

TOWN OF HALIFAX

May 11, 2015

Annual Town Meeting  
Quorum 100

As Voted  
Present 156  
Guests 12

HALIFAX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Please note that except for Articles 1 through 4, the order in which the articles were voted upon was determined by lottery under the Town's by-laws, Chapter 47. Articles 1 through 4 were voted on first, in that order, and then all other articles were voted in an order based on a lottery. The article numbers are used to identify the articles.*

Moderator John Bruno called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Town Clerk Barbara Gaynor read the Call to the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance recited immediately thereafter.

Mr. Bruno acknowledged and thanked the following on their retirement: Michael J. Schleiff as a member of the Board of Selectmen, Kathleen Shiavone as the Treasurer/Collector and John Tuffy, Superintendent of Silver Lake Regional Schools.

ARTICLE 1 Voted to hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

**Passed Unanimously**

Kim Roy read a statement from the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 2 Voted to amend the Wage and Personnel By-Law as recommended by the Wage and Personnel Board:

Except for the following proposed amendments to the Wage and Personnel By-Law, the Wage and Personnel Board recommends that all positions and provisions in the By-Law remain unchanged.

- 1) Voted to grant all non-union Wage and Personnel employees an across the board wage increase of 1.5%.

A motion was made by Gordon C. Andrews and seconded to amend the across the board wage increase to 1%.

A Standing Count was taken: 84 Yes 35 No

**Passed**

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## Pay Rate Chart Reflecting 1% Increase Grades & Steps

<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>
From:	13.60	14.32	15.08	15.88	16.70	17.21
To:	13.74	14.46	15.23	16.04	16.87	17.38
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>
From:	15.23	15.96	16.72	17.50	18.35	18.90
To:	15.38	16.12	16.89	17.68	18.53	19.09
<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>
From:	16.95	17.68	18.39	19.16	19.94	20.53
To:	17.12	17.86	18.57	19.35	20.14	20.74
<b>Grade 7</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>
From:	18.53	19.25	19.99	20.76	21.55	22.20
To:	18.72	19.44	20.19	20.97	21.77	22.42
<b>Grade 8</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>
From:	20.09	20.84	21.56	22.36	23.16	23.86
To:	20.29	21.05	21.78	22.58	23.39	24.10
<b>Grade 10</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>
From:	55,074.00	56,632.00	58,233.00	59,877.00	61,571.00	63,419.00
To:	55,625.00	57,199.00	58,816.00	60,476.00	62,187.00	64,054.00
<b>Grade 11</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>
From:	61,647.00	63,228.00	64,850.00	66,510.00	68,216.00	70,262.00
To:	62,264.00	63,861.00	65,499.00	67,176.00	68,899.00	70,965.00
<b>Grade 12</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>
From:	72,261.00	73,829.00	75,430.00	77,068.00	78,742.00	81,104.00
Holiday:	<u>3,332.00</u>	<u>3,401.00</u>	<u>3,476.00</u>	<u>3,552.00</u>	<u>3,626.00</u>	<u>3,735.00</u>
Grand Total:	75,593.00	77,230.00	78,906.00	80,620.00	82,368.00	84,839.00
To:	73,345.00	74,936.00	76,562.00	78,224.00	79,923.00	82,321.00
Holiday:	<u>3,382.00</u>	<u>3,452.00</u>	<u>3,528.00</u>	<u>3,605.00</u>	<u>3,681.00</u>	<u>3,791.00</u>
Grand Total:	76,349.00	78,003.00	79,695.00	81,427.00	83,192.00	85,688.00
<b>Grade 14</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>
From:	78,897.00	80,507.00	82,152.00	83,828.00	85,538.00	88,104.00
To:	79,686.00	81,313.00	82,974.00	84,667.00	86,394.00	88,986.00

### Grade "U" Unclassified

#### Administrative Clerical

Registrar of Voters	From	12.60	To	12.73
Election Workers	From	12.11	To	12.23
Assessing Listers	From	12.08	To	12.20
Water Inspector	From	34.63	To	34.98
Veterans Agent/Service Officer	From	13,968.00	To	14,108.00
Assistant Building Inspector	From	2,011.00	To	2,032.00

#### Police Department

Special Duty Officer	From	22.50	To	22.73	
Police Matron	From	16.49	To	16.65	
<b><u>Communications Department</u></b>		<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>
Part Time Dispatcher	From:	16.49	17.11	17.73	18.76
	To:	16.65	17.28	17.91	18.95
					19.33
					19.52

<b><u>Fire Department</u></b>		<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>
Call Firefighter	From:	17.24	17.75	18.29	18.83
	To:	17.41	17.93	18.47	19.02
Call Firefighter EMT	From:	18.61	19.17	19.75	20.34
	To:	18.80	19.36	19.95	20.54
Call Firefighter EMT-I	From:	18.96	19.53	20.11	20.72
	To:	19.15	19.73	20.31	20.93
Call Firefighter EMT-P	From:	19.39	19.97	20.57	21.19
	To:	19.58	20.17	20.78	21.40
		<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>
Call Lieutenant	From:	18.65	19.21	19.78	20.38
	To:	18.84	19.40	19.98	20.58
Call Lieutenant EMT	From:	20.14	20.74	21.37	22.01
	To:	20.34	20.95	21.58	22.23
Call Lieutenant EMT-I	From:	20.51	21.13	21.76	22.41
	To:	20.72	21.34	21.98	22.63
Call Lieutenant EMT-P	From:	20.98	21.61	22.26	22.92
	To:	21.19	21.83	22.48	23.15
		<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>
Call Captain	From:	20.18	20.79	21.41	22.05
	To:	20.38	21.00	21.62	22.27
Call Captain EMT	From:	21.80	22.45	23.12	23.82
	To:	22.02	22.67	23.35	24.06
Call Captain EMT-I	From:	22.20	22.87	23.55	24.26
	To:	22.42	23.10	23.79	24.50
Call Captain EMT-P	From:	22.70	23.39	24.09	24.81
	To:	22.93	23.62	24.33	25.06
		<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>
Call Deputy Chief	From:	22.16	22.83	23.51	24.22
	To:	22.38	23.06	23.75	24.46
Call Deputy Chief EMT	From:	23.94	24.66	25.39	26.16
	To:	24.18	24.91	25.64	26.42
Call Deputy Chief EMT-I	From:	24.38	25.11	25.86	26.64
	To:	24.62	25.36	26.12	26.91
Call Deputy Chief EMT-P	From:	24.93	25.68	26.45	27.25
	To:	25.18	25.94	26.71	27.52

