

COPY OF THE WARRANT
and
THE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
of the
FINANCE COMMITTEE



to be acted upon at the

Annual Town Meeting
Halifax Elementary School
Monday, May 11, 2009
7:30 p.m.

Special Town Meeting
Halifax Elementary School
Monday, May 11, 2009
8:00 p.m.

and the

Annual Town Election
Halifax Elementary School
Saturday, May 16, 2009
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Bring this copy with you to the Town Meeting

"CITIZEN'S CHECK LIST"

To be considered on each vote:

1. ***IS IT NECESSARY?*** Or is it something that is not really needed or perhaps already being provided by a private or public group?
2. ***CAN WE AFFORD IT?*** Remember, there is no limit to what we would like, but there is a limit to what we can afford.
3. ***WHAT WILL IT COST ULTIMATELY?*** Many proposals are like icebergs - only a small fraction of the total cost is apparent on the surface.
4. ***HOW WILL IT AFFECT BASIC LIBERTIES?*** If it imposes unreasonable or illegal restraints on your life or that of others, it should be vigorously opposed.
5. ***IS IT IN THE BALANCED BEST INTEREST OF ALL?*** If it is designed to benefit a small group of special interests, while taking unfair advantage of others, work for its defeat.
6. ***IS IT A "FOOT IN THE DOOR" PROPOSITION?*** Compromising a little now may bring an oppressive burden later, either in more regulations or more taxes or a combination of both.
7. ***DOES IT PLACE TOO MUCH POWER IN THE HANDS OF ONE INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP?*** Once decisive power is granted to a non-elected public official, a commission or a municipal authority, the private citizens lose effective control.
8. ***DOES IT RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE MINORITY?*** This is a cornerstone of our Republic.
9. ***IS ITS APPEAL BASED ON EMOTIONAL PROPAGANDA OR FACTS?*** The farther a proposition gets away from facts, the more critical one should be.
10. ***DOES IT SQUARE WITH YOUR MORAL CONVICTIONS?*** If so, fight for it. If not, oppose it.



TOWN OF HALIFAX
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee, which consists of seven (7) registered voters of the Town of Halifax, is a representative body for the citizens of the Town. The Finance Committee is charged with the responsibility of recommending to Town Meeting, via a motion, a balanced annual operating budget which is based on money received through taxes, state aid, and various local charges and fees.

To accomplish this, the Finance Committee completes a careful and considerable review and evaluation of all budget requests that are submitted to our board. This process requires hours, days and weeks of analysis. The Finance Committee would like to recognize the efforts of all department heads, boards and committees who worked along with the Finance Committee in our effort to present a **balanced budget** for the Fiscal Year 2010. This budget is presented as our recommendation. The final decision on how the funds will be spent is determined by the taxpayers who **attend** Town Meeting.

We ask that you review the warrant as presented in this report. As a taxpayer in the Town of Halifax, it is your **right** to ask for an explanation of something presented during Town Meeting that you do not entirely understand. **Do not hesitate to ask questions if you are unsure of what you are voting on.**

We hope that you exercise your right to vote by attending the Annual Town Meeting on May 11, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Roy, Chairperson
Peter Beals, Vice Chairperson
Paul Weckbacher, Secretary
Richard Wright
Greg Tilley
John Pesa
Pam McSherry, Secretary to the Committee

**HALIFAX SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
BUDGET 2009 - 2010**

	2008 - 2009 BUDGET	2009 - 2010 BUDGET	% INCR/DCR
REGULAR DAY			
1100	\$15,775.00	\$15,775.00	0.00%
1200	\$147,924.33	\$136,781.79	-7.53%
2200	\$236,113.16	\$238,348.00	0.95%
2300	\$2,632,687.36	\$2,775,587.96	5.43%
2350	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	0.00%
2400	\$29,000.00	\$19,160.00	-33.93%
2450	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	0.00%
2500	\$55,094.95	\$57,887.00	5.07%
2600	\$9,500.00	\$4,500.00	-52.63%
3100	\$75.00	\$75.00	0.00%
3200	\$40,926.50	\$41,727.00	1.96%
3310	\$239,937.00	\$247,123.80	3.00%
3440	\$1.00	\$1.00	0.00%
4110	\$206,742.00	\$210,388.00	1.76%
4120	\$66,309.00	\$68,585.36	3.43%
4130	\$95,814.56	\$98,740.00	3.05%
4210	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
4220	\$96,500.00	\$101,000.00	4.66%
4230	\$10,000.00	\$10,300.00	3.00%
5300	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
7300	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
7400	\$4,000.00	\$2,500.00	-37.50%
TOTAL REGULAR DAY	\$3,923,799.86	\$4,063,479.91	3.56%
SPECIAL EDUCATION			
9221	\$48,295.47	\$48,854.42	1.16%
9223	\$530,554.21	\$564,563.99	6.41%
9227	\$61,434.22	\$64,365.00	4.77%
9233	\$327,518.34	\$207,840.87	-36.54%
9228	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	0.00%
9273	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
9290	\$1,029,971.35	\$880,833.03	-14.48%
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$2,013,773.59	\$1,782,457.31	-11.49%
GRAND TOTAL	\$5,937,573.45	\$5,845,937.22	-1.54%
OUT OF DISTRICT VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	\$135,000.00	\$94,000.00	-30.37%

