

**TOWN OF HALIFAX**

**MAY 12, 2014**

**Special Town Meeting**

Quorum 100

**As Voted**

Present 433

Guests 14

Moderator John Bruno called the meeting to order at 10:25 p.m. Town Clerk Barbara Gaynor read the Call to the Meeting.

ARTICLE 1 Voted to transfer from Line 77 (Special Needs Transportation) of Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2013 the sum of \$7,000 for Veterans' Benefits for Fiscal Year 2014 to be added to the \$110,000 appropriated under Line 126 of Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2013.

Proposed by the Veterans' Agent – Troy E. Garron

A motion was made by Sandra Nolan, and seconded to amend the amount to \$8,000. Passed Unanimously

**Passed Unanimously**

A motion was made by Troy E. Garron, and seconded to pass over the following article – Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 2 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,200 for tuition and materials costs for an employee to attend the Leadership and Management Program sponsored by the Massachusetts Municipal Association and Suffolk University or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Passed Over Unanimously**

ARTICLE 3 Voted to transfer from Line 77 (Special Needs Transportation) of Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2013 the sum of \$10,000 for the Unemployment Compensation Fund.

Proposed by the Town Treasurer-Collector – Kathleen Shiavone

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 4 Voted to transfer from Line 46 (police Wages) of Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2013 the sum of \$30,000 for Fire Department Wages for Fiscal Year 2014 to be added to the \$524,111 appropriated under Line 54 of Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2013.

Proposed by the Fire Chief – Kim R. Roy

**Passed unanimously**

A motion was made by Kim R. Roy, and seconded to pass over the following article – Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,000 for Ambulance Supplies for Fiscal Year 2014 to be added to the \$15,000 appropriated under Line 60 of Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2013 or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

**Passed Over Unanimously**

A motion was made by Kim R. Roy, and seconded to pass over the following article Passed Unanimously

- ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000 for Fire Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance for Fiscal Year 2014 to be added to the \$20,065 appropriated under Line 59 of Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2013 or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

**Passed Over Unanimously**

- ARTICLE 7 Voted to transfer from Line 77 (Special Needs Transportation) of Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2013 the sum of \$2,000 for Data Processing for Fiscal Year 2014 to be added to the \$44,400 appropriated under Line 15 of Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2013.

Proposed by the Town Administrator – Kim R. Roy

**Passed Unanimously**

- ARTICLE 8 Voted to transfer from Line 77 (Special Needs Transportation) of Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2013 the sum of \$1,700 for Town Report for Fiscal Year 2014 to be added to the \$5,500 appropriated under Line 8 of Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2013 or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Kim R. Roy

**Passed Unanimously**

- ARTICLE 9 Voted to amend the Chapter 47 (Town Meeting) of the Code of the Town of Halifax by deleting the following:  
§ 47-8 Related subject matter on warrant.

Whenever two (2) or more articles to be included in the warrant for any Town Meeting are related to the same subject matter, the Selectmen shall cause them to occur in sequence in their position on the warrant and may, at their discretion, insert an article which, if acted upon favorably, would combine the subject matter of the two (2) or more related articles.

and

§ 47-17 Articles to be acted upon in order.

Articles in the warrant shall be acted upon in their numerical order unless, by two-thirds vote, the Meeting shall determine to consider an Article other than in its numerical order.

and adding the following:

§ 47-20 Order of articles to be determined by lottery.

- 1) The order of consideration of all Town Meeting articles shall be determined by a lottery mechanism by the Town Moderator or the Town Moderator's designee. The Moderator, at the Moderator's discretion, shall determine whether the article so chosen is contingent upon action on any articles yet not acted upon and, if so, shall determine which articles must be acted upon and in which order before having Town Meeting act on the article chosen.
- 2) The following articles shall be acted on at an Annual Town Meeting before any other articles are acted upon and shall be acted on in the following order:

- a) To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees;
- b) To amend the Wage and Personnel By-Law;
- c) To determine the salaries of several elective Town Officers for the next fiscal year;
- d) To determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, to defray charges and expenses to the Town, including debts and interest;

These amendments shall not take effect until January 1, 2015.

Proposed by Maureen Rogers, et al.

**Passed**

A motion was made by Robert Badore, and seconded to pass over the following article – Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000 for Highway - Snow and Ice to be added to the \$177,509 appropriated under Line 87 of Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2013 or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor – Robert Badore

**Passed Over Unanimously**

ARTICLE 11 Voted to transfer from Line 46 (Police Wages) of Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2013 the sum of \$10,000 for Communications Center Wages for Fiscal Year 2014 to be added to the \$252,065 appropriated under Line 70 of Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2013.

Proposed by the Communications Center Director – Kim R. Roy

**Failed**

A motion was made by Gordon C. Andrews, and seconded to reconsider Article 11.

Motion to reconsider by a Standing Vote: Yes: 89 No: 32

**Passed**

A motion was made by Gordon C. Andrews, and seconded to amend the amount to \$5,000.

**Passed**

**The article PASSED with the amended amount of \$5,000.**

A motion was made by Kim R. Roy, and seconded to pass over the following article – Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,000 for Fire - Chief Salary Fiscal Year 2014 to be added to the \$97,457 appropriated under Line 52 of Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2013.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Passed Over Unanimously**

ARTICLE 13 Voted to amend the Sealer of Weights and Measures Fiscal Year 2014 salary to \$2,405 (currently \$2,335).

Proposed by the Wage and Personnel Board – John Grace

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 14 Voted to transfer from Solid Waste Retained Earnings the sum of \$11,868 to replace the waste oil burner at the Recycling Center.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee – Gerard Elliott

**Passed**

A motion was made by Troy E. Garron to dissolve the Special Town Meeting and to reconvene the Annual Town Meeting.

**Passed Unanimously**

**We adjourned at 11:10 p.m.**

**Barbara J. Gaynor, Town Clerk**