



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

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, January 22, 2018

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

Also in attendance was Sandy Nolan, Town Accountant, Charlie Seelig, Town Administrator; Kim Roy, Selectman

Gordon Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:12pm

Meeting was recorded by Area 58.

Mail

A memo from the Gerry Elliott was read introducing his replacement, Scott Materna.

An email from Charlie was read regarding the electric bill for the Town Hall for the last month. The switchover to Engie never occurred and the Town Hall was billed at 16 cents kWh. Charlie will follow up. He does not plan on immediately making payment on this bill.

Meeting Minutes

Mel Conroy made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 12/11/17. Seconded by Diane Ruxton. Linda Braga abstained. All other members in attendance voted Yes. Motion passed.

Budget

Silver Lake's budget is going up about \$1,000,000.00 on the Operating Budget at this time. About \$250,000.00 – \$400,000.00 will be our share of that on the Assessment. We should be expecting about \$25.00 per student on 2,000 students for HES. Silver Lake's public budget hearing is set for 2/8 at 6:00pm at the high school.

The biggest lines in the budget are expected to be Out of District SPED & Vocational Ed. The schools may dictate what is going to be possible. There is room in excess capacity but that would have to be a discussion with the Selectmen.

Sandy will add in lines to Article 5 for Debt on the School, Fire Suppression and Popes Tavern.

Insurance should be ok where it is.

Highway has submitted two budgets, one is level serviced and one is expanding the department. Steve will need to come in and speak to it.
Water Department will be putting in an Article to pay off the Water Tower Debt.
Wage Reopeners for all in FY19.

Article 5 Lines

Line 11 - Mel Conroy made a motion to approve \$500.00 for Fin Comm Expenses. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Motion passed unanimously.

Line 10 - Mel Conroy made a motion to approve \$5,165.00 for Fin Comm Clerical. Seconded by Melinda Tarsi. Motion passed unanimously.

Calendar

1/29 – Gerry & Scott, both Chiefs

2/5 – both School Committees

2/12 – Tri-Town Meeting

2/26 – Capital Plan @ 7:05, Steve Hayward.

Kendra will invite SL and HES School Committees to our meeting on 2/5 to discuss our revenues. There is concern that there will be no discussion allowed after the 2/8 meeting allowed, so a meeting before is probably in our best interest so we can let them know what our numbers look like.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Braga
Clerk