



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

Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 28, 2017

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

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

Mel Conroy called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Meeting was recorded by Area 58.

### Mail

A memo was received from Wage and Personnel and Pam Aducci re: the division of the Treasurer house now that Karyn Thompson has taken the Admin Position at the Highway Barn.

The Bartholomew Annual Report was available. Charlie Seelig will look for an electric copy.

### Minutes

Mel Conroy made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of 5/8/17. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. The motion passed unanimously.

Diane Ruxton made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of 5/22/17. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. The motion passed unanimously.

Mel Conroy mad a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of 6/12/17. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Bill McAvoy abstained. The motion passed.

Diane Ruxton made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of 6/26/17. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. The motion passed unanimously.

Diane Ruxton made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of 7/10/17. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Bill McAvoy abstained. The motion passed.

### **Bills**

Mel Conroy made a motion approve the bill in the amount of \$180.00 to ATFC. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Reorganization**

Mel Conroy made a motion to nominate Gordon Andrews for re-election as Chairman of the Finance Committee. Gordon accepted the nomination. Seconded by Linda Braga. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill McAvoy made a motion to nominate Mel Conroy for re-election as Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee. Mel accepted the nomination. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. The motion passed unanimously.

Diane Ruxton made a motion to nominate Linda Braga for re-election as Clerk of the Finance Committee. Linda accepted the nomination. Seconded by Mel Conroy. The motion passed unanimously.

### **General Discussion**

The Selectmen met with the Assessors. \$17.65 is the new Tax Rate. \$5,545.00 is the average tax bill and the excess capacity is \$601,116.21. Once it is certified, we can calculate the Prop. 2 ½. Our new Assessor is Holly Merry. She came in and hit the ground running. So far she is settling in well.

Ambulance Revenues finished at \$425,000.00. There was a large payment of about \$20,000.00 from Medicare at the end of the year. This year is estimated at \$408,000.00 as we are not expecting that big Medicare payment again.

Local receipts estimate was \$1,911,141.21. The actual receipts for FY17 were \$2,294,785.01.

Meals Tax was \$71,771.66.

We have only requested \$100,000.00 for overlay this year.

A long discussion regarding Mudfest was had. The discussion was geared toward questions that were addressed on Facebook.

Next Meeting 9/11/17

Diane Ruxton made a motion to adjourn at 7:40pm. Seconded by Stu Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Linda Braga  
Clerk