### **Parks and Recreation**

Director/Instructor - 2	From	19.34	To	19.53
Supervisor	From	15.35	To	15.50
Assistant/Instructor - 1	From	10.82	To	10.93
Life Guard	From	14.22	To	14.36

**Other**

## Recycling Laborer/

Heavy Equipment Operator	From	21.72	To	21.94
Cemetery Superintendent	From	10,305.00	To	10,409.00
Inspector of Animals	From	2,900.00	To	2,929.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures	From	2,442.00	To	2,467.00

- 2) Under Section 35.14, Letter G, replace the following:

The Board from time to time shall review the work of all positions covered by the plan, such reviews to be scheduled so that all positions will be reviewed at intervals of not more than three years.

With the following:

The Board shall review the work of all positions covered by the plan; such reviews will only be performed at the request of the Department Head and/or Employee.

**Passed Unanimously**

- 3) Add to the Wage and Personnel By-law, Section 35.16:

(D) All newly appointed employees shall be required to successfully complete a probationary period to begin immediately upon the employee's starting date and to continue for a six (6) month period. The probationary period shall be utilized to help new employees achieve effective performance standards. The probationary period shall be used by the appointing authority to observe and evaluate the employee's conduct, performance, and work habits. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the termination of an employee prior to the conclusion of the probationary period.

**Passed Unanimously**

- 4) Under Article V – Classification Schedule letter D, Grade 7, replace the following:

(7) Library Director Assistant

With the following:

(7) Assistant Library Director

**Passed Unanimously**

- 5) Under Article V – Section 35-22.1 E), Grade 8, add the following:

(4) Senior Treatment Plant Operator with a stipend of \$1.50 per hour.

There was some discussion on this article.

**A motion was made by Don Shadley and seconded to amend the motion to include “effective only when the Director is out of town/sick or on vacation”.**

**Amendment Failed**

Article as written: **Failed**

- 6) Under Article V, Section 35-22.1 J) Grade U (Unclassified), (5) Other, add the following:

(aa) Seasonal Laborer and assign a wage rate equivalent to a Grade 2, Step 1.

**Passed**

- 7) Under Article V, Section 35-22.1 J) Grade U (Unclassified), (5) Other, replace the following:

(x) Computer Network Manager

With the following:

(x) Technical Support Specialist and assign a wage rate equivalent to a Grade 7, Step 1.

**Passed**

- 8) In Appendix A – Unclassified - Other, replace the following:

Inspector of Animals \$2,900

With the following:

Inspector of Animals \$5,180

**Failed**

- 9) Add the following to the Wage and Personnel By-law, Section 35-33:

All Department Heads are encouraged to provide paid time and, if necessary, costs including fees and transportation, for all employees in their departments to attend at least three (3) hours of training each fiscal year and employees are encouraged to request and attend said training. Said training may be held on-site, on-line, or off-site and may include topics of specific interest to the department and/or topics of interest across some or all departments. Said training shall not incur overtime expenses.

**Passed**

- 10) Add the following to the Wage and Personnel By-law, Section 35-28.1, Access to the non-union sick bank:

Any otherwise qualified employee who has either a) exhausted all sick leave and is using sick leave from the sick bank on June 30<sup>th</sup> of a fiscal year; or b) was on sick leave on June 30<sup>th</sup> of a fiscal year and continued to be on sick leave in the following fiscal year until all sick leave was exhausted shall remain eligible for grants of sick leave from the Sick Leave Bank Board in the following fiscal year.

**Passed Unanimously**

**A motion was made by Michael J. Schleiff, and seconded to adjourn to the Special Town Meeting.**

**Passed**

**Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.**

**Annual Town Meeting resumed at 10:10 p.m.**

ARTICLE 3 Voted to determine the salaries of several elective Town Officers, July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

A motion was made by Gordon C. Andrews and seconded, to increase the salaries of elected Town Officials 1% as approved in Article 2.

**Passed**

	<u>2012-</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>2013-</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>2014-</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>2015-</u> <u>2016</u>
Moderator	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Town Clerk	\$36,741	\$37,293	\$37,853	\$47,790
Selectmen (ea)	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Treasurer-Collector	\$62,945	\$63,890	\$64,849	\$65,498
Assessors (ea)	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Highway Surveyor	\$66,779	\$67,781	\$68,798	\$69,486

Proposed by the Finance Committee – Gordon C. Andrews

**Passed**

#### ARTICLE 4 Operating Budget

Voted 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.

Proposed by the Finance Committee – Gordon C. Andrews

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Item#	Account Description	Expended FY13	Expended FY14	Budget FY15	Recommended FY16
<b>General Government</b>					
1	Moderator – Salary	200	200	200	200
2	Selectmen - Salary	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
3	Town Administrator - Salary	85,768	87,051	88,357	89,486
4	Selectmen - Clerical	65,384	69,998	69,559	73,126

