

TOWN OF HALIFAX
MAY 9, 2022
ANNUAL & SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Town Moderator declared a quorum at 7:03. Pledge of allegiance was recited lead by the Moderator, Robert G. Gaynor, II. The Moderator discussed procedures of Town Meeting. Town Clerk, Susan Lawless read the call to order.

Article 1

To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.
Selectmen report read by Gordon C. Andrews.

The Moderator asked for a motion to recess the Annual Town Meeting and open up the Special Town Meeting.

Motioned and seconded.

Passes Unanimously

Special Town Meeting started at 7:13p.m.

Moderator explained that informational handouts were provided and to follow along with the one labeled Special Town Meeting.

The Town Clerk read the call to order for the Special Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,810 to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement for Fiscal Year 2022 between AFSCME AFL-CIO Union Council 93, Local 1700 (Highway/Cemetery) and the Town of Halifax or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Moved and seconded as printed in the handout. Ms. DiSesa explained that this Article is to fund an agreement with the Highway/Cemetery Union giving them a 1% increase for FY22, which brings them in line with all the other unions in Town.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum

of \$260,000 to repair the roof and exterior wall on the old section of the Town Barn or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee

Moved and seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that the rear portion of the Town Barn needs structural work on the Roof before it can be repaired. It is currently unstable. The wall in the rear portion also needs to be repaired.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$80,000 to repair the lower walls and doors of the bay area at the Recycling Center or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee

Moved and seconded as printed in the handout. Ms. DiSesa explained that the Recycling Center is a metal building, and the lower portion of the walls and doors are starting to rust and rot. These need to be repaired before it spreads and becomes more of an issue.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,300 to be added to Line 136 of Article 4 of the May 10, 2021, Annual Town Meeting, for extra details (Police and Fire) for the Fireworks event scheduled for June 25, 2022 or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Halifax Fireworks Committee

Moved and seconded as printed in the handout. No money had been budgeted in the FY22 budget because it was believed that the Fireworks would happen in July of the new Fiscal Year, but the Town could not get the first weekend in July, so they moved it back to June 25th.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 to be added to Line 83 of Article 4 of the May 10, 2021, Annual Town Meeting, to cover the deficit in the Snow & Ice budget for Fiscal Year 2022 or take any other action thereon.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Moved and seconded as printed in the handout. Ms. DiSesa explained that due to the winter weather the Town went into a deficit on the Snow and Ice line, this transfer will cover that deficit. Mr. Andrews re-read for clarification that Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) be transferred from Veteran's Benefits, Line 120 of Article 4 of the May 10, 2021, Annual Town Meeting, to Snow and Ice Removal, Line 83 of Article 4 of the May 10, 2021, Annual Town Meeting, to cover the deficit in the Snow & Ice.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$200,000 to Line 72 of Article 4 of the May 10, 2021, Annual Town Meeting, to cover the deficit in the Special Needs Transportation line of the FY22 budget or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Moved and seconded as printed in the handout. Ms. Schmaling Chairman of Halifax School Committee explained that due to the Pandemic some of the vendors we use to transport the out of district special education students went out of business, and the vendors we continued to use had difficulty finding drivers. Therefore, we have been in the position to obtain Special Needs Transportation where available and for the rate quoted by the provider. This amount does not eliminate the deficit for this year, but it does allow us to work within the confines of the budget lines and still carryover Circuit Breaker Funds to next year.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Halifax Chapter 144-2 D (13) Soil Removal - Conditions as follows by:

Replacing

This permit is subject to a fee of \$0.25 per cubic yard or more, as determined by the Board, payable to the Town of Halifax. Any inspections by an engineer of the Town's choice to ensure that the work being done follows the approved plans and this section shall be paid by the applicant.

With

This permit is subject to a fee in an amount to be set by the Board of Selectmen from time to time after a public hearing. or take any other action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Moved and seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that this article will allow the Selectmen to set a reasonable fee for soil removal and not have to come back to Town Meeting to update the amount.

Board of Selectmen Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects \$11,000 to replace the Front Door at Town Hall or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee

Moved and seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that this Article will replace the front door at Town Hall, these are the main doors at the parking lot entrance. The doors are over 30 years old, they are not weather tight, even with the weather stripping that was added. They often do not close completely when locked leaving the building unlocked.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$5,000 to purchase materials to build sound reducing panels for town buildings or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee

Moved and seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that the Town will save a decent amount of money by being able to build their own sound reducing panels to be used in the Library, Town Hall, and other Town buildings, where sound reverberation is an issue.

Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends
PASSES

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to: Change the Town's zoning by-law to include a limit on allowed dispensaries to the lessor of 20% of the number of liquor stores allowed under MGL c. 138, § 15 or 2 as is allowed in the states cannabis regulations.

The changes in the Town's zoning bylaws would be as follows:

Change

Chapter 167-7 (D) Use Regulations (15) Marijuana Establishments

1. No Marijuana Establishment shall be located within 500 (five hundred) linear feet of any school or childcare facility or where children generally congregate, any other Marijuana Establishment or any establishment licensed to pour alcohol under the provisions 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 Marijuana Establishment.

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Proposed by Paul Reed, et al

Motioned and seconded as printed in the handout. The petitioner was not available to speak on the article.

2/3 Vote was Required

Finance Committee Does Not Recommend

Planning Board Does Not Recommend

FAILED

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$15,000 to build and equip a maintenance shop at the Recycling Center for use by Building Maintenance or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee

Motioned and seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that the Building Maintenance Department needs a single location to house their office, tools, and supplies; and a place to park their vehicles in the evenings. The Recycling Center had the space available. Last year the Building Maintenance office was moved to the Recycling Center, and they are parking their trucks there. This Article would allow them to build and equip a maintenance shop. This will allow them to work more efficiently.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,411 to put back into the Retiree Medical Bills line which was erroneously closed out at the end of Fiscal Year 2021.

Proposed by the Town Accountant

Motioned and seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that this amount was erroneously closed out to the General Fund at the end of FY21 and needs to be put back.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Unemployment Compensation Fund or take any other action thereon.

Proposed by the Treasurer-Collector

Motioned and seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that this will fund the Unemployment Compensation Fund for the next year or two.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$32,061 to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement for Fiscal Year 2021 between the Halifax Association of Police Patrolmen and the Town of Halifax or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Motioned and seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that this Article is to fund an agreement with the Patrol Officers Union giving them a 1.6% increase for FY21, which brings them in line with all the other unions in Town. The agreement also increases their education stipend.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer for available funds the sum of \$22,715 to fund a 1% wage increase for all Wage & Personnel Employees, Town Clerk, Treasurer/Collector and Highway Surveyor for Fiscal Year 2022 as shown in the Warrant.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Motioned and seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that this Article is to fund a 1% increase for FY22 for aa Wage & Personnel Employees as well as the Treasurer/Collector, Town Clerk and Highway Surveyor, which brings them in line with all union employees in Town.

A resident asked to amend the article so that the Treasurer/Collector position would not be included as the position is currently vacant and the new Treasurer/Collector would not be as experienced.

Motion to amend the article to the sum of \$21,984 removing the Treasurer/Collector position only from receiving this increase.

Amendment Fails

ARTICLE 3

As previously motioned and seconded as printed in the handout.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$5,700 for a new Voting Machine/Tabulator or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Town Clerk

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that after the last census the State split the Town into 3 voting precincts, therefore we need a new Voting Machine/Tabulator.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

Motioned and Seconded to adjourn the Special Town Meeting and return to the Annual Town Meeting.

PASSES

A recess was called at 8:05 to improve the audio as residents stated they were having difficulty hearing.

The Annual Meeting resumed at 8:40 with a significant improvement in the audio.

Point of Order – A resident stated she would like to move Article 32 for discussion in reference to the COA building. She had heard the town was going to pass over this article and wanted the seniors to get some answers. The Moderator conferred with Town Counsel and because the lottery system of articles is a by-law, he is unable to take this out of order.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage and Personnel By-Law as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee or take any action thereon:

Add Juneteenth to the list of designated holidays in the Wage and Personnel By-Law Section 35-26A.

Grant a 1% wage increase to all Wage & Personnel employees as shown in the Warrant.

Proposed by the Finance Committee

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that this would add Juneteenth as a Designated Holiday in the Wage & Personnel By-Laws and give the Wage & Personnel employees a 1% pay increase for FY23.

A resident made a motion to amend article 2 to give a \$3,000 stipend for any municipal employee or municipal department that have not yet received it. The moderator asked where the funding would come from. The resident stated through federal funds. After some discussion with Town Counsel the Moderator stated that the amendment was out of order because it is the discretion of The Board of Selectmen not Town Meeting to spend federal funds.

Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends
PASSES

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to determine the salaries of several elective Town Officers, July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, or take any action thereon:

	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
Moderator	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Town Clerk	\$55,179	\$56,062	\$56,623	\$57,190
Selectmen (each)	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Treasurer-Collector	\$70,899	\$72,033	\$73,764	\$74,502
Assessors (each)	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Highway Surveyor	\$75,215	\$76,419	\$77,184	\$77,956

Proposed by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting

Moved and Seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that this article would give the Town Clerk, Treasurer/Collector, and the Highway Surveyor a 1% pay increase for FY23.

Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends
PASSES

ARTICLE 4

Operating Budget.

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.

Proposed by the Finance Committee

Item #	Account Description	Expended FY20	Expended FY21	Budget FY22	Recommend FY23
1	Moderator - Salary	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$200
2	Selectmen - Salary	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
3	Town Admin. - Salary	\$111,000	\$111,250	\$121,250	\$125,000
4	Selectmen - Clerical	\$83,904	\$85,121	\$85,437	\$85,768
5	Selectmen - Expense	\$3,270	\$3,639	\$3,925	\$3,925
6	Law	\$107,219	\$100,885	\$124,500	\$124,500
7	Town Hall - Electricity	\$13,980	\$14,177	\$15,000	\$15,000
8	Town Meeting Warrants	\$10,569	\$5,333	\$6,600	\$6,600
9	Audit	\$25,500	\$25,500	\$31,500	\$31,500 (A)
10	Fin Comm - Clerical	\$2,943	\$4,104	\$4,830	\$5,088
11	Fin Comm - Expense	\$280	\$255	\$359	\$359
12	Accountant - Salary	\$78,835	\$80,078	\$80,078	\$80,867
13	Accountant - Clerical	\$49,616	\$42,992	\$44,642	\$46,813
14	Accountant - Expense	\$307	\$1,554	\$1,625	\$1,625
15	IT – Wages				\$32,362
16	IT – Expenditures	\$99,595	\$100,885	\$135,705	\$110,191
17	Assessors - Salary	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
18	Principal Assessor/Appraiser	\$77,528	\$78,979	\$79,047	\$79,725
19	Assessors - Clerical	\$65,021	\$65,374	\$66,443	\$68,945
20	Assessors - Expense	\$12,203	\$12,020	\$13,165	\$15,160
21	Office Machines – Expense	\$4,677	\$5,614	\$6,000	\$6,000
22	Treasurer/Collector Salary	\$71,899	\$73,033	\$73,033	\$73,764
23	Treasurer/Collector - Clerical	\$133,903	\$138,018	\$140,850	\$152,865
24	Treasurer - Expense	\$7,483	\$7,495	\$7,500	\$7,500
25	Collector - Expense	\$14,777	\$14,850	\$14,850	\$14,850
26	Treasurer - Banking & Payroll Expense	\$7,256	\$7,451	\$7,900	\$8,000
27	Tax Title - Treasurer	\$10,569	\$313	\$5,000	\$5,000
28	Town Clerk - Salary	\$56,179	\$57,62	56,062	\$56,623

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29	Town Clerk - Clerical	\$31,603	\$19,643	\$34,772	\$41,709
30	Town Clerk - Expense	\$3,847	\$3,728	\$4,035	\$4,035
31	Elect/Register	\$13,543	\$29,461	\$11,784	\$31,100
32	Wage & Personnel - Expense	\$225	\$225	\$250	\$250
33	Recruitment & Employment Costs	\$3,463	\$3,921	\$7,500	\$7,500
34	Cons Commission - Expense	\$748	\$758	\$800	\$800
35	Planning Board – Wages				\$16,718
36	Planning Board - Expense	\$1,563	\$720	\$2,000	\$2000
37	Zoning Board of Appeals - Expense	\$521	\$441	\$825	\$825
38	Regulatory - Clerical	\$66,892	\$74,874	\$76,981	\$66,693
39	Building Committee - Clerical	\$11,759	\$11,879	\$11,902	\$12,022
40	Building Committee - Expense	\$288	\$202	\$450	\$450
41	Town Buildings - Director of Building Maintenance				\$91,806
42	Town Buildings - Custodial	\$171,937	\$187,864	\$222,320	\$137,230
43	Town Buildings - Expense	\$33,809	\$34,145	\$35,360	\$35,360
44	Town Building Preventative Maintenance	\$45,829	\$53,373	\$52,616	\$52,616
45	Town Buildings - Snow & Ice Expense	\$1,827	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
	Total General Government	\$1,445,355	\$1,466,215	\$1,597,588	\$1,670,344
	Public Safety- Police				
46	Police - Chief Salary	\$115,614	\$120,403	\$130,000	\$137,500
47	Police - Wages	\$1,073,699	\$1,103,039	\$1,226,061	\$1,240,765
48	Police - Training	\$9,830	\$14,865	\$10,000	\$10,000
49	Police - Clerical	\$47,554	\$48,529	\$48,127	\$48,607
50	Police - Expense		\$75,056	\$69,792	\$70,000
51	Police - Station Maintenance		\$16,808	\$15,898	\$20,000
52	Police - Cruiser Maintenance		\$13,081	\$15,904	\$13,000
	Total Police		\$1,351,642	\$1,388,430	\$1,517,188

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	Public Safety - Fire				
53	Fire - Chief Salary	\$125,000	\$127,444	\$132,500	\$140,000
54	Fire - Clerical	\$37,695	\$38,118	\$43,366	\$43,840
55	Fire - Wages	\$940,772	\$957,604	\$1,049,183	\$1,080,624
56	Fire - Training	\$51,146	\$28,749	\$58,758	\$59,007
57	Fire - Expense	\$46,933	\$46,240	\$46,750	\$46,750
58	Fire - Station Maintenance	\$16,913	\$15,232	\$17,000	\$17,000
59	Fire - Vehicle/Equip Maintenance	\$30,119	\$32,452	\$33,500	\$33,500
60	Fire - Medical Supplies	\$24,474	\$29,986	\$26,000	\$29,500
61	Ambulance Billing	\$23,972	\$25,887	\$27,500	\$27,500
	Total Fire	\$1,297,024	\$1,301,711	\$1,429,057	\$1,477,721
	Public Safety- Other Public Safety				
62	Emergency Management	\$1,469	\$629	\$4,550	\$4,550
63	Building Inspector - Wages	\$72,715	\$75,965	\$78,047	\$70,788
64	Asst Building Inspector Wages	\$2,202	\$2,238	\$2,238	\$0
65	Building Inspector - Expense	\$3,761	\$2,688	\$4,750	\$6,988
66	Sealer Weights/Measure - Salary	\$2,673	\$2,716	\$2,716	\$2,744
67	Sealer Weights/Measure - Expense	\$41	\$28	\$527	\$527
68	Animal Control Officer - Salary	\$19,471	\$17,809	\$21,619	\$22,601 (B)
69	Animal Control Officer - Expense	\$1,377	\$2,776	\$4,616	\$4,600 (B)
	Total Other Public Safety	\$103,709	\$104,849	\$119,063	\$112,798
70	Dispatch Services	\$124,568	\$150,000	\$163,000	\$200,000
	Total Communications	\$124,568	\$150,000	\$163,000	\$200,000
	Total Public Safety	\$2,876,944	\$2,944,990	\$3,228,308	\$3,330,391

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Schools					
71	Elementary - School Costs	\$5,518,373	\$5,650,356	\$5,910,466	\$6,006,890
72	Vocational – Education	\$190,582	\$116,454	\$156,500	\$156,500
73	Special Needs – Tuitions	\$1,805,347	\$1,857,349	\$2,009,345	\$2,092,389
74	Special Needs – Transportation	\$459,446	\$494,866	\$473,800	\$790,523
75	Silver Lake Assessment	\$4,594,943	\$4,632,541	4,856,082	\$5,123,706
76	Debt Exclusion Budget Silver Lake	\$475,150	\$463,867	\$450,993	\$457,454 (D)
	Total Schools	\$13,043,841	\$13,215,432	\$13,947,186	\$14,627,462
Public Works- Highway					
77	Highway - Surveyor Salary	\$75,215	\$76,419	\$76,419	\$77,184
78	Highway - Wages	\$294,835	\$305,695	\$328,391	\$321,054
79	Highway - Clerical	\$42,589	\$42,814	\$47,615	\$47,615
80	Highway - Expense	\$4,983	\$5,631	\$6,771	\$6,771
81	Highway - Barn Maintenance	\$6,913	\$11,185	\$11,610	\$11,610
82	Highway - Equipment	\$47,445	\$49,242	\$52,500	\$52,500
83	Highway - Town Roads	\$53,610	\$49,027	\$58,705	\$58,705
84	Highway Stormwater Management	\$142,153	\$82,669	\$144,400	\$144,400
85	Highway - Snow & Ice	\$91,094	\$82,669	\$177,509	\$177,509
86	Streetlights	\$32,033	\$34,786	\$32,500	\$32,500
87	Traffic Lights	\$2,638	\$2,348	\$5,500	\$7,500
88	Tree Warden Salary	\$-	\$-	\$1	\$1
89	Tree Maintenance	\$3,424	\$3,315	\$3,500	\$7,000
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90	Insect & Pest Control	\$-	\$-	\$1	\$1
	Total Highway	\$796,933	\$810,672	\$945,422	\$944,350

