containing not more than one room for cooking facilities. This excludes house trailers, mobile homes, trailer coaches or similar units designed to be transported over the highway by attached wheels, whether or not on wheels, blocks or a conventional foundation.

With the following:

SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING – A freestanding structure designed and equipped for occupancy in its entirety by one household or family and having no party wall or walls in common with adjacent house or houses. This excludes house trailers, mobile homes, trailer coaches or similar units designed to be

transported over the highway by attached wheels, whether or not on wheels, blocks or a conventional foundation.

Proposed by the Zoning By-law Review Committee – Gordon R. Andrews

**A two-thirds majority vote is required.**

**Passed Unanimously**

**And on Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to meet at the Halifax Elementary School:**

ARTICLE 55 To see if the Town will vote to elect one Board of Assessors member for a term of three years, one Board of Assessors member for a term of one year, one Board of Health member for a term of three years, one Highway Surveyor for a term of three years, two Holmes Public Library Trustees for a term of three years, one Holmes Public Library Trustee for a term of two years, one Holmes Public Library Trustee for a term of one year, one Housing Authority member for a term of five years, one Park Commission member for a term of three years, one Planning Board member for a term of five years, two Halifax Elementary School Committee members for a term of three years, one Halifax Elementary School Committee member for a term of one year, one Silver Lake Regional School Committee member for a term of three years, one Board of Selectmen member for a term of three years, and one Water Commissioner for a term of three years.

QUESTION 1 Shall the Town of Halifax be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of purchasing land, buildings, structures, property, and furnishings for a Council on Aging Center including but not limited to any associated costs including any architectural, engineering, administrative and legal work associated with this purchase?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

QUESTION 2 Shall the Town vote to have its elected Treasurer-Collector become an appointed Treasurer-Collector of the Town?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

The results are on the following pages.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Gaynor, Town Clerk