



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

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, March 12, 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; Len Teceno, Resident; Mike Zarella, Capital Planning; Rich & Richie Greene, Residents; Jill & Scott McKee, Residents; Jean Gallant, Librarian; Erika Rossini, Wage and Personnel; Sue Lawless, Assistant Town Clerk; Mike Lawless, Silver Lake Employee.

Gordon Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Meeting was recorded by Area 58.

Mail

The latest Copy of the Beacon was available to the Committee.

Meeting Minutes

Mel Conroy made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 1/29/18. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Motion passed unanimously.

Capital Plan

We have \$1,165,938.00 in Free Cash plus \$70,000.00 in Meals Tax money to spend on Capital Items this year.

They would like to rehab Engine 1 until a large truck is purchased. This it will move to a second line vehicle.

Gas tank replacement is a State mandate.

Cab over truck is replacing the cemetery truck. Cemetery funds will be used.

Network switches etc.

Wireless Security – Special

Fiber Optics Network – Special

2 Town Hall Copiers

MSBC Truck – as of now it is unable to get a sticker

HVAC at the Police Station – All 5 units on the roof

Paying off the water tower debt from the water retained earnings. They would like to purchase a swap shed and a compactor also with the retained earnings.

General Budget Updates

HES did not meet. They will be meeting on 3/21/18. Rumor has it that they were cutting \$117,000.00 from the budget that they had presented. Gordon believes that does not include the \$34,000.00. Silver Lake number should be about \$175,000.00.

Charlie suggested that the Committee take the 2018 budget and make changes. He came up with .5% across the board including the school. Schools would have to absorb the other 1.5% within their budget. He is not suggesting cutting 2 hours in each department, but we can save money elsewhere.

Mel Conroy made a motion to have the Wage and Personnel board provide the research information they have gathered on the 10 Benchmark Towns. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Motion passed unanimously.

Sandy Nolan left the Tax Title line as an increase for now.

It would be approximately \$98,000.00 to provide a 2% pay increase for union, non-union and elected officials for the FY19 Budget.

Calendar

Cancel 3/19

3/22

3/26

3/29

4/2

4/15

Diane Ruxton made a motion to adjourn at 8:20pm. Seconded by Mel Conroy. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Tarsi
Clerk