



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

Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, November 27, 2017

	Gordon Andrews	Mel Conroy	Linda Braga		Diane Ruxton	Melinda Tarsi	Bill McAvoy
Present	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓

Also in attendance Sandy Nolan, Town Accountant; Charlie Seelig, Town Administrator, Kim Roy, Selectmen.

Gordon Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Meeting was recorded by Area 58.

**Mail**

Chairman Andrews read a letter from resident's The Leavitt Family thanking the town for the Senior Van services.

A notice was received from the water department regarding the high levels of lead in the drinking water for the town.

A memo was received from the Highway Department that they would like to have the Heating & Oil account removed from their budget and transferred to the Building Maintenance budget. Both departments agree.

There will be a Wage and Personnel public hearing on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 6:30 in the Great Hall to hear proposals for amendments and/or requests to the Wage and Personnel By-Law. All requests must be submitted no later than 12/27/17 with another copy to the Town Clerk to be considered at Town Meeting.

**STM Review**

It went quickly and smoothly.

**Liaison Lists**

Will be reviewed at the 12/11/17 meeting

Selectmen

FY19 budget sheet was handed out by Charlie. New growth has been minimal. There have been 6 new houses. They would like to leave enough room under the levy limit for

P&I (270,000) in FY20. Local receipts have been fairly steady. They are not planning to use Free Cash or Overlay. The security system at the school won't be a repeat. SPED is unknown numbers at this point. Wage increases, union and non-union are guess numbers right now. We are about \$450,000.00 to the good even with the unknowns right now. We are in better shape than we have been for other years, even covering the FY20 payment. Still talking about taking out money and paying down the school roof project. It will be better to pay on the lower finance end of the loan. Nothing is built in for the roof project right now. We are not taxing people for FY19

Enrollment is down a little bit. Kingston is losing kids to Charter Schools.

Replacement of Fire or Police Department Staff. Budgets have seen some overtime and part time.

Recommendation will be level service budget. If there are increases desired they are to be requested as a separate budget beyond a level service budget.

Mel Conroy made a motion to recommend Level Service Contracts with step increases and contracts. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Motion passed unanimously.

Diane Ruxton made a motion to adjourn at 7:54pm. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Linda Braga  
Clerk