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET 2009 - 2010**

	2008 - 2009	2009 - 2010	%	
	BUDGET	BUDGET	INC/DCR	
REGULAR DAY				
1101	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	129,050	128,800	-0.19%
1201	SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE	949,112	901,535	-5.01%
2101	SUPERVISION	428,278	480,018	12.08%
2201	PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	851,429	685,172	-19.53%
2300	TEACHING	8,697,919	8,873,935	2.02%
2350	PROFESSIONAL DEV.	67,362	65,362	-2.97%
2400	TEXTBOOKS	120,510	31,652	-73.73%
2450	INST. HARD & SOFTWARE	126,607	135,565	7.08%
2500	LIBRARY	220,738	210,471	-4.65%
2600	AUDIO VISUAL	24,500	17,500	-28.57%
2700	GUIDANCE	733,931	768,046	4.65%
3200	HEALTH	77,806	89,778	15.39%
3300	TRANSPORTATION	811,264	812,415	0.14%
3500	ATHLETICS	130,875	64,691	-50.57%
4110	CUSTODIAL	947,097	935,375	-1.24%
4120	HEATING	0	0	0.00%
4130	UTILITIES	1,116,725	1,051,794	-5.81%
4210	MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS	104,500	95,500	-8.61%
4220	MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS	241,700	257,650	6.60%
4230	MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT	130,500	115,500	-11.49%
5100	RETIREMENT	578,206	607,535	5.07%
5200	INSURANCE	2,489,643	2,470,852	-0.75%
5300	LEASE	5,880	5,880	0.00%
5400	DEBT SERVICE	0	0	0.00%
7300	ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT	0	0	0.00%
7400	REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT	5,000	9,000	80.00%
TOTAL REGULAR DAY		18,988,632	18,814,027	-0.92%
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
2210	SUPERVISION	238,851	248,244	3.93%
2300	TEACHING	848,848	927,974	9.32%
2280	PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	30,450	30,450	0.00%
2330	TRANSPORTATION	48,050	48,050	0.00%
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION		1,166,199	1,254,718	7.59%
GRAND TOTAL		20,154,831	20,068,745	-0.43%

**TOWN OF HALIFAX
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MAY 11, 2009**

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

Finance Committee recommends

ARTICLE 2 To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 2010, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F, or take any action thereon

Proposed by the Town Treasurer

Finance Committee recommends

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage and Personnel By-Law as recommended by the Wage and Personnel Board, or take any action thereon:

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) Grant the Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Cole a 5% Merit Increase
- (2) Grant the Water Superintendent Richard Clark a 5% Merit Increase
- (3) Create a Grade 9 as listed below.
- (4) Add the following to Section V Group C of Appendix A:

Retainer - Call Captain. Shall be one hour's pay at Call Captain's pay per duty day as an on-call Captain. On-call time Monday through Friday 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., Saturday and Sunday 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

(5) Amend SECTION V CLASSES AND RATES as follows:

GRADE 2	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>	<u>Step 6</u>
From	12.50	13.16	13.86	14.60	15.35	15.82
To	12.75	13.43	14.14	14.90	15.66	16.14
GRADE 4	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>	<u>Step 6</u>
From	14.00	14.67	15.36	16.08	16.86	17.36
To	14.28	14.97	15.67	16.41	17.20	17.71
GRADE 6	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>	<u>Step 6</u>
From	15.57	16.24	16.90	17.61	18.33	18.87
To	15.89	16.57	17.24	17.97	18.70	19.25
GRADE 7	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>	<u>Step 6</u>
From	17.03	17.69	18.37	19.07	19.81	20.41
To	17.38	18.05	18.74	19.46	20.21	20.82
GRADE 8	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>	<u>Step 6</u>
From	18.47	19.15	19.82	20.54	21.28	21.93
To	18.84	19.54	20.22	20.96	21.71	22.37
GRADE 9	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>	<u>Step 6</u>
To	21.84	22.53	23.24	23.97	24.74	25.48
GRADE 10	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>	<u>Step 6</u>
From	50,621	52,053	53,525	55,036	56,594	58,292
To	51,634	53,095	54,596	56,137	57,726	59,458
GRADE 11	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>	<u>Step 6</u>
From	56,662	58,115	59,606	61,133	62,700	64,581
To	57,796	59,278	60,799	62,356	63,954	65,873