Item#	Account Description	Expended	Expended	Budget	Recommended
		FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16
5	Selectmen - Expense	4,141	3,730	4,100	4,100
6	Law	41,792	35,177	42,200	42,200
7	Town Hall - Electricity	12,099	12,802	12,800	14,900
8	Town Reports	6,877	7,194	5,600	5,700
9	Audit	18,500	23,000	20,000	20,000 (A)
10	Finance Committee - Clerical	2,036	3,039	4,433	4,708
11	Finance Committee - Expense	316	352	359	359
12	Accountant - Salary	64,808	67,457	70,769	71,465
13	Accountant - Clerical	45,175	46,165	46,858	47,503
14	Accountant - Expense	1,498	801	1,625	1,625
15	Data Processing	43,392	45,077	60,000	70,760
16	Assessors - Salary	4,500	4,218	4,500	4,500
17	Principal Assessor/Appraiser	68,200	70,909	62,229	64,468
18	Assessors - Clerical	71,174	62,485	65,038	62,791
19	Assessors - Expense	9,852	9,560	10,900	13,750
20	Office Machines - Expense	7,059	4,506	7,700	7,500
21	Treasurer - Clerical	50,557	54,491	57,226	60,358
22	Treasurer - Expense	4,976	4,399	6,500	6,500
23	Treasurer - Tax Title	1,972	1,242	2,500	2,500
24	Treasurer - Banking & Payroll Expense	5,985	6,005	6,100	6,200
25	Clerk - Salary	36,741	37,293	37,853	47,790
26	Clerk - Clerical	29,143	25,559	30,960	32,975
27	Clerk - Expense	4,144	5,321	5,370	5,370
28	Elections and Registration	19,388	9,276	14,337	12,940
29	Treasurer-Collector Salary	62,945	63,890	64,849	65,498
30	Collector - Clerical	60,936	61,871	60,221	63,875
31	Collector - Expense	12,521	14,700	12,922	14,850
32	Wage and Personnel - Clerical	2,162	2,272	4,620	4,892

Item#	Account Description	Expended FY13	Expended FY14	Budget FY15	Recommended FY16
33	Wage and Personnel - Expense	235	229	250	250
34	Recruitment and Employment Costs	5,975	3,248	6,000	7,500
35	Conservation Commission - Expense	741	903	1,225	1,225
36	Conservation Commission - Agent	708	0	0	0
37	Planning Board - Expense	160	667	2,109	2,109
38	Board of Appeals - Expense	820	840	825	825
39	Regulatory - Clerical	61,303	64,776	68,378	70,191
40	Building Committee - Clerical	10,364	10,560	10,720	10,866
41	Building Committee - Expense	379	438	450	450
42	Town Buildings - Custodial	137,803	143,199	161,732	164,990
43	Town Buildings - Expense	54,924	59,275	31,467	30,850
43A	Town Buildings – Preventative Maintenance			31,750	43,240
44	Town Buildings - Snow & Ice Expense	379	0	3,000	3,000
	<b>Total General Government</b>	1,122,532	1,128,675	1,203,091	1,264,535
	<b>Public Safety - Police</b>				
45	Police - Chief Salary	119,162	96,500	98,420	100,629
46	Police - Wages	818,189	811,744	911,492	938,758
47	Police - Training	4,368	8,338	8,700	8,700
48	Police - Clerical	41,454	42,877	42,875	43,462
49	Police - Expense	73,764	57,630	62,485	62,485
50	Police - Station Maintenance	17,732	18,421	19,173	24,100
51	Police - Cruiser Maintenance	13,697	11,345	14,000	14,000
	<b>Total Police</b>	1,088,366	1,046,855	1,157,145	1,192,134
	<b>Public Safety - Fire</b>				
52	Fire - Chief Salary	95,200	104,102	98,919	101,664
53	Fire - Clerical	37,449	38,124	38,844	38,369



Item#	Account Description	Expended FY13	Expended FY14	Budget FY15	Recommended FY16
54	Fire - Wages	554,231	560,835	587,955	588,464
55	Fire - Retainers/Incentives	7,906	0	0	0
56	Fire - Training	47,889	52,784	57,627	57,677
57	Fire - Expense	26,553	29,018	30,000	30,000
58	Fire - Station Maintenance	11,410	11,686	11,783	13,533
59	Fire - Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance	24,908	27,435	24,065	24,065
60	Fire – Medical Supplies	14,998	15,764	15,000	20,000
61	Ambulance Billing	6,416	6,928	7,500	7,500
	<b>Total - Fire</b>	<b>826,960</b>	<b>846,676</b>	<b>871,693</b>	<b>882,272</b>
<b>Public Safety - Other Public Safety</b>					
62	Emergency Management	1,449	392	1,545	1,545
63	Building Inspector - Wages	61,807	62,731	63,672	58,816
64	Building Inspector, Assistant - Wages	1,951	1,981	2,011	2,032
65	Building Inspector - Expense	4,345	4,740	4,750	4,750
66	Sealer of Weights and Measures - Salary	2,300	2,405	2,442	2,467
67	Sealer of Weights and Measures - Expense	416	567	802	612
68	Animal Control Officer - Salary	3,104	11,911	16,908	17,078 (B)
69	Animal Control Officer - Expense	1,987	2,841	4,616	4,616 (B)
	<b>Total Other Public Safety</b>	<b>77,359</b>	<b>87,568</b>	<b>96,546</b>	<b>91,916</b>
70	Communications Center - Wages	217,766	261,682	273,436	282,470
71	Communications Center - Clerical	3,101	946	0	0
72	Communications Center - Expense	2,171	2,583	2,500	3,000
	<b>Total Communications</b>	<b>223,038</b>	<b>265,211</b>	<b>275,936</b>	<b>284,470</b>
	<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>2,215,723</b>	<b>2,245,310</b>	<b>2,401,320</b>	<b>2,451,792</b>

#### Schools

Item#	Account Description	Expended FY13	Expended FY14	Budget FY15	Recommended FY16
74	Elementary School	4,684,473	4,936,191	4,979,249	5,102,810
75	Vocational Education	68,310	111,652	153,000	159,000
76	Special Needs - Tuition	1,142,405	1,193,673	1,107,919	1,443,583
77	Special Needs - Transportation	279,658	315,487	387,887	445,847

78	Silver Lake Assessment	3,939,451	4,047,897	4,165,867	4,027,189
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**A motion was made by Melvin Conroy and seconded to amend the amount to \$\$4,027,189.**