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	Public Works - Cemetery				
91	Cemetery - Supt Salary	\$11,269	\$11,450	\$11,450	\$11,565
92	Cemetery - Wages	\$69,520	\$65,204	\$68,889	\$69,329
93	Cemetery - Supplies & Equip	\$4,456	\$5,145	\$6,195	\$6,195
	Total Cemetery	\$85,245	\$81,799	\$86,534	\$87,089
	Public Works - Water				
94	Water- Supt Salary	\$82,775	\$99,857	\$87,961	\$83,794
95	Water - Wages	\$184,772	\$189,052	\$239,374	\$234,211
96	Water - Clerical	\$42,328	\$44,078	\$46,359	\$49,983
97	Water - Supply	\$144,038	\$176,956	\$182,600	\$186,200
98	Water - Insurance	\$30,909	\$32,744	\$50,000	\$50,000
99	Water - Retirement	\$15,907	\$21,629	\$31,000	\$20,000
100	Water - Legal fees	\$-	\$-	\$1,500	\$1,500
101	Water - Meters	\$19,980	\$19,980	\$50,000	\$50,000
102	Water - Gas & Oil	\$6,192	\$8,108	\$11,000	\$13,000
103	Water - Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance	\$6,188	\$7,574	\$15,000	\$15,000
104	Water - Tower/Wells Maintenance	\$26,963	\$99,994	\$125,000	\$125,000
	Total Water	\$560,054	\$699,973	\$839,794	\$828,688 (E)
	Public Works - Solid Waste Management				
105	Recycling Office - Clerical	\$32,173	\$32,443	\$31,907	\$32,220
106	Recycling Office - Expense	\$3,516	\$2,869	\$3,501	\$3,501
107	Recycling Center - Wages	\$69,165	\$71,626	\$73,313	\$75,274
108	Recycling Center - Expense	\$44,026	\$45,918	\$45,000	\$39,046
109	Hazardous Waste Collection	\$13,293	\$8,308	\$14,550	\$5,950
110	Trash Collection/Disposal	\$215,789	\$218,293	\$242,743	\$332,460
	Total Solid Waste Management	\$377,963	\$379,458	\$411,014	\$488,451 (F)

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	Total Public Works	\$1,820,195	\$1,971,901	\$2,282,764	\$2,348,578
	Health and Human Services				
111	Health - Clerical	\$38,533	\$43,279	\$44,724	\$45,609
112	Health - Expense	\$3,698	\$8,028	\$7,873	\$7,873
113	Health - Inspections	\$87,441	\$68,478	\$73,879	\$76,725
114	Health - Nursing Service	\$5,833	\$143	\$7,000	\$7,000
115	Landfill - Engineering & Monitoring	\$15,234	\$15,216	\$15,217	\$15,217
116	Inspector of Animals	\$3,172	\$3,223	\$3,223	\$3,256
117	Council on Aging Director Salary				\$67,199
118	Council on Aging - Wages	\$157,249	\$151,194	\$185,237	\$118,394
119	Council on Aging - Expense	\$8,589	\$2,702	\$8,880	\$9,450
120	Popes Tavern Electricity	\$2,592	\$2,862	\$3,000	\$3,300
121	Veterans Agent - Salary	\$15,273	\$15,518	\$15,518	\$15,674
122	Veterans Agent - Expense	\$433	\$1,202	\$1,350	\$1,350
123	Veterans Benefits	\$178,148	\$164,932	\$205,225	\$205,225
124	Housing Authority	\$-	\$-	\$1	\$1
125	A.D.A. - Expense	\$-	\$-	\$1	\$1
	Total Health and Human Services	\$516,196	\$476,776	\$571,048	\$576,274
	Culture and Recreation				
126	Library - Director Salary	\$66,923	\$69,903	\$71,446	\$72,151
127	Library - Wages	\$162,179	\$137,209	\$174,214	\$178,605
128	Library - Expense	\$75,332	\$79,256	\$90,340	\$89,435
129	Youth & Rec - Wages	\$16,705	\$18,051	\$18,084	\$18,265
130	Youth & Rec - Expense	\$13,216	\$11,077	\$13,216	\$13,216
131	Youth & Rec - Director	\$17,736	\$18,023	\$18,023	\$18,204

Item #	Account Description	Expended FY20	Expended FY21	Budget FY22	Recommend FY23
132	Parks - Wages	\$-	\$-	\$100	\$100
133	Parks - Expense	\$361	\$201	\$450	\$1,562
134	Cable Television	\$196,232	\$193,925	\$198,000	\$198,000 (G)
135	Patriotic Celebrations	\$-	\$-	\$300	\$300
136	Historical Commission	\$2,194	\$2,204	\$3,500	\$3,500
137	Historical District Commission	\$-	\$-	\$446	\$446
138	Holidays in Halifax	\$3,287	\$-	\$3,395	\$3,395
139	Halifax Fireworks Committee	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$3,300
140	Beautification Comm - Expense	\$500	\$388	\$500	\$500
141	Agricultural Commission	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
142	Website Committee Expense	\$2,850	\$2,850	\$3,050	\$3,050
143	Music Rights	\$357	\$364	\$366	\$366
	Total Culture and Recreation	\$557,873	\$533,451	\$595,430	\$604,395
	Debt Service				
144	Debt WPAT	\$10,400	\$10,200	\$-	\$-
145	Debt WPAT II	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000 (H)
146	Debt - Landfill Capping	\$102,938	\$99,281	\$95,569	\$91,857 (I)(J)
147	Debt - HES Roof & Repairs	\$412,650	\$327,350	\$317,850	\$308,350 (K)
148	Debt - HES Fire Suppression System	\$21,750	\$17,250	\$214,189	\$153,275
149	Interest on Temporary Loans	\$45,570	\$-	\$5,000	\$5,000
	Total Debt Service	\$603,308	\$453,881	\$642,608	\$568,482

Item #	Account Description	Expended FY20	Expended FY21	Budget FY22	Recommend FY23
FIXED COST					
150	Plymouth County Retirement	\$1,164,882	\$1,277,154	\$1,462,365	\$1,579,441 (L)
151	Group Insurance - Town Share	\$1,010,34	\$1,052,498	\$1,079,027	\$1,054,560
152	Medicare - Town Share	\$127,872	\$129,205	\$134,722	\$142,874
153	Insurance	\$243,667	\$256,439	\$315,741	\$315,741
154	OPEB Trust	\$36,000	\$37,000	\$38,000	\$39,000
155	Telephone	\$38,503	\$40,305	\$40,000	\$40,000
156	Gas & Oil - All Depts.	\$74,830	\$63,632	\$90,000	\$110,000
157	Heating Oil - All Bldgs.	\$36,086	\$35,043	\$50,000	\$60,000
Total Fixed Costs		\$2,733,18	\$2,891,275	\$3,209,855	\$3,341,616
Total General Operating		\$23,596,89	\$23,953,922	\$26,080,287	\$27,067,542

<u>Funding Notes</u>		Expended FY20	Expended FY21	Budget FY22	Recommended FY23
(A)	From Solid Waste Retained Earnings	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
	From Water Revenues	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
(B)	From Dog Fund	24,112	24,038	26,235	27,201
(C)	This number has been reduced by \$755,828 which is being funded through Circuit Breaker money received from the State				
(D)	Under Debt Exclusion	480,982	475,150	463,867	450,993
(E)	From Water Fund Revenue	739,015	731,821	793,386	828,688
(F)	From Solid Waste Fund Revenue	218,665	261,357	236,014	313,451
	From Solid Waste Fund Retained Earnings	150,000	140,000	140,000	140,000
	From Raise and Appropriate			35,000	35,000
(G)	From PEG Access Fund Revenue	200,000	199,000	173,000	173,000
	From PEG Access Retained Earnings			25,000	25,000
(H)	From Abatement Trust Revenue	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
(I)	Under Debt Exclusion	106,538	102,667	95,452	91,857
(J)	From Fund Balance Reserved for Bond Premium	347	271	117	1,474
(K)	Under Debt Exclusion	412,650	327,350	317,850	308,350
(L)	From Water Retained Earnings	53,000	55,000	55,000	75,000

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.