GRADE 12	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>	<u>Step 6</u>
From						
Base	66,419	67,859	69,333	70,839	72,376	74,548
Holiday	3,060	3,124	3,193	3,263	3,332	3,430
Total	69,479	70,983	72,526	74,102	75,708	77,978
To						
Base	67,748	69,217	70,720	72,256	73,824	76,039
Holiday	3,122	3,187	3,257	3,329	3,399	3,499
Total	70,870	72,404	73,977	75,585	77,223	79,538

GRADE 14	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>	<u>Step 6</u>
From:	72,519	73,998	75,509	77,051	78,623	80,981
To:	73,970	75,478	77,020	78,593	80,196	82,601

GRADE "U" (UNCLASSIFIED)

Administrative and Clerical

Registrar of Voters	From	11.57	To	11.81
Election Worker	From	11.12	To	11.35
Assessing Lister	From	11.09	To	11.32
Water Inspector	From	31.83	To	32.47
Veterans Agent	From	8,850	To	9,027
Veterans Service Officer	From	1,023	To	1,044
Asst. Building Inspector	From	1,846	To	1,883

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Call Deputy Chief	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>	<u>Step 6</u>
From	18.38	19.56	20.82	21.50	22.86	23.55
To	18.75	19.96	21.24	21.93	23.32	24.03
Call Captain	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>	<u>Step 6</u>
From	16.33	17.28	18.30	19.36	20.47	21.09
To	16.66	17.63	18.67	19.75	20.88	21.52
Call Firefighter	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>	<u>Step 6</u>
From	14.84	15.84	16.45	17.31	18.23	18.77
To	15.14	16.16	16.78	17.66	18.60	19.15

Call EMT - A	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>
From	17.69	18.44	19.20	19.79
To	18.05	18.81	19.59	20.19
Call EMT - D	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>
From	18.09	18.83	19.62	20.21
To	18.46	19.21	20.02	20.62
Call EMT - I	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>
From	18.65	19.43	20.22	20.84
To	19.03	19.82	20.63	21.26
Call EMT - P	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>
From	19.30	20.13	20.98	21.60
To	19.69	20.54	21.40	22.04
Call Scuba Diver	From	16.66	To	17.00
CPR Instructor	From	21.22	To	21.65

PARKS AND RECREATION

Director / Instructor - 2	From	17.77	To	18.13
Supervisor	From	14.10	To	14.39
Assistant / Instructor - 1	From	9.94	To	10.14
Life Guard	From	13.06	To	13.33
Aide/Helper		MA Minimum Wage		

OTHER

Recycling Laborer/ Heavy Equipment Operator	From	19.96	To	20.36
Cemetery Superintendent	From	9,469	To	9,659
Inspector of Animals	From	2,663	To	2,717
Sealer of Weights and Measures	From	1,915	To	1,954

Proposed by the Wage and Personnel Board

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote to determine the salaries of several elective Town Officers, July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, or take any action thereon:

	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
Moderator	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Town Clerk	\$28,149	\$31,350	\$32,291	\$35,487
Selectmen (ea)	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Treasurer	\$28,149	\$31,350	\$32,291	-----
Town Collector	\$52,827	\$54,412	\$56,045	-----
Treasurer-Collector	-----	-----	-----	\$60,798
Assessors (ea)	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Highway Surveyor	\$59,605	\$61,394	\$63,236	\$64,501

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 5 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, or take any action thereon.

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Proposed by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee recommends

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ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will vote to continue the following Revolving Funds for certain Town departments under the Massachusetts General Laws or regulations cited for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 or take any other action thereto.