**Standing Count was taken 71 Yes 33 No Amendment Passed**

**A motion made by Melvin Conroy and seconded to vote the amended amount. Passed**

**Cassandra Hanson put the town on notice to reconsider Line Item # 78**

**A motion was made by Michael J. Schleiff and seconded to adjourn to a time certain on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.**

**We adjourned at 11:15 p.m.**

**We reconvened on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**

**Voters: 141**

**Guests: 11**

79	Silver Lake Assessment - Debt	518,487	535,771	550,882	529,728 (C)
<b>Total Schools</b>		10,632,784	11,140,671	11,344,804	11,708,157

**Public Works - Highway**

80	Highway - Surveyor Salary	66,779	67,781	68,798	69,486
81	Highway - Wages	260,947	266,358	283,433	284,181
82	Highway - Clerical	33,747	35,037	38,583	39,371
83	Highway - Expense	5,020	4,834	4,971	4,971
84	Highway - Barn Maintenance	9,270	9,228	10,100	10,100
85	Highway - Equipment	55,735	45,344	48,500	48,500
86	Highway - Town Roads	73,418	70,645	74,355	74,355
87	Highway - Snow and Ice	177,307	177,262	177,509	177,509

Item#	Account Description	Expended FY13	Expended FY14	Budget FY15	Recommended FY16
88	Street Lights	21,184	21,549	21,945	27,300
89	Traffic Lights	5,178	4,056	5,500	5,500
90	Tree Warden Salary	0	0	1	1
91	Tree Maintenance	3,213	3,496	3,500	3,500
92	Insect and Pest Control	0	0	1	1
	<b>Total - Highway</b>	711,798	705,590	737,196	744,775
	<b>Public Works - Cemetery</b>				
93	Cemetery - Superintendent Salary	10,001	10,152	10,305	10,409
94	Cemetery - Wages	65,047	65,549	67,609	67,958
95	Cemetery - Supplies and Equipment	5,201	5,260	5,770	5,770
	<b>Total - Cemetery</b>	80,249	80,961	83,684	84,137
	<b>Public Works - Water</b>				
96	Water - Superintendent Salary	73,077	75,636	65,977	68,313
97	Water - Wages	173,702	168,935	174,315	190,784
98	Water - Clerical	41,604	42,410	43,766	44,359
99	Water - Supply	149,759	155,909	167,432	182,100
100	Water - Distribution	1,473	0	0	0
101	Water - Insurance	23,961	41,219	49,200	50,237
102	Water - Retirement	5,411	6,452	11,000	13,000
103	Water - Legal Fees	313	0	1,500	1,500
104	Water - Meters	19,805	19,980	20,000	25,000
105	Water - Gas & Oil	11,358	11,608	13,750	13,750
106	Water – Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance	5,028	6,704	7,500	9,000
107	Water – Tower/Wells Maintenance	23,126	19,547	25,000	25,000
	<b>Total - Water</b>	528,617	548,400	579,440	623,043 (D)

Item#	Account Description	Expended FY13	Expended FY14	Budget FY15	Recommended FY16
<b>Public Works - Solid Waste Management</b>					
108	Recycling Office - Clerical	25,232	25,752	26,831	27,491
109	Recycling Office - Expense	2,274	2,146	2,610	2,890
110	Recycling Center - Wages	67,344	67,505	71,009	79,227
111	Recycling Center - Expense	19,239	23,589	37,685	24,400
112	Hazardous Waste Collection	3,849	8,332	9,800	12,335
113	Trash Collection/Disposal	188,635	188,088	215,356	219,902
	<b>Total Solid Waste Management</b>	306,573	315,412	363,291	366,245 (E)
	<b>Total Public Works</b>	1,627,237	1,650,363	1,763,611	1,818,200
<b>Health and Human Services</b>					
114	Board of Health – Clerical	38,266	39,277	39,872	40,271
115	Board of Health – Expense	4,353	3,646	7,455	7,395
116	Board of Health – Inspections	61,707	62,631	63,669	64,306
117	Board of Health - Nursing Service	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
118	Landfill – Engineering & Monitoring	10,739	12,700	14,047	14,047
119	Inspector of Animals	2,814	2,857	2,900	2,929
120	Council on Aging – Wages	143,950	150,056	169,443	174,996
121	Council on Aging – Expense	8,448	8,785	8,880	8,880
122	Pope's Tavern – Electricity	2,223	2,043	2,200	2,500
123	Veterans' Agent – Salary	9,347	13,761	13,968	14,108
124	Veterans' Agent - Expense	703	819	1,269	1,269
125	Veterans' Service Officer	1,082	0	0	0
126	Veterans' Benefits	98,648	117,350	130,000	190,000
127	Housing Authority	0	0	1	1
128	ADA Expense	0	0	1	1
	<b>Total Health and Human Services</b>	389,280	480,925	461,705	527,703

Item#	Account Description	Expended FY13	Expended FY14	Budget FY15	Recommended FY16
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>					
129	Library - Director Salary	50,395	58,167	60,709	63,106
130	Library - Wages	137,222	153,149	160,656	163,376
131	Library - Expense	93,044	84,367	84,953	84,953
132	Youth and Recreation - Wages	13,042	13,233	13,437	14,582
133	Youth and Recreation - Expense	13,216	9,994	13,216	13,216
134	Youth and Recreation - Director	15,747	15,983	16,224	16,387
135	Parks - Wages	0	0	104	100
136	Parks - Expense	442	287	450	450
137	Cable Television	0	0	1	1
138	Patriotic Celebrations	0	0	500	400
139	Historical Commission	2,052	1,683	2,499	2,499
140	Historic District Commission	201	560	446	446
141	Holidays in Halifax	3,284	3,395	3,395	3,395
142	Beautification Committee - Expense	0	0	500	500
143	Website Committee - Expense	4,082	4,082	2,950	3,050
	<b>Total Culture and Recreation</b>	<b>332,727</b>	<b>344,900</b>	<b>360,040</b>	<b>366,461</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>					
144	Debt - Water Extension Project	99,345	96,075	92,700	89,250 (F)
145	Debt - School/Library Project	310,338	0	0	0
146	Debt - Police Station	159,570	153,630	147,555	141,345 (G)
147	Debt - Water Pollution Abatement Trust	10,400	10,400	10,400	10,400 (I)
148	Debt - Water Pollution Abatement Trust II	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000 (J)
149	Debt - Landfill Capping	134,469	126,000	122,625	118,688 (H)(K)
150	Interest on Temporary Loans	6,282	0	5,000	5,000