Proposed by the Finance Committee

Moved and Seconded. Mr. Andrews moved that the Town's Operating Budget as printed in the ATM Warrant under the column entitled "Recommended FY 23" with the wage lines amended as shown in the Blue Handout under column entitled "New Recommended Amount", be raised and appropriated from the 2023 Tax Levy and other general revenues of the town.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 5

To see if the city/town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during Fiscal Year 2023 beginning on July 1, 2022, for the revolving funds established in city ordinances/town by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies, or officers in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, or take any other action relative thereto.

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency, or Officer authorized to spend from the fund	FY2023 Spending Limit
Conservation Commission	Conservation Commission	\$ 20,000
Board of Health consulting	Board of Health	\$ 30,000
Recycling bins	Highway Surveyor	\$ 5,000
Earth Removal review	Board of Selectmen	\$ 10,000
Planning Board consulting	Planning Board	\$ 30,000
Building Inspector consulting	Building Inspector	\$ 15,000
Youth & Recreation programs	Youth and Recreation	\$ 90,000
Youth & Recreation advertisements	Youth and Recreation	\$ 40,000
CPR classes	Fire Chief	\$ 5,000
ZBA consulting	Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 35,000
Library computer, printers & copier	Library Trustees	\$ 5,000
Selectmen legal advertising	Board of Selectmen	\$ 1,500
Council on Aging Elderbus	Council on Aging	\$ 15,000
Inspector wages	Building Inspector	\$ 100,000
Concession stand	Board of Selectmen	\$ 10,000
Solar projects	Board of Selectmen	\$ 10,000
Library book replacement	Library Trustees	\$ 2,000
Water tower/cell tower inspections	Board of Water Commissioners	\$ 20,000

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that this year we have added one line to the revolving accounts that we have every year, Youth and Recreation Advertising. This will allow the Youth and Rec Committee to sell advertising space on the ball field fences and use that money for the maintenance of the fields. I would also like to point out that the Inspector Revolving account that the Building Inspector is authorized to spend is for wages for our Plumbing, Gas, and Wiring Inspectors.

Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends
PASSES

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$75,000 for a new Water Recycling Unit and Shed Roof for the Wash Bay at the Highway Barn or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that the broken system will be replaced by the identical (but updated) system. We will install a roof over the wash bay to prevent rainwater from going into the drain storage tank. This will bring us up to code with the MS4 Stormwater Regulations.

Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends
PASSES

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$36,800 for 16 Security Cameras to be placed on Town Buildings or take any action relative thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that this project is an expansion of our existing exterior video surveillance system.

Moderator declared Article 28 as passing. Seven people requested a re-count so the Moderator held a standing vote on this article. The Town Clerk swore in four Counters to help with this vote. The Counters were Barbara Gaynor, Jeanne Kling, Robert Hodge and John Shiavone.

Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends
The Vote was 92-Yes and 60- No
PASSES

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$75,000 to the Reserve Fund to cover extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures during Fiscal Year 2023 in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and to transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000 to the Water Department Reserve Fund or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Finance Committee

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that this article is the same article that we put before the Town each year to set up reserves in case of unforeseen emergencies during the year.

Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends
PASSES

ARTICLE 38

To amend **Chapter 82 Dogs and Other Animals** of the Town of Halifax By-laws as follows:

Add

Section 82-1.2 Vaccination against rabies

The owner or keeper of a dog or cat four (4) months of age or older shall cause such dog or cat to be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian using a licensed vaccine approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Unvaccinated dogs and cats acquired or moved into the Town of Halifax shall be vaccinated within thirty (30) days after the acquisition or arrival into Halifax or upon reaching the age of four (4) months, whichever last occurs. Such owner or keeper shall procure a veterinarian's certification that such animal has been so vaccinated and setting forth the date of such vaccination and the duration of immunity, or a notarized letter from a veterinarian that a certification was issued. The veterinarian shall issue a tag with each certification of vaccination. The tag shall be secured by the owner or keeper of such dog or cat to a collar or harness made of suitable material to be worn by the dog or cat; provided however, the owner of a cat may choose not to affix a tag to his cat but shall have the tag available for inspection upon demand by the Animal Control Officer, Police Officers, or other such authorized officials of the Town. Vaccinated animals shall be revaccinated periodically in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by and

promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50), which shall be paid to the Town.

Amending section 82-2.1 Leash Law paragraph E

From

Penalties for violation of this Article are Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25) for the first offense, second violation within six (6) months, Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35); third or more violations within six (6) months of first violation, Fifty Dollars (\$50). Any violation which results in personal injury or property damage in excess of Twenty- Five Dollars (\$25): a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50).

To

E. Penalties for violation of this Article are Fifty Dollars (\$50) for the first offense, second violation One Hundred Dollars (\$100); third violations Three Hundred Dollars (\$300); fourth or subsequent offense Five Hundred Dollars (\$500). Any violation which results in personal injury or property damage in excess of Fifty Dollars (\$50): a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100).

Add 82-6 License fees paragraph D.

D. No License fee shall be charged for a dog owned by a person aged seventy (70) years or over (MGL. C.140 SS139). Late fees and citations may still be charged.

Amend 82-7 License Requirements paragraph A

From

All dogs from the age of six (6) months or older shall be licensed with the Town Clerk on July 1 of each year. By September 1 of each year, the Town Clerk shall cause a notice to be sent to the owner or keeper of record of any unlicensed dog.

September 1: An additional late fee of Five Dollars (\$5) will be incurred.

September 15: An additional fine of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25) will be incurred.

November 1: a court citation of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25) will be issued in addition to all other outstanding fees.

To

A. All dogs from the age of six (6) months or older shall be licensed with the Town Clerk on July 1 of each year. By September 1 of each year, the Town Clerk shall cause a notice to be sent to the owner or keeper of record of any unlicensed dog.

September 14: An additional fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50) per dog will be incurred.

November 1: a court citation of Fifty Dollars (\$50) will be issued in addition to all other outstanding fees for each unlicensed dog.

Proposed by the Police Chief

Motioned and Seconded to Passover this Article.

PASSOVER PASSES

ARTICLE 44

To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 16G ½ which would establish a stabilization fund for the Silver Lake Regional School District or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the SL Regional School Committee

Finance Committee Does Not Recommend

Board of Selectmen Does Not Recommend

2/3 Vote Required

FAILED

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$17,009 to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement for Fiscal Year 2023 between IAFF, Local 3159 (Firefighters) and the Town of Halifax or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that this article funds a 1% wage increase for the Firefighters who are in the union.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$7,379 to purchase and install the cell block surveillance cameras or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Police Chief

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that the cameras for the cell block have started to fail. This is a critical issue as we need to be able to monitor prisoners in the cell block as well as other potential security vulnerabilities. We are required by the State to have working cameras for the cell block and could be opening the Town up to liability should something occur, and it was not recorded.

This article would replace the cameras inside the cells themselves. Without this replacement our cell block would not pass state inspection and we would not be able to house prisoners and safely monitor them.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,500 to be spent by the Board of Selectmen to support South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.'s continued free legal services in civil matters to elders, low-income families and their children or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that South Coastal Counties Legal Services provides free legal services in civil matters to elders, low-income families, and their children.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$4,000 for 2 copy machines, one for the Highway Department, and one for the Library or take any action relative thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that both departments, due to their overall usage, supply and maintenance costs, and respective environmental surroundings, are in need of investing towards a more secure, modernized, and user-friendly alternative that meets the demands of each department.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$57,000 to purchase and equip a new truck for the Water Department or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Water Superintendent

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that this truck would replace the 2008 F350, which is becoming unsafe to drive due to constant mechanical problems including electrical issues and will not pass inspection. The new service truck that will have tool storage on one side for distribution work. The other side will store tools for the water treatment plant and keep them safe from corrosion which may occur if stored inside the plant. This truck will be more versatile than the old one. The truck will come equipped with a plow to assist the Highway Department to keep roads safe and passable during winter storms. Due to the current supply chain & availability issues causing prices to continue to increase the cost of the vehicle has increased by \$3,000 since December 2021.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 41

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$22,057 to reimburse the Halifax Housing Authority for payments made by the Halifax Housing Authority to the Plymouth County Retirement Fund on behalf of Town of Halifax or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Halifax Housing Authority

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that this article will reimburse the Halifax Housing Authority the money charged to them for 3 years, in error by Plymouth County Retirement for an employee of the Town of Halifax.

