



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

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, April 9, 2018

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

Also in attendance was Kim Roy, Selectman; Sandy Nolan, Town Accountant; Charlie Seelig, Town Administrator; Tom Millias, Selectman; Barbara Gaynor, Town Clerk; Jean Gallant, Town Librarian; Cathy Drinan, Health Agent; John Delano, Board of Health; Paula Hatch, SL School Committee; Joy Blackwood, Superintendent of Schools; Christine Healy, SL Accountant

Gordon Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

Meeting was recorded by Area 58.

Mail

A resignation letter from Linda Braga was received. Kendra will draft a thank you letter.

A copy of the Beacon was available.

Reserve Fund Transfer

A Reserve Fund Transfer was received from Pamela Adduci for \$5,000.00 to pay for legal fees for 15 parcels in foreclosure.

Mel Conroy made a motion to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Motion passed unanimously.

The Committee would like Kendra to schedule Pam Adduci to come in and discuss in the next week or two.

Meeting Minutes

Diane Ruxton made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 2/12/18. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Mel Conroy abstained. All other members in attendance voted in favor of approving the minutes. Motion passed.

Wage and Personnel

The totals for the four positions that they are asking to increase are as follows:

Health Inspector: \$1,614.00 increase yearly
Building Inspector: \$1,781.00 increase yearly
Water Superintendent: \$2,185.00 increase yearly
Recycling Coordinator: \$1,373.00 increase yearly and a new job title
Total Increases are \$6,953.00 for the 4 positions added together.

Article 4

Line 30 – Mel Conroy made a motion to reconsider. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi.
Motion passed unanimously.

Mel Conroy made a motion to recommend \$16,426.00 for Elect/Register. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Motion passed unanimously.

Schools

There is talk about having a school resource officer at HES. Approximately \$70-\$75K is the salary that they are expecting to have to pay if that actually comes to light.

Joy Blackwood asked if the Town would be capable to pay the \$175,000.00 that they have arrived at so far if we chose to support the budget. Mel replied that there are dollars available; however they are very concerned with the growth rate. Increase is 2.67% and Kingston has voted to support their assessment. Silver Lake is the largest employer of the three towns. It is like its own city. They feel that this is a reasonable budget without shorting the kids. It is not a luxurious budget. They had 5 positions retire which gave them some flexibility to rearrange the budget. They are trying to put in a few new programs that will entice kids to stay in district and therefore we don't lose them to Charter Schools. That has been a huge impact to their budget. All of the schools are interested in having a school resource officer. Kingston provides the resource officer ½ time at the SL campus. Halifax and Plympton do not provide any support for that. They would love to make that full time if possible. The Capital Plan is being funded out of E&D again this year. They are doing their best to be self-sufficient by being fiscally responsible. They will let us know when the E&D is no longer covering the larger items. They will continue to prioritize the Capital Plan accordingly and will be building out more than a 5 year plan. Every year, at least \$200,000.00 is committed to repairing the items on the building that need to be taken care of in order to try to stay on top of it.

Line 75 - Bill McAvoy made a motion to reconsider. Seconded by Diane Ruxton.
Gordon Andrews voted NO. All other members in attendance voted YES. Motion passed.

Mel Conroy made a motion to recommend \$4,456,412.00 for Silver Lake Assessment.
Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Mel Conroy and Diane Ruxton voted YES. Gordon Andrews, Melinda Tarsi and Bill McAvoy voted NO. 2-3 vote, the motion did not pass.
Mel Conroy made a motion to recommend \$4,430,676.00 for Silver Lake Assessment.
Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Motion passed unanimously.

Articles

Article 5 – Mel Conroy made a motion to recommend. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 7 - Mel Conroy made a motion to recommend \$14,653.00 for the Firefighters Contract. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Gordon Andrews voted NO. All other members in attendance voted YES. 4-1-0, the motion passes.

Article 8 - Mel Conroy made a motion to recommend \$7,597.00 for Highway/Cemetery Contract. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Gordon Andrews voted NO. All other members in attendance voted YES. 4-1-0, the motion passes.

Article 9 – Mel Conroy made a motion to recommend \$6,886.00 for Sergeants Contract. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Gordon Andrews voted NO. All other members in attendance voted YES. 4-1-0, the motion passes.

Article 10 - Mel Conroy made a motion to recommend \$13,773.00 for Patrol Officers Contract. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Gordon Andrews voted NO. All other members in attendance voted YES. 4-1-0, the motion passes.

Article 11 – Mel Conroy made a motion to recommend \$2,358.00 for Police Chief Contract. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Gordon Andrews voted NO. All other members in attendance voted YES. 4-1-0, the motion passes.

Article 12 – Mel Conroy made a motion to recommend \$2,080.00 for Fire Chief Contract. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Gordon Andrews voted NO. All other members in attendance voted YES. 4-1-0, the motion passes.

Article 39 – Hold

Article 40 – Hold

Article 41 – Waiting on amount

Article 42 – Placeholder

Article 43 – Waiting for an estimate

Article 44 – With Article 45

Article 46 – With Article 47

Article 48 – Not sure if we have to go out to bid or not.

Wage and Personnel Article 2

(2) – John Delano spoke on behalf of the position.

Mel Conroy made a motion to reconsider. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Motion passed unanimously.

Mel Conroy made a motion to recommend going from a Grade 10 to a Grade 11. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Gordon Andrews and Mel Conroy voted NO. Diane Ruxton, Melinda Tarsi and Bill McAvoy voted YES. Motion passes due to majority.

(3) – Charlie raised a point that Gordon should not be voting on the Building Inspectors Salary as he has a conflict. Gordon Andrews recused himself from this vote and sat in the audience.

Mel Conroy made a motion to reconsider. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Motion passed unanimously.

Diane Ruxton made a motion to recommend going from a Grade 10 to a Grade 11. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Mel Conroy voted NO. Diane Ruxton, Melinda Tarsi and Bill McAvoy voted YES. Motion passes due to majority.

(4) - Mel Conroy made a motion to reconsider. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill McAvoy made a motion to recommend going from a Grade 11 to a Grade 12a. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Mel Conroy and Gordon Andrews voted NO. Diane Ruxton, Melinda Tarsi and Bill McAvoy voted YES. Motion passes due to majority.

(5) - Mel Conroy made a motion to reconsider. Seconded by Bill McAvoy. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill McAvoy made a motion to recommend going from a Grade 6 to a Grade 7. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Mel Conroy voted NO. Diane Ruxton, Melinda Tarsi and Bill McAvoy voted YES. Motion passes due to majority.

Calendar

4/23 – Finish STM, vote Clerk, Schedule Pam Adduci.

Diane Ruxton made a motion to adjourn at 10:13pm. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Tarsi
Clerk