Item#	Account Description	Expended FY13	Expended FY14	Budget FY15	Recommended FY16
	<b>Total Debt Service</b>	730,404	396,105	388,280	374,683
	<b>Fixed Costs</b>				
151	Plymouth County Retirement	840,177	874,375	934,616	1,008,901 (L)
152	Group Insurance - Town Share	874,745	862,162	882,460	887,560
153	Medicare - Town Share	103,319	107,636	104,935	107,934
154	Insurance	252,618	244,381	253,300	254,000
155	Telephone	28,836	26,068	29,200	29,200
156	Gas & Oil - All Departments	149,381	129,365	140,650	133,650
	<b>A motion was made by V. Richard Greeley to amend Line #156 to \$133,650. Passed</b>				
	<b>Vote on amended amount Passed</b>				
157	Heating - All Buildings	45,371	49,674	78,650	70,785
	<b>A motion was made by Jason Conroy and seconded to amend Line #157 to \$70,785. Passed</b>				
	<b>Vote on amended amount Passed</b>				
	<b>Total Fixed Costs</b>	2,294,447	2,293,661	2,423,811	2,492,030
	<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	19,345,134	19,680,610	20,791,662	21,090,456
(A)	From Solid Waste Revenue	6,167	6,333	6,666	6,666
(A)	From Water Fund/Revenue	6,167	6,333	6,666	6,666
(B)	From Dog Fund	16,411	16,411	21,274	21,524
(C)	Under Debt Exclusion	518,487	535,771	550,882	529,728
(D)	From Water Fund/Revenue	528,617	548,400	579,440	623,043
(E)	From Solid Waste Fund Revenue	306,573	315,412	363,291	320,000
	From Solid Waste Fund Retained Earnings			215,356	46,245
(F)	From Water Retained Earnings	99,345	96,075	92,700	89,250
(G)	Under Debt Exclusion	159,570	153,630	147,555	141,345
(H)	Under Debt Exclusion	134,469	126,000	122,625	118,688

Item#	Account Description	Expended FY13	Expended FY14	Budget FY15	Recommended FY16
(I)	From Abatement Trust Revenue	10,400	10,400	10,400	10,400
(J)	From Abatement Trust Revenue	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
(K)	From Fund Balance Reserved for Bond Premium		754	683	601
(L)	From Water Fund/Revenue	45,000	46,000	46,000	46,000

ARTICLE 54 Voted to accept Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 81U, paragraph 12 which reads as follows:

In any town which accepts the provisions of this paragraph, the proceeds of any such bond or deposit shall be made available to the town for expenditure to meet the cost and expenses of the municipality in completing the work as specified in the approved plan. If such proceeds do not exceed one hundred thousand dollars, the expenditure may be made without specific appropriation under Section 53 of Chapter 44; provided, however, that such expenditure is approved by the Board of Selectmen. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to cities or to towns having town councils.

Proposed by the Planning Board – Michael J. Schleiff

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 55 Voted to transfer from the security deposit for Two River Farms subdivision the sum of \$118,296.31 or the full amount of the security deposit for the Two River Farms subdivision in order to perform work on the roads and associated infrastructure of the Two River Farms subdivision as allowed under MGL Chapter 41, Section 81U, paragraph 12 said transfer contingent upon the failure of the developer to complete the necessary work by August 31, 2015.

Proposed by the Planning Board – Michael J. Schleiff

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 22 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$10,000 for the Assessors FY2017 Triennial Revaluation Account.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors – John Shiavone

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 49 Voted to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$1,350 to create computer network, interface and backup system for Pope's Tavern/Halifax Council on Aging.

Proposed by the Council on Aging – Barbara Brenton

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 21 Voted to transfer the sum of \$50,000 from Water Department System Development Fund and \$450,000 from Water Department Retained Earnings for a total of \$500,000 to pay additional costs for repairing, repainting and renovating the Halifax Water Department

water tower in addition to the appropriation of \$1,100,000 from Article 18 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 14, 2012.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners – Keith Swanson

**Passed**

- ARTICLE 29 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to the “Other Post Employment Benefits Liabilities Irrevocable Trust Fund”.

Proposed by the Finance Committee – Gordon C. Andrews

**Passed Unanimously**

- ARTICLE 63 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Halifax by adding the following:

Agricultural Commission By-law

Voted to establish an Agricultural Commission to represent the Halifax farming community. Said Commission once appointed shall develop a work plan to guide its activities. Such activities include, but are not limited to the following: shall serve as facilitators for encouraging the pursuit of agriculture in Halifax; shall promote agricultural-based economic opportunities in Town; shall act as advocates, educators, and/or negotiators on farming issues; shall work for preservation of prime agricultural lands; and shall pursue all initiatives appropriate to creating a sustainable agricultural community.

The Commission will consist of seven members from the active farming community of Halifax, appointed by the Selectmen: three members for a term of three years; two members for a term of two years, and three thereafter; and two members for a one-year term, and three years thereafter. Up to five alternates may also be appointed by the Selectmen, each for one- year terms, and/or any other action relative thereto.

Guiding Principles for Commission Appointment: Member should: represent Town geographically, represent the diversity and scale of agricultural businesses, represent the diversity of the Town's population, encourage next generation farmers. The overall intent is to be inclusive not exclusive.

Mission: Promote agricultural-based economic opportunities; preserve, revitalize, and sustain the Halifax agricultural industry, and encourage the pursuit of agriculture as a career opportunity and lifestyle.