Finance Committee Made No Recommendation

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 45

To amend Chapter 55-1 consumption of alcoholic beverages; open containers of the Town of Halifax by-laws as follows:

From

No person shall, while in or upon any street, sidewalk, public way, footway, passageway, stairs, bridge, park, playground, beach, recreation area, boat landing, public building, schoolhouse, school grounds, cemetery, parking lot, or any area owned by or under the control of the Town of Halifax, whether in or upon a vehicle or on foot, consume an alcoholic beverage as defined by MGL c. 138, § 1, as amended, or possess an opened container of such beverage.

To

No person shall, while in or upon any street, sidewalk, public way, footway, passageway, stairs, bridge, park, playground, beach, recreation area, boat landing, public building, schoolhouse, school grounds, cemetery, parking lot, or any area owned by or under the control of the Town of Halifax, whether in or upon a vehicle or on foot, consume an alcoholic beverage as defined by MGL c. 138, § 1, as amended, or possess an opened container of such beverage without a liquor license being issued by the Board of Selectmen.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Andrews moved that Chapter 55-1 consumption of alcoholic beverages; open containers, be amended as printed in the ATM Warrant. This article was Seconded.

Mr. Andrews explained that this article would allow the Selectmen to grant temporary liquor licenses for events to be held on Town properties.

Finance Committee Did Not Make A Recommendation

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 8

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 2023 between AFSCME AFL-CIO Union Council 93, Local 1700 (Highway/Cemetery) and the Town of Halifax or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that this article funds a 1% wage increase for the Highway and Cemetery workers who are in the union.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 11

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 2023 between AFSCME AFL-CIO Union Council 93, Local 1700 (Mixed Unit) and the Town of Halifax or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Andrews moved that no action be taken on the subject matter of this Article because the current contract covers this Fiscal Year. Motioned and Seconded to Passover.

Finance Committee Recommends Passover

Board of Selectmen Recommends Passover

PASSOVER PASSES

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$50,000 for a 500 Gallon Double Walled Waste Oil Tank located at the Highway Barn or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that this will replace the single walled tank we currently use. The new tank will be a double walled tank with a pump and will bring us up to Code with the State and OSHA requirements, a recovery funnel and pump will also be installed.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,740,000 or any other sum of money for renovations of the Halifax Museum building, relating to a Council on Aging facility, including the payment of costs incidental, or related thereto; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by Board of Selectmen

Mr. Andrews moved to amend the article of 140,000 be transferred from undesignated fund balance, free cash and the treasury of the town to be spent by the Board of Selectmen on any necessary costs incidental or related thereto the renovations related to a Council on Aging facility. After much discussion it was decided to vote on the article as originally printed in the warrant and in the handout.

2/3 Vote Required

PASSES

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$18,660 for the Assessors' Recertification Account or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that this is the article that is presented every year to pay for the recertification which is done every 5 years.

PASSES

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$300,000 for the maintenance of Town roads or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that this is to provide the funds to maintain the Town roads this amount was increased to \$300,000 last year. We are asking for the same amount this year.

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 35

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$46,380 to purchase fifteen (15) body worn cameras and program for Police Officers.

Proposed by the Police Chief

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Andrews explained that the new Police Reform Act is asking that all departments show more transparency between the police and the community they serve. As these changes move forward all departments will be required to have in place a BWC Program and Policy. This will bring us in compliance with these anticipated mandates from Federal and State police reform legislation. It will allow not only the officers but our residents to feel safe and secure in their mutual interactions. It will also assist us further in our attempt to become an accredited law enforcement agency. The amount is a 5-year cost that includes a camera upgrade and replacement after 3 years. All video storage, which is the costliest item, is also included in this request. It is prudent for the Town to pass this article this evening as the cost of implementation would surely be much higher in a few years.

Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends
PASSES

ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$110,000 for the Repair and Rebuild of the Tennis Courts at Silver Lake High School.

Proposed by Silver Lake Regional School Committee

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. There was just over \$312,000 put into the Stabilization Account and slated to be used for capital projects for Silver Lake. This money was part of the separation agreement between Pembroke and Silver Lake. That is the money that would be used to fund this article. The Tennis Courts need to be rebuilt and the amount being asked for is the Halifax portion of the cost to do this.

Finance Committee Recommends
Board of Selectmen Recommends
2/3 Vote Required
PASSES

Meeting was concluded at 11:05pm

Meeting will continue Tuesday May 10, 2022 at 6:30pm

Motioned and Seconded to adjourn and reconvene the following evening Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:30pm.

PASSES

May 10, 2022 – At 6:30 pm the Moderator opened the town meeting and announced that due to unforeseen circumstances we have to postpone our Annual Town Meeting to May 16, 2022 at 6:30pm in the Halifax Gymnasium

May 16, 2022

As a quorum was met at 6:45pm the Town Clerk, Susan Lawless opened the meeting.

As our Moderator was unable to be present, he suggested that former Moderator John Bruno act as Deputy Moderator. There was nomination on the floor and a second.

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Announcement: The Monponsett pond initial aquatic treatment will be conducted on Tuesday, May 17. Ponds will be closed on the day of treatment only.

The Moderator explained how to address Town Meeting floor and procedures of Town Meeting. The Town Clerk read the results of the Annual Town Election that was held on Saturday May 14th.

The results were as follows:

Board of Assessors – Robert Mullen (3 year term)
Board of Health – Candice Lee Greene (3 year term)
Board of Library Trustees – Susan Hill (3 year term)
Board of Library Trustees – Erin Nagle (3 year term)
Board of Selectmen – Jonathan H. Selig (1 year term)
Board of Selectmen – Alexander J. Meade (3 year term)
Constable – Thomas M. Hammond (3 year term)
Constable – Thomas F. Schindler (3 year term)
Halifax Elementary School – Karyn Beth Townsend (1 year term)
Halifax Elementary School – Jessica Page (3 year term)
Park Commissioner – Thomas F. Schindler (3 year term)
Planning Board – Robert G. Gaynor II (5 year term)
Silver Lake School Committee – Paula M. Hatch (3 year term)
Water Commissioners – Donald A. Bosworth (3 year term)

Pledge of Allegiance

ARTICLE 43

To see if the Town will vote to: Change the Town's zoning by-law to include a limit on allowed dispensaries to 2.

The changes in the Town's zoning bylaws would be as follows:

Change

Chapter 167-7 (D) Use Regulations (15) Marijuana Establishments

1. No Marijuana Establishment shall be located within 500 (five hundred) linear feet of any school or childcare facility or where children generally congregate, any other Marijuana Establishment or any establishment licensed to pour alcohol under the provisions 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 Marijuana Establishment.

To

No Marijuana Establishment shall be located within 500 (five hundred) linear feet of any school or childcare facility or where children generally congregate, any other Marijuana Establishment or any establishment licensed to pour alcohol under the provisions 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 Marijuana Establishment.

The number of marijuana retailers that shall be permitted in the Town of Halifax is limited to 2.

Proposed by Paul Reed, et al

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the Town Warrant (not the handout). Mr. Selig explained that this article would limit the amount of marijuana establishments allowed in the Town of Halifax to 2.

Planning Board Voted 2-1 in Favor

Finance Committee Does Not Recommend

2/3 Vote Required

FAILS

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$66,941 to repair the elevator at Halifax Elementary School or take any action thereon.

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Matt Durkee spoke to the need for this repair. The current elevator's control system is old and replacement parts are no longer available. If the latest repair fails, Halifax Elementary will not have an operational elevator.

Finance Committee Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 39

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 21 of the October 21, 2019, Special Town Meeting (Stormwater Management and Soil Erosion Control By-law) to read as follows:

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout.

§ 146-1. Purpose and Objectives

§ 146-2. Definitions

§ 146-3. Authority

§ 146-4. Applicability

§ 146-5. Administration

§ 146-6. Permits and Procedure

§ 146-7. Consent to Entry onto Property

§ 146-8. Inspection and Site Supervision

§ 146-9. Surety

§ 146-10. Final Reports

§ 146-11. Enforcement

§ 146-12. Severability Section 1. Purpose and Objectives

A. Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to protect, maintain and enhance public health, safety, environment and general welfare by establishing minimum requirements and procedures to control the adverse effects of construction site stormwater runoff, post-development stormwater runoff, and runoff from land

with high potential for nonpoint source pollution. Adverse impacts of stormwater runoff can include:

1. impairment of water quality in lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, wetlands and groundwater;
2. flooding;
3. alteration or destruction of aquatic and wildlife habitat;
4. overloading or clogging of municipal catch basins and storm drainage systems;
5. damage to public and private property infrastructure;
6. loss of groundwater recharge;
7. contamination of drinking water supplies; and
8. changes to the public health, public safety and the environment.