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY2010 Spending Limit
Conservation Commission	Conservation Commission	Fees for review of permits, postage, and advertising	Consulting services, postage and ads	\$20,000
Board of Health Consulting	Board of Health	Fees for review of permits	Consulting services	\$30,000
Recycling Bins	Highway Surveyor	Fees for purchase of bins	Purchase of bins	\$ 5,000
Earth Removal Review	Board of Selectmen	Fees for review of permits	Consulting services	\$15,000
Planning Board Consulting	Planning Board	Fees for review of permits	Consulting services	\$50,000
Building Inspector Consulting	Building Inspector	Fees for review of permits	Consulting services	\$15,000
Youth & Recreation Programs	Youth and Recreation	Fees for programs	Youth and Recreation programs	\$70,000
CPR Classes	Fire Chief	Fees for classes	CPR instructors and materials	\$ 5,000
ZBA Consulting	Zoning Board of Appeals	Fees for review of permits, postage advertising	Consulting services, postage, legal ads	\$15,000
Library Computer and Printers	Library Trustees	Computer / printer fees	Computer / printer supplies	\$ 5,000
Selectmen Legal Advertising	Board of Selectmen	Payments for legal ads	Legal ads	\$ 1,500
COA Elderbus	Council on Aging	Transportation fees & donations	Elderbus operation including wages	\$ 8,000
Inspector Wages	Building Inspector	Fees for permits	80% for plumbing, gas, and wiring inspectors wages; remainder to general fund	\$30,000

In all cases, all the revolving funds are authorized under MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2.

Proposed by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee recommends

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$65,000 to the Reserve Fund to cover extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures during Fiscal Year 2010 in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee recommends

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$0 to meet the Town's share and to appropriate the sum of \$196,034 from available funds under Chapter 303 of the Acts of 2008 as 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, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$150,000 for the maintenance of Town roads, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 to purchase a vibratory roller with related items, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$17,000 and transfer \$3,546.92 from Account #1557 (backhoe) to purchase a hotbox with related items, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 and transfer \$6,075 from Account #1857 (scanner) and transfer \$9,300 from Account #1933 (chipper) to purchase a crack-filling machine with related items, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Finance Committee recommends

ARTICLE 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$40,000 to purchase and equip with miscellaneous police equipment one (1) new marked police vehicle and to keep and repaint one older vehicle, or take any action there on.

Proposed by the Police Chief

Finance Committee recommends

ARTICLE 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,900 to purchase data storage and improvements to the police and fire records system, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Police Chief

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,250 to purchase portable radios and pages for use by the Fire Department, or take any other action thereon.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Finance Committee recommends

ARTICLE 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000 to purchase and equip Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for use by the Fire Department and that the “old SCBA” be traded-in, transferred, or sold, or take any other action thereon.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Finance Committee recommends

ARTICLE 17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 to purchase and equip Firefighting Personal Protective Gear (Turn-Out Gear) for the use by the Fire Department, or take any other action thereon.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Finance Committee recommends

ARTICLE 18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$100,000 to paint or re-side (the siding) on all or a portion of the Town Hall, or take any other action thereon.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$55,000 to have an architectural stamped plan for the replacement of the Library roof and to replace the roof of the Library, or take any other action thereon.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 to replace the 1950 furnaces at the Town Hall and Pope's Tavern (Council on Aging) and associated heating and electrical systems and equipment, or take any other action thereon.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee

Finance Committee recommends

ARTICLE 21 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to replace the Fire Alarm system at the Halifax Elementary School, or take any other action thereon.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 22 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 for the preparation of conceptual plans to submit to ZBA relative to the construction of senior housing and a senior center on property located on Thompson Street, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Halifax Housing Authority

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,700 to purchase, implement and support Municipal Software for the Town Collector/Treasurer's office, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Town Treasurer and the Town Collector

Finance Committee does not recommend

ARTICLE 24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 for the purchase and installation of new computer hardware and software for the Halifax Elementary School, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by Halifax Elementary School Committee

Finance Committee recommends

ARTICLE 25 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 for the Unemployment Trust, or take any other action thereon.

Proposed by the Town Treasurer

Finance Committee recommends

ARTICLE 26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 to contract the development of an affordable housing plan for the Town of Halifax to help provide the Town more self-determination in state mandated affordable housing matters, or take any other action thereon.

Proposed by the Affordable Housing Committee

Finance Committee recommends

ARTICLE 27 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$5,000 for work on a new Master Plan including but not limited to making an electronic copy of the previous Master Plan, or take any other action thereon

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends

ARTICLE 28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,500 to contract with South Shore Women's Resource Center for domestic violence intervention and prevention services for its residents, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by Maria Edlin, et al

Finance Committee recommends

ARTICLE 29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,500 to contract with South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.'s continued free legal services in civil matters to low-income families and their children, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by Gilda Flanagan, et al

Finance Committee recommends

ARTICLE 30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$18,500 to repair, renovate and replace parts on the generator at the Halifax Elementary School, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 31 To see if the Town will vote to create a Payment of Claims fund and that all funds currently allocated for Payment of Claims in the amount of \$890.88 shall be transferred into this fund, or take any other action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends

ARTICLE 32 To see if the Town will vote to accept Harvest Lane as a public way, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by Summit Street Realty Trust, Keith J. McLaughlin, Trustee

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 33 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Halifax, Chapter 72, Section 1 to replace the following:

The sole care, superintendence, management and control of the cemeteries shall be entrusted to a Superintendent of Cemeteries, who shall be subject to the general supervision of the Board of Selectmen and shall be annually appointed by it, to take effect on the first day of April in each year.