Proposed by Theresa Carman, et al – Theresa Carman

**Passed Unanimously**

- ARTICLE 27 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$1,800 to purchase and install a telephone in the Town Hall elevator.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Michael J. Schleiff

Moderator John Bruno requested a Standing Vote:

Of those present and voting: 79 Yes and 37 No

**Passed**

- ARTICLE 43 Voted to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$30,000 to purchase a new monitor/ defibrillators for the Halifax Fire Department.



Proposed by the Fire Chief – Kim R. Roy

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 59 Voted to accept Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21A which reads as follows:

Section 21A. In any city or town which accepts this section, an assessor or assistant assessor who has completed the necessary courses of study and training and has been awarded a certificate by the International Association of Assessing Officers as a certified assessment evaluator or who has been awarded a certificate by the Association of Massachusetts Assessors as a certified Massachusetts assessor shall receive as compensation from such city or town, in addition to the regular compensation paid by such city or town for services in such office, an amount equal to ten per cent of such regular compensation; provided, however, that in no event shall such additional compensation exceed one thousand dollars annually, if such assessor or assistant assessor is employed on a full-time basis, or five hundred dollars, if such assessor or assistant assessor is employed on a part-time basis. An assessor who has been awarded both certificates referred to above shall receive such additional compensation for only one of such certificates. In order to qualify for such additional compensation, an assessor or assistant assessor shall submit proof that he has been awarded either or both of the aforesaid certificates to the mayor or the board of selectmen of such city or town. The additional compensation herein provided shall be prorated for any twelve (12) month period in which an eligible person does not hold the office of assessor or assistant assessor for twelve consecutive months.

Said acceptance to go into effect on July 1, 2015

Proposed by Board of Assessors – John Shiavone

**Failed**

**A motion was made by John Shiavone, and seconded to pass over the following article.**

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 60 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,000 to implement the acceptance of MGL Chapter 59, Section 21A or take any other action thereon.

Proposed by Board of Assessors

**Passed Over – Unanimously**

ARTICLE 35 Voted to transfer \$4,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance and \$1,000 from Article 42 (MSBC Roof Repair MSBC/Water Bldg) of May 12, 2014 Annual Town Meeting for a total of \$5,000 to repair the aerial man lift.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee – Gerard Elliott

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 20 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$3,500 to support South Shore Community Action Council's work with residents in Halifax.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Troy E. Garron

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 56 Voted to amend Chapter 167-28, paragraph A of the Code of the Town of Halifax which reads:

- A. Applicants shall submit an original and eight (8) copies of their site plan to the Town Clerk, who shall give the applicant a dated receipt. Within four (4) days, the Town Clerk shall transmit one (1) copy each to the Planning Board, the Board of Health, the Building Inspector, the Highway Surveyor, the Water Commissioners, the Zoning Administrator, the Board of Appeals and the Conservation Commission and shall transmit written notice of the availability of the plans to the Fire and Police Departments. Within thirty (30) days of filing such application, the review boards and officers shall evaluate the application and the site plan with regard to the conditions and standards set forth in this chapter and related agency regulations and policies and shall submit comments to the Planning Board.

And replace it with the following:

- A. Applicants shall submit an original and nine (9) copies of their site plan to the Town Clerk, who shall give the applicant a dated receipt. Within four (4) days, the Town Clerk shall transmit one (1) copy each to the Planning Board, the Board of Health, the Building Inspector, the Highway Surveyor, the Water Commissioners, the Zoning Administrator, the Board of Appeals, the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen and shall transmit written notice of the availability of the plans to the Fire and Police Departments. Within thirty (30) days of filing such application, the review boards and officers shall evaluate the application and the site plan with regard to the conditions and standards set forth in this chapter and related agency regulations and policies and shall submit comments to the Planning Board.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Michael J. Schleiff

Planning Board recommends

Two – third vote required.

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 36 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$2,620 to purchase an iPad and associated software for the Municipal and School Building Committee.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee – Gerard Elliott

**Passed**

ARTICLE 7 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to the Reserve Fund to cover extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures during Fiscal Year 2016 in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and to transfer from Water Department Retained Earnings the sum of \$25,000 to the Water Department Reserve Fund.

Proposed by the Finance Committee – Gordon C. Andrews

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 26 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$80,000 to purchase and equip with miscellaneous police equipment two (2) new marked police vehicles to be used for patrol.

Proposed by the Police Chief – Edward Broderick

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 58 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Halifax by amending Chapter 156-2 (Trailers – Hearing upon renewal; notice) by replacing the current Chapter 156-2:

Before approval for a renewal is given, a public hearing shall be held by the Selectmen. Two notices of such hearing shall be given by the Board of Selectmen, at the expense of the applicant, at least ten (10) days prior thereto by an advertisement in an official publication of, or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Halifax. A copy of said notice shall be given to the applicant who shall notify, by certified mail, all owners on land directly abutting said location, including those across the street, as appearing in the most recent tax list certified by the Board of Assessors. Proof of notice to the abutters must be provided by the applicant to the Board no later than at the time of the public hearing. If a renewal is granted by the Selectmen, the Board can extend that renewal for an additional ninety (90) days without requiring another public hearing.

With the following:

Before approval for a renewal is given, a public hearing shall be held by the Selectmen. Two notices of such hearing shall be given by the Board of Selectmen, at the expense of the applicant, at least ten (10) days prior thereto by an advertisement in an official publication of, or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Halifax. A copy of said notice shall be given to the applicant who shall notify, by certified mail, all owners on land directly abutting said location, including those across the street, as appearing in the most recent tax list certified by the Board of Assessors. Proof of notice to the abutters must be provided by the applicant to the Board no later than at the time of the public hearing.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Troy E. Garron

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 45 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$160,954.15 to pay for the first year of a five-year lease-purchase agreement, at a total cost of \$804,770.75, for a fully equipped aerial platform truck (purchase cost of \$761,000) for use by the Halifax Fire Department, and to authorize the Fire Department or the Board of Selectmen to enter into a purchase of lease/purchase agreement on such terms and conditions as the Board deems in the best interest of the Town, and to take other action as necessary to effectuate the purpose of this vote.