B. The objectives of this bylaw are to:

1. comply with state and federal statutes and regulations relating to stormwater discharges;
2. establish the Town of Halifax's legal authority to ensure compliance with the provisions of this bylaw through inspection, monitoring, and enforcement;
3. establish decision-making processes surrounding land development and land use activities that protect the integrity of the watershed and preserve the health of water resources;
4. require that new development, redevelopment and all land use activity maintain the after-development runoff characteristics as equal to or less than the pre-development runoff characteristics in order to reduce flooding, stream bank erosion, siltation, nonpoint source pollution, property damage, and to maintain the integrity of stream channels and aquatic habitats;
5. establish minimum construction and post-development stormwater management standards and design criteria for the regulation and control of stormwater runoff quantity and quality;
6. establish minimum design criteria for the protection of properties and aquatic resources downstream from land development and land use activities from damages due to increases in volume, velocity, frequency, duration, and peak flow rate of storm water runoff;
7. establish minimum design criteria for measures to minimize nonpoint source pollution from stormwater runoff facilities that can be used to meet the minimum post-development stormwater management standards;
8. require the use of nonstructural stormwater management with better site design practices or "low-impact development practices" such as reducing impervious cover and the preservation of green space and other natural areas to the maximum extent practicable; coordinate new site design plans with existing site plans to utilize natural areas for green space;

9. establish provisions for the long-term responsibility for and maintenance of structural stormwater control facilities and nonstructural stormwater management practices to ensure that they continue to function as designed, are maintained, and pose no threat to public health and safety;
10. establish provisions to ensure there is an adequate funding mechanism, including surety, for the proper review, inspection and long-term maintenance of stormwater facilities implemented as part of this bylaw;
11. establish administrative procedures for the submission, review, approval or disapproval of Stormwater Management Plans and for the inspection of approved active projects and long-term follow up;
12. ensure that soil erosion and sedimentation control measures and stormwater runoff control practices are incorporated into the site planning and design process and are implemented and maintained;
13. require practices to control waste such as discarded building materials, concrete truck washout, chemicals, litter, and sanitary waste at the construction site that may cause adverse impacts to water quality; and
14. establish requirements and procedures for the submission of as-built plans to the Stormwater Authority.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

ALTER: Any activity which will measurably change the ability of a ground surface area to absorb water or will change existing surface drainage patterns. Alter may be similarly represented as “alteration of drainage characteristics,” and “conducting land disturbance activities.”

APPLICANT: Any person, individual, partnership, association, firm, company, corporation, trust, authority, agency, department, or political subdivision of the Commonwealth or the Federal Government to the extent permitted by law, requesting a permit for an activity applicable to this bylaw.

AS-BUILT DRAWING: Drawings that completely record and document applicable aspects and features of conditions of a project following construction completion.

BETTER SITE DESIGN PRACTICES: Site design approaches and techniques that can reduce a site’s impact on the watershed through the use of nonstructural stormwater management practices. Better site design includes conserving and protecting natural areas and green space, reducing impervious cover, and using natural features for stormwater management.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (BMP): Structural, non-structural and managerial techniques that are recognized to be the most effective and practical means to prevent and/or reduce increases in stormwater volumes and flows, reduce point source and nonpoint source pollution, and promote

stormwater quality and protection of the environment. “Structural” BMPs are devices that are engineered and constructed to provide temporary storage and treatment of stormwater runoff. “Nonstructural” BMPs use natural measures to reduce pollution levels, do not require extensive construction efforts, and/or promote pollutant reduction by eliminating the pollutant source.

BIOSOLIDS: Wastewater Septic Treatment Plant sludge that has been treated to ensure that it can be safely applied to land as a fertilizer or soil amendment. Biosolids are further defined in EPA's "Regulations for the Use and Disposal of Sludge" (40 CFR 503), the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's 310 CMR 32.00: Land Application Of Sludge And Septage and the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources' 330 CMR 31.00: Plant Nutrient Application Requirements For Agricultural Land And Land Not Used For Agricultural Purposes.

BIOSOLIDS PERMIT: A permit issued by the Stormwater Authority after review and approval of a permit application and prior to commencement of land application of biosolids.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION (COC): A document issued by the Stormwater Authority after all construction activities have been completed, which states that all conditions of an issued permit have been met and that a project has been completed in compliance with the conditions set forth in the permit.

CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL IN EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL (CPESC): A specialist in soil erosion and sediment control who has been certified by a recognized Erosion and Control organization approved by the Stormwater Authority; or who is qualified by demonstrated acceptable evidence of erosion and sediment control education, experience, expertise and continuing professional development courses satisfactory to the Stormwater Authority.

CLEARING: Any activity that removes the vegetative surface cover.

DISCHARGE OF POLLUTANTS: The addition from any source of any pollutant or combination of pollutants into the municipal storm drain system or into the waters of the United States or Commonwealth from any source.

EROSION: The wearing away of the land surface by natural or artificial forces such as wind, water, ice, gravity, or vehicle traffic and the subsequent detachment and transportation of soil particles.

EPA: United States Environmental Protection Agency.

IMPERVIOUS COVER or IMPERVIOUS SURFACE: Any material or structure on or above the ground that prevents water infiltrating the underlying soil. Impervious cover includes without limitation roads, paved parking lots, sidewalks, and rooftops.

LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITY: Any activity that causes a change in the position or location of soil, sand, rock, gravel, biosolids, or similar earth material; results in an increased amount of runoff or pollutants; measurably changes the ability of a ground surface to absorb waters; involves clearing and grading; or results in an alteration of drainage characteristics.

MINOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT: A permit issued by the Stormwater Authority after review and approval of a permit application and prior to commencement of land disturbing activities in the Monponsett Pond Watershed.

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) or MUNICIPAL STORM DRAIN SYSTEM: The system of conveyances designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater, including any road with a drainage system, street, gutter, curb, inlet, piped storm drain, pumping facility, retention or detention basin, natural or man-made or altered drainage channel, reservoir, and other drainage structure that together comprise the storm drainage system owned or operated by the Town of Halifax.

NEW DEVELOPMENT: New development is defined as any construction activities or land alteration resulting in total earth disturbances equal to or greater than 1 acre (or activities that are part of a larger common plan of development disturbing greater than 1 acre) on an area that has not previously been developed to include impervious cover.

NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION: Pollution from many diffuse sources caused by rainfall or snowmelt moving over and through the ground. As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and human-made pollutants, finally depositing them into water resource areas.

OWNER: A person with a legal or equitable interest in property.

PERSON: An individual, partnership, association, firm, company, trust, corporation, agency, authority, department or political subdivision of the Commonwealth or the federal government, to the extent permitted by law, and any officer, employee, or agent of such person.

POINT SOURCE: Any discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, or container from which pollutants are or may be discharged.

POLLUTANT: Any element or property of sewage, agricultural, industrial or commercial waste, runoff, leachate, heated effluent, or other matter, whether originating at a point or nonpoint source, that is or may be introduced into any sewage treatment works, watercourse or Waters of the Commonwealth. Pollutants include, but are not limited to:

- A. Paints, varnishes, and solvents;
- B. Oil and other automotive fluids;

- C. Non-hazardous liquid and solid wastes and yard wastes;
- D. Refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter, or other discarded or abandoned objects, ordinance, accumulations and floatables;
- E. Pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers;
- F. Hazardous materials and wastes;
- G. Sewage, fecal coliform and pathogens;
- H. Dissolved and particulate metals;
- I. Animal wastes;
- J. Rock, sand, salt, soils;
- K. Construction wastes and residues; and
- L. Noxious or offensive matter of any kind.

POST-DEVELOPMENT: The conditions that reasonably may be expected or anticipated to exist after completion of the land development activity on a specific site or tract of land. Post- development refers to the phase of a new development or redevelopment project after completion, and does not refer to the construction phase of a project.

PRE-DEVELOPMENT: The conditions that exist at the time that plans for the land development of a tract of land are submitted to the Stormwater Authority. Where phased development or plan approval occurs (preliminary grading, roads and utilities, etc.), the existing conditions at the time prior to the first plan submission shall establish pre-development conditions.

REDEVELOPMENT: Any construction, alteration, or improvement resulting in total land disturbances equal to or greater than 1 acre (or activities that are part of a larger common plan of development disturbing greater than 1 acre) that does not meet the definition of new development.

RUNOFF: Rainfall, snowmelt, or irrigation water flowing over the ground surface.

SEDIMENT: Mineral or organic soil material that is transported by wind or water, from its origin to another location; the product of erosion processes.

SEDIMENTATION: The process or act of deposition of sediment.

SITE: Any lot or parcel of land or area of property where activities applicable to this bylaw have been or will be performed.

SOIL: Any earth, sand, rock, gravel, or similar material.

STORMWATER: Storm water runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface water runoff and drainage.

STORMWATER AUTHORITY: The Town of Halifax Conservation Commission OR its authorized agent(s) who will administer, implement and enforce this bylaw. The Stormwater Authority is responsible for coordinating the review, approval and permit process as defined in this bylaw.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT: A permit issued by the Stormwater Authority after review and approval of an application, plans, calculations, and other supporting documents and prior to commencement of land disturbing activities.

VIOLATION: A failure by any person, individual, partnership, association, firm, company, corporation, or trust to comply with an order issued by the Stormwater Authority or an agent of said Authority.

WATERCOURSE: A natural or man-made channel through which water flows or a stream of water, including a river, brook, or underground stream.

WATERSHED: An area of land that channels rainfall and snowmelt to a particular watercourse or body of water.

SECTION 3. AUTHORITY

This bylaw is adopted under authority granted by the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, the Home Rule statutes, and pursuant to the regulations of the Federal Clean Water Act found at 40 CFR 122.34.

SECTION 4. APPLICABILITY

A. This bylaw shall apply to all activities within the Town of Halifax that either:

1. Individually or as part of a common plan of development result in disturbance of land equal to or greater than 1 acre (43,560 square feet), regardless of lot size. Such activities shall require a Stormwater Management Permit from the Stormwater Authority prior to commencement. (The Stormwater Management Regulations provide details of permit requirements.)
2. Result in disturbance of land in the Monponsett Pond watershed equal to or greater than 50 square feet. Such activities shall require a Minor Stormwater Management Permit from the Stormwater Authority prior to commencement. (The Stormwater Management Regulations provide details of permit requirements and location of the Monponsett Pond watershed.)
3. Result in the land application of biosolids. Such activities shall require a Biosolids Permit from the Stormwater Authority prior to commencement. (The Stormwater Management Regulations provide details of permit requirements.)

B. If a proposed activity meets criteria in both Section 4.A(1) and 4.A(2) above, only a Stormwater Management Permit is required.

C. In addition, the Stormwater Authority may require a permit for a project of any size which has caused or can reasonably be expected to cause or contribute to a violation of State Water Quality Standards.

D. The following activities are exempt from the provisions of Section 4.A:

1. Maintenance of existing landscaping, gardens or lawn areas associated with a single-family dwelling conducted in such a way as not to cause a nuisance;
2. Construction of fencing that will not substantially alter existing terrain or drainage patterns;
3. Construction of utilities other than drainage (gas, water, electric, telephone, etc.) which will not alter terrain or drainage patterns or result in discharge of sediment or other pollutants to the MS4 or, directly or indirectly, to a Watercourse or Waters of the Commonwealth; and
4. Normal maintenance and improvement of land in agricultural, forestry, or aquacultural use, as defined by the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act regulation 310 CMR 10.04.

SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATION

A. Administrative Authority

The Stormwater Authority shall administer, implement and enforce this bylaw. Any powers granted to or duties imposed upon the Stormwater Authority may be delegated in writing by Stormwater Authority to its employees or agents.

B. Waiver

The Stormwater Authority may waive strict compliance with any requirement of this bylaw or the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder, where:

1. such action is not prohibited by federal, state or local statutes and/or regulations,
2. is in the public interest, and
3. is not inconsistent with the purpose and intent of this bylaw.

C. Rules and Regulations

The Stormwater Authority shall adopt, and periodically amend rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this bylaw relating to the terms, conditions, definitions, enforcement, fees (including application, inspection, and/or consultant fees), procedures and administration of this Stormwater Management Bylaw by majority vote of the Stormwater Authority, after conducting a public hearing to receive comments on any proposed revisions. Such hearing dates shall be posted on the Stormwater Authority's website and advertised in a newspaper of general local circulation, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date. After public notice and public hearing, the Stormwater Authority may promulgate rules and regulations. Failure by the Stormwater Authority to promulgate such rules and regulations shall not have the effect of suspending or invalidating this bylaw.

Compliance with the provisions of EPA's General Permit for MS4s in Massachusetts. This bylaw shall be implemented in accordance with the requirements of EPA's most recent General Permit for MS4s in Massachusetts relating to construction site runoff and post-construction stormwater management. The Stormwater Authority shall include these requirements in any Regulations that it issues. The Stormwater Authority may establish additional requirements by Regulation to further the purposes and objectives of this bylaw so long as they are not less stringent than those in the MS4 General Permit for Massachusetts.

SECTION 6. PERMITS and PROCEDURE

A Stormwater Management Permit, Minor Stormwater Management Permit or Biosolids Permit must be obtained prior to the commencement of activities applicable to this bylaw. Procedures for obtaining these permits are established in the Stormwater Management Regulations.

SECTION 7. CONSENT TO ENTRY ONTO PROPERTY

A permit applicant consents to entry of the Stormwater Authority or its authorized agents in or on the site to verify the information in the permit application and to inspect for compliance with permit conditions.

SECTION 8. INSPECTION AND SITE SUPERVISION

The Stormwater Authority or its designated agent shall make inspections as outlined in the Stormwater Management Regulations to verify and document compliance with permits.

SECTION 9. SURETY

The Stormwater Authority may require the permit holder to post before the start of land disturbance activity, a surety bond, irrevocable letter of credit, cash, or other acceptable security. The form of the bond shall be approved by the Stormwater Authority and be in an amount deemed sufficient by the Stormwater Authority to ensure that the work will be completed in accordance with the permit. If the project is phased, the Stormwater Authority may release part of the bond as each phase is completed in compliance with the permit, but the bond may not be fully released until the Stormwater Authority has received the final report as required by Section 10 and issued a certificate of completion.

SECTION 10. FINAL REPORTS

Upon completion of the work, the permit holder shall submit a report (including certified as-built construction plans) from a Professional Engineer (P.E.), surveyor, or Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC), certifying that all structural BMPs, erosion and sediment control devices, and approved changes and modifications, have been completed in accordance with the conditions of the approved permit. Any discrepancies should be noted in the cover letter and the as-built construction plans.

SECTION 11. ENFORCEMENT

The Stormwater Authority or its authorized agent shall enforce this bylaw, regulations, orders, violation notices, and enforcement orders, and may pursue all civil and criminal remedies for such violations.

Orders

The Stormwater Authority or an authorized agent may issue a written order to enforce the provisions of this bylaw or the regulations hereunder, which may include:

a requirement to cease and desist from the land disturbing activity until there is compliance with the bylaw and provisions of the Stormwater Management, Minor Stormwater Management or Biosolids Permit;

maintenance, installation or performance of additional erosion and sediment control measures;

monitoring, analyses, and reporting;

remediation of erosion and sedimentation resulting directly or indirectly from the land disturbing activity.

If the enforcing person determines that abatement or remediation of erosion and sedimentation is required, the order shall set forth a deadline by which such abatement or remediation must be completed. Said order shall further advise that, should the violator or property owner fail to abate or perform remediation within the specified deadline, the Town of Halifax through the Stormwater Authority may, at its option, undertake such work, and the property owner shall reimburse the Stormwater Authority expenses.

Within thirty (30) days after completing all measures necessary to abate the violation or to perform remediation, the violator and the property owner shall be notified of the costs incurred by the Stormwater Authority, including administrative costs. The violator or property owner may file a written protest objecting to the amount or basis of costs with the Stormwater Authority within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of the costs incurred. If the amount due is not received by the expiration of the time in which to file a protest or within thirty (30) days following a decision of Stormwater Authority affirming or reducing the costs, or from a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the costs shall become a municipal charges lien against the owner's property for the amount of costs, fees and expenses incurred pursuant to G.L. Ch. 40, § 58, and collected accordingly. **[Amended 05-10-2021 ATM, Art. 57]**Criminal Complaint and Penalty

Any person who violates any provision of this bylaw, regulation, order or permit issued there under, may be penalized by indictment or criminal complaint brought in the Plymouth District Court. The penalty shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$300.00. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Non-Criminal Disposition

As an alternative to criminal prosecution or civil action, the Stormwater Authority may elect to utilize the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in M.G.L. Ch. 40, §21D and enabling Bylaw of the Town of Halifax, in which case the Stormwater Authority or an agent of the Stormwater Authority shall be the enforcing person under this bylaw. The penalty for the first violation shall be a Written Warning specifying the violation and required corrective action. The penalty for the second violation shall be a fine of \$150.00. The penalty for the third and subsequent violations shall be a fine of \$300.00. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense. The fines issued by the Stormwater Authority under Section 11.D. of this bylaw shall be final. Further relief of a fine under Section 11.D. of this bylaw shall be reviewable in the Plymouth District Court and if said action was filed within twenty-one.