Proposed by the Fire Chief – Kim R. Roy

**Passed Unanimously**

**Moderator John Bruno called for a five (5) minute recess.**

**We resumed at 10:10 p.m. A motion was made by Michael J. Schleiff and seconded to pass over Article 52 at this time.**

**Motion to pass over – Passed**

**Mr. Schleiff put the Town on notice to reconsider Article 52.**

ARTICLE 52 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Halifax, Chapter 167-15 (Zoning – Floodplain District regulations) by replacing the current paragraph A:

- A. Floodplain District. The Floodplain District is herein established as an overlay district. The underlying permitted uses are allowed, provided that they meet the following additional requirements, as well as those of the Massachusetts State Building Code dealing with construction in floodplains. The Floodplain District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Halifax designated as Zone A, and A1 to A30AE, on the Town of Halifax, Plymouth County Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and the Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Plymouth County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Halifax are panel numbers 25023C0194J, 25023C0213J, 25023C0214J, 25023C0218J, 25023C0306J, 25023C0307J, 25023C0308J, 25023C0309J, 25023C0326J, 25023C0327J and 25023C0328J, dated July 17, 2012. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the one-hundred-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, dated July 17, 2012, on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board and Building Inspector. These maps, as well as the accompanying Town of Halifax Plymouth County Flood Insurance Study, are incorporated herein by reference. The Floodplain District is shown as an overlay district on the Town of Halifax Zoning Map.

With the following:

- A. Floodplain District. The Floodplain District is herein established as an overlay district. The underlying permitted uses are allowed, provided that they meet the following additional requirements, as well as those of the Massachusetts State Building Code dealing with construction in floodplains. The Floodplain District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Halifax designated as Zone A, and A1 to A30AE, on the Town of Halifax, Plymouth County Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and the Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Plymouth County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Halifax are panel numbers 25023C0194J, 25023C0213J, 25023C0214J, 25023C0218J, ~~25023C0306J, 25023C0307J, 25023C0308J, 25023C0309J,~~ 25023C0326J, 25023C0327J and 25023C0328J, dated July 17, 2012 and panel numbers 25023C0306K, 25023C0307K, 25023C0308K, and 25023C0309K, dated July 16, 2015. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the one-hundred-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, dated ~~July 17, 2012~~ July 16, 2015, on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board and Building Inspector. These maps, as well as the accompanying Town of Halifax Plymouth County Flood Insurance Study, are incorporated herein by reference. The Floodplain District is shown as an overlay district on the Town of Halifax Zoning Map.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Passed Over - Passed**

ARTICLE 19 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$3,500 to support South Shore Women's Resource Center for domestic violence intervention and prevention services for its residents.

Proposed by Ida Hathaway, et al – Troy E. Garron

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 33 Voted to transfer the sum of \$2,500 from Undesignated Fund Balance and \$2,500 from Article 37 (MSBC-School Chimney Article) of the May 12, 2008 Annual Town Meeting for a total of \$5,000 to purchase and install a new furnace in the Halifax Town Hall.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee – Gerard Elliott

**Passed**

ARTICLE 11 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,301 to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement for Fiscal Year 2016 between AFSCME AFL-CIO Union Council 93, Local 1700 (Highway/Cemetery) and the Town of Halifax.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen - Michael J. Schleiff

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 12 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,856 to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement for Fiscal Year 2016 between IBPO, Local 309 (Sergeants) and the Town of Halifax.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen - Troy E. Garron

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 62 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Halifax by adding the following:

Right to Farm By-Law

Section 1 Legislative Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of this By-law is to state with emphasis the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth under Article 97, of the Constitution, and all state statutes and regulations there under including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128, Section 1A. We the citizens of Halifax restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town's authority conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, ("Home Rule Amendment").

This General By-law encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmland within the Town of Halifax by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies. This By-law shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within Town.

Section 2 Definitions

The word "farm" shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of commercial or non commercial agricultural, or accessory thereto.

The words "farming" or "agriculture" or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- Farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil; dairying;
- Production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, aquacultural, floricultural, viticultural, or horticultural commodities;
- Growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forest or lumbering operations;
- Raising of livestock including horses;
- Keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise or for personal non commercial use; and keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle, ratties (such as emus, ostriches and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur-bearing animals.
- "Farming" shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:
- Operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the Town;
- Control of pests, including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators and disease organisms of plant and animals;
- Application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides;
- Conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agritourism provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm;
- Processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmer's market or farm stand including signage thereto;
- Maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of the agricultural products; and
- On-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations.

### Section 3 Right To Farm Declaration

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Halifax. The above described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. The benefits and protections of this By-law are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. Moreover, nothing in this Right to Farm By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation, or local zoning law.

### Section 4 Disclosure Notification

Within thirty (30) days after this By-law becomes effective, the Selectmen shall prominently post in the Town Hall and make available for distribution the following disclosure:

"It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers and occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies

within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Buyers and occupants are also informed that the location of property within the Town may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations including the ability to access water services for such property under certain circumstances."

In addition to the above, copies of this disclosure notification shall be available in a public area at the Town Hall.

#### Section 5 Resolution of Disputes

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, file a grievance with the Selectmen, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or the Board of Health, depending upon the nature of the grievance. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved may have. The Zoning Enforcement Officer or Selectmen shall forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the referring Town authority within an agreed upon time frame.

The Board of Health, except in cases of imminent danger or public health risk, shall forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the Board of Health within an agreed upon time frame.

#### Section 6 Severability Clause

If any part of this By-law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this By-law. The Town of Halifax hereby declares the provisions of this By-law to be severable.