(21) days thereof, in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 40, §21D.

Appeals

The decisions or orders of the Stormwater Authority shall be final. Further relief of a decision by the Stormwater Authority under this bylaw shall be reviewable in the Superior Court of the applicable jurisdiction and if said action was filed within sixty (60) days thereof, in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 249 § 4.

Remedies Not Exclusive

The remedies listed in this bylaw are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable federal, state or local law.

SECTION 12. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this bylaw are hereby declared to be severable. If any provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this bylaw or the application thereof to any person, establishment, or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or application of this bylaw.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Interim Town Administrator Ed Thorne explained that the language for this article was written by a consultant that worked with the Board of Health. He further explained that the Board of Health has adopted these regulations and these changes would ensure that we were meeting the state code.

Finance Committee Did Not Make a Recommendation – No financial impact
PASSES

ARTICLE 10

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 2023 between the Halifax Association of Police Patrolmen and the Town of Halifax or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Ms. DiSesa explained that this article will fund a 1% wage increase for the Police Patrolmen union. That the sum of Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$8,242) be raised and appropriated from the FY 2023 Tax levy and other general revenues of the Town to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement for Fiscal Year 2023 between Halifax Association of Police Patrolmen and the Town of Halifax.

Ms. DiSesa explained that this Article will fund a 1% wage increase for the Police Patrolmen that are in the Union.

Finance Committee Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$340,000 to purchase and equip a new ambulance for the Fire Department or take any action relative thereon.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Fire Chief Viveiros explained that this article will replace our 2017 ambulance. The reason he is bringing this forward now is that the wait time for an ambulance is now two years.

Finance Committee Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 40

Change By-Laws & Halifax Town Code Chapter 13 COMMITTEES
ARTICLE IV

Holidays in Halifax Committee [Adopted 5-13-1996 ATM, Art. 42] § 13-16.
Establishment; membership.

From

There is established a Holidays in Halifax Committee consisting of three (3) members to promote the holiday spirit through the cooperation of town departments and town offices for the enjoyment of the Town of Halifax.

One (1) member shall be the Fire Chief or the Chief's designee. The other two (2) members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of one (1) year from July 1 to June 30.

To

There is established a Holidays in Halifax Committee consisting of three (3) members to promote the holiday spirit through the cooperation of town departments and town offices for the enjoyment of the Town of Halifax. Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of one (1) year from July 1 to June 30.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Motioned and Seconded to approve this article as printed in the handout. Fire Chief Viveiros explained that this article eliminates the requirement for the Fire Chief to be a mandatory member of the Holidays in Halifax Committee.

Finance Committee Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$110,000 to purchase and equip with miscellaneous police equipment, one (1) new unmarked police vehicle to be used by the Chief of Police and one (1) new marked police vehicle to be used for patrol or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Police Chief

Motioned and seconded as printed in the handout. Police Chief Chaves explained that this article was to keep with the town policy to replace two vehicles a year to keep down the repair costs.

Finance Committee Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$200,000 for a Medium Duty Dump Truck with plow and sander for the Highway Department or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Motioned and Seconded by Mr. Meade that Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) be transferred from Undesignated Fund Balance (Free Cash in the Treasury of the Town), and (\$20,000) be raised and appropriated from the 2023 tax levy and other general revenues of the town to be spent by the Board of Selectmen, with approval of the Highway Surveyor, to purchase a Medium

Duty Dump Truck with plow and sander for the Highway Department. This will replace a 1995 Ford L800. The 1995 truck will be sold at auction. The new truck will be purchased off the approved State bid list. Highway Surveyor Steven Hayward explained that this would be replacing a 1995 Ford truck. They are purchasing a medium truck to get into areas that the large trucks won't fit.

Finance Committee Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$5,000 for the purchase bullet proof vests or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Police Chief

Moved and seconded as printed in the handout. Police Chief Chaves explained that we need money for new bullet proof vests. This article is placed on the warrant as the officer's bullet proof vests are replaced on a rotating basis. The vests have a manufacturer's recommended life span of five (5) years. Halifax is a mandatory wear department, so we have to supply the officers with vests every five (5) years. We do get partial reimbursement from the State and those funds are put back into the article for the purchase of more vests.

Finance Committee Recommends

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$1,000 to be used for computers for the library or take any action thereon.

Proposed by Director of the Holmes Public Library

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Library Director Jean Gallant explained that 6 years ago we voted to put the Library computers on a rotating basis for purchase.

Finance Committee Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 37

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Plymouth County Retirement Account or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Finance Committee

Moved and Seconded to Passover this Article.

Finance Committee Recommends to Passover they do not recommend this Article.

PASSOVER PASSES

ARTICLE 36

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$12,500 for an IT network refresh for the Library and the Water Department.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Moved and Seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Selig explained that this article is to expand our efforts towards centralizing Town-wide IT & Communication services to include the Library and to extend network accessibility and reliability to the Town's Water Treatment Facilities.

Finance Committee Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$520,000 for Phase 2 of the upgrades to the Richmond Park and YMCA Water Infrastructure or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Water Superintendent

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Water Superintendent, Bill Lindsay explained this is for the Richmond Park treatment center. This Phase II project will upgrade outdated and failing components, electrical upgrades including MCC and LP, lighting upgrades, generator and ATS, HVAC upgrades, instrumentation and SCADA controls, post-chlorination chemical feed and miscellaneous piping and valves needed to keep the plant in compliance with DEP regulations.

Finance Committee Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$850 to purchase a date and time stamp clock for the Town Clerk's office or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Town Clerk

Motioned and seconded as printed in the handout. Town Clerk, Susan Lawless explained that the Date and Time stamp in the Town Clerk's office is very old

and has been breaking down. We are at the point of not being able to get replacement parts. The Town Clerk's office is required by law to date and time stamp many of the submissions that come into that office.

Finance Committee Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,500 to be spent by the Board of Selectmen to support South Shore Resource and Advocacy Center for domestic violence intervention and prevention services for its residents or take any action thereon.

Proposed by Board of Selectmen

Motioned and seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Selig explained this is a long standing article for The South Shore Resource and Advocacy Center provides residents with services dealing with domestic violence intervention and prevention.

Finance Committee Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 9

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 2023 between Massachusetts C.O.P., Local 459 (Sergeants) and the Town of Halifax or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Selig explained that This article funds a 1% wage increase for the Police Sergeants who are in the union.

Finance Committee Recommends

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 34

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute for capital projects the sum of \$38,800 for a new intercom system at the Halifax Elementary School or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Halifax Elementary School Committee

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. This article would allow the School to update the intercom system in the Halifax Elementary School,

standardize the clocks and bell system, and communicate between classrooms and the office better. It will also allow for district wide paging and have emergency buttons that will activate a pre-recorded voice which will give instructions in a calm manner.

Finance Committee Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds 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

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Mr. Meade explained that this article allows the Town to be a member of the Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Service which has many programs that benefit the Town including the 4H program.

Finance Committee Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$36,000 to pay the Town of Kingston Police Department to provide a part-time school resource officer for the Silver Lake Middle School or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Silver Lake Regional School Committee

Motioned and Seconded as printed in the handout. Silver Lake School Committee member Gordon Laws explained that this amount is the Halifax portion of the cost of a part-time school resource officer at the Middle School. The other portion is paid by Plympton. Kingston provides a resource officer at the High School.

Finance Committee Recommends

PASSES

ARTICLE 42

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact legislation to expand the membership of the Board of Selectmen from three to five, substantially in the form below, and further to authorize the selectmen to approve amendments to the bill before enactment

by the General Court which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, or to take any other action relative thereto:

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IN THE TOWN OF HALIFAX Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. The number of members of the board of selectmen of the town of Halifax shall be increased to five (5). Each selectman shall serve for a three (3) year term with not more than two (2) selectmen's terms to run concurrently. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, at the next annual town election following at least 65 days after the effective date of this act, one (1) additional member shall be to an initial (2) year term and one (1) additional member shall be elected to a three (3) year term. Nothing in this act shall affect the terms of these members serving as selectmen on the effective date of this act.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Motioned and Seconded to Passover this article. Ms. DiSesa explained that the current Board of Selectmen decided to take no action to allow the board to research this further.

Finance Committee took no position on this matter.

PASSOVER PASSES

Ms. DiSesa made motion to dissolve the Town Meeting, Seconded by Mr. Selig.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Lawless, Town Clerk