Proposed by Theresa Carman, et al – Theresa Carman

**Passed**

- ARTICLE 9 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,898 to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement for Fiscal Year 2016 between IAFF, Local 3159 (Firefighters) and the Town of Halifax other than the provisions in Article 7.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Kim R. Roy

**Passed Unanimously**

- ARTICLE 8 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement for Fiscal Year 2016 between IAFF, Local 3159 (Firefighters) and the Town of Halifax, specifically adding the title of full-time lieutenant to the list of positions covered under the agreement.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Kim R. Roy

**Passed**

- ARTICLE 41 Voted to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$15,000 to purchase new turn-out gear for the Halifax Fire Department...

Proposed by the Fire Chief – Kim R. Roy

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 57 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Halifax by adding the following:

Chapter 55-3 Use of e-cigarettes

The use of e-cigarettes and like devices is prohibited with buildings and structures owned by the Town of Halifax.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Kim R. Roy

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 13 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,357 to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement for Fiscal Year 2016 between the Halifax Association of Police Patrolmen and the Town of Halifax.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Troy E. Garron

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 37 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$10,050 to sealcoat, fill cracks, and stripe the parking lots of Town Hall.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee – Gerard Elliott

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 15 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$142,000 to pay for a public access studio and programming for Fiscal Year 2016 and to establish a separate annual line item for this purpose.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Michael J. Schleiff

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 47 Voted to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$1,500 for a new computer at Pope's Tavern/Halifax Council on Aging.

Proposed by the Council on Aging – Barbara Brenton

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 30 Voted to transfer from available funds, the sum of \$21,000 from Article 20 (Flat Roof Repair) of the May 12, 2014 Annual Town Meeting and \$1,200 from Overlay Surplus for a total of \$22,200 for computer equipment for the Halifax Elementary School including two network switches, one drive array/storage unit, two printers and one air conditioner for the School's computer room.

Proposed by the Elementary School Committee – Derek Bennett

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 39 Voted to transfer from Article 40 (MSBC Elem Fire Alarm Phase 2) of the May 12, 2014 Annual town Meeting the sum of \$6,350 to replace flooring in the Halifax Highway Barn.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee – Gerard Elliott

**Passed Unanimously**

**A motion was made by Michael J. Schleiff and seconded to adjourn to Wednesday, May 13, 2015.**



**We resumed on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 8:20 p.m. There were 115 voters and 6 guests present.**

ARTICLE 18 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$3,500 to support South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.'s continued free legal services in civil matters to elders, low-income families and their children.

Proposed by Carl Tolman, et al – Troy E. Garron

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 46 Voted to transfer from the Wetland Fund the sum of \$7,500 for additional hours for the Conservation Commission secretary for wetlands protection work and review.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission – Sandra Nolan

**Passed Unanimously**

**A motion was made by Nicole Newton and seconded to reconsider Article 52.**

**Passed Unanimously**

ARTICLE 52 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Halifax, Chapter 167-15 (Zoning – Floodplain District regulations) by replacing the current paragraph A:

A. Floodplain District. The Floodplain District is herein established as an overlay district. The underlying permitted uses are allowed, provided that they meet the following additional requirements, as well as those of the Massachusetts State Building Code dealing with construction in floodplains. The Floodplain District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Halifax designated as Zone A, and A1 to A30AE, on the Town of Halifax, Plymouth County Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and the Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Plymouth County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Halifax are panel numbers 25023C0194J, 25023C0213J, 25023C0214J, 25023C0218J, 25023C0306J, 25023C0307J, 25023C0308J, 25023C0309J, 25023C0326J, 25023C0327J and 25023C0328J, dated July 17, 2012. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the one-hundred-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, dated July 17, 2012, on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board and Building Inspector. These maps, as well as the accompanying Town of Halifax Plymouth County Flood Insurance Study, are incorporated herein by reference. The Floodplain District is shown as an overlay district on the Town of Halifax Zoning Map.

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Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Robert Piccirilli  
Planning Board recommended

**Passed Unanimously**

- ARTICLE 16 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0 to meet the Town’s share and to appropriate the sum of \$270,025 from available funds under Chapter 11 of the Acts of 2015as the State’s share of the cost of work under Chapter 90, Section 34(2)(a) of the General Laws, for the purposes as set forth in the memorandum of agreement with the Massachusetts Highway Department including maintaining, repairing, improving, and constructing town and county ways and bridges, sidewalks adjacent to said ways and bridges, bike ways and other projects eligible for funding as a “transportation enhancement project” as described in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, P.L. 102-240, salt storage sheds, public use off-street parking facilities related to mass transportation, for engineering services and expenses related to highway transportation enhancement and mass transportation purposes, for care, repair, storage, purchase, and long-term leasing of road building machinery, equipment and tools, and for the erection and maintenance of direction signs and warning signs.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor – Robert Badore

**Passed Unanimously**

- ARTICLE 28 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$2,785 to purchase a staff laptop computer for the Children’s Librarian, two desktop computers and public use scanner.

Proposed by the Board of Library Trustees – Robert Fuller

**Passed Unanimously**

**A motion was made by Troy E. Garron and seconded to adjourn to Saturday, May 16, 2015 Article 64, Annual Town Election from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to meet at the Halifax Elementary School:**

- ARTICLE 64 To see if the Town will vote to elect one Board of Assessors member for a term three years, a Town Clerk for a term of three years, one Board of Health member for a term of three years, two Holmes Public Library Trustees for terms of three years, one Holmes Public Library Trustee for a term of two years, one Holmes Public Library Trustee for a term of one year, one Housing Authority member for a term of five years, one Park Commission member for a term of three years, one Planning Board member for a term of five years, two Halifax Elementary School Committee members for a term of three years,

one Silver Lake Regional School Committee member for a term of three years, one Board of Selectmen member for a term of three years, one Water Commissioner for a term of three years, one Treasurer-Collector for a term of three years and one Moderator for a term of three years.

Question 1: Do you request that the State Legislature nullify the 2010 decision of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks which incorporate the Common Core State Standards, and returning the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to the pre-2010 Massachusetts State Standards?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Election Results (See Following Pages)