With the following:

The sole care, superintendence, management and control of the cemeteries shall be entrusted to a

Superintendent of Cemeteries, who shall be subject to the general supervision of the Board of Selectmen and shall be annually appointed by it, said appointment to take effect at midnight on the end of the day of the annual town election each year.

or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 34 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Halifax, Chapter 55, Section 1 to replace the following:

No person shall, while in any public way or alley or sidewalk or town parking area or town beaches, town parks and town property within the Town of Halifax, whether in or upon a vehicle or on foot, consume any alcoholic beverage.

With the following:

No person shall while in or upon any street, sidewalk, public way, footway, passageway, stairs, bridge, park, playground, beach, recreation area, boat landing, public building, schoolhouse, school grounds, cemetery, parking lot, or any area owned by or under the control of the Town of Halifax, whether in or upon a vehicle or on foot, consume an alcoholic beverage as defined by the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 138, Section 1, as amended, or possess an opened container of such beverage.

or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Police Chief

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 35 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Halifax, by adding the following to become Chapter 55, Section 2:

No person shall smoke, ingest, or otherwise use or consumer marihuana or tetrahydrocannabinol (as defined in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94C, Section 1, as amended) while in or upon any street, sidewalk, public way, footway, passageway, stairs, bridge, park, playground, beach, recreation area, boat landing, public building, schoolhouse, school grounds, cemetery, parking lot or any area owned by or under the control of the Town of Halifax, or in or upon any bus or other passenger conveyance operated by a common carrier, or in any place accessible to the public.

This by-law may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity including, but not limited to, enforcement by criminal indictment or complaint pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21, or by noncriminal disposition pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D, by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, or their duly authorized agents, or any police officer. The fine for violation of this by-law shall be three hundred dollars (\$300) for each offense. Any penalty imposed under this by-law shall be in addition to any civil penalty imposed under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94C, Section 32L.

or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Police Chief

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 36 To see if the Town will vote to have the position of Treasurer-Collector be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term not to exceed three years, this to take effect on May 19, 2012 and to place the following question on the Town Election ballot for May 15, 2010:

Shall the Town vote to have its elected Treasurer-Collector become an appointed Treasurer-Collector of the Town?

Yes ____ No ____

or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

And on Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to meet at the Halifax Elementary School:

ARTICLE 37 To see if the Town will vote to elect one Assessor for three years, one Town Clerk for three years, one Constable for one year, one Board of Health member for three years, two Holmes Public Library Trustees for three years, one Housing Authority member for five years, one Housing Authority member for two years, one Moderator for three years, one Park Commissioner for three years, one Planning Board member for one year, one Planning Board member for two years, one Planning Board member for five years, two Halifax Elementary School Committee members for three years, one Silver Lake Regional School Committee member for three years, one Selectman for three years, one Treasurer/Collector for three years, one Water Commissioner for one year and one Water Commissioner for three years.

**TOWN OF HALIFAX
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MAY 11, 2009**

ARTICLE 1 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to Line 6 (Law) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 2008 or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 2 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,075 to Account #478 (Sand and Gravel Revolving), or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,000 to fund the Police and Fire Details related to the Halifax in Lights/Fourth of July Fireworks and the 275th Anniversary Celebration, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Halifax in Lights and 275th Anniversary Committees

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement between IAFF, Local 3151 (Firefighters) and the Town of Halifax, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement between Halifax Police Association (Patrol Officers) and the Town of Halifax, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to Line 27 (Town Treasurer - Clerical) of the Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 2008 or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Town Clerk

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will vote to:

- (a) determine the salary of the Treasurer-Collector for the period from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009;
- (b) transfer a sum of money to a new Treasurer-Collector Salary line item for Fiscal Year 2009;

or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$250 from available funds to pay unpaid wages for Officer Albert Hingst for Fiscal Year 2008, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Town Accountant

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$90,000 from the MTBE Settlement Receipts for study and implementation of algae remediation in the Monponsett Ponds, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to establish a Monponsett Pond Stabilization Fund and to transfer \$339,423.16 from the MTBE Settlement Receipts into the Fund, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$44,230.59 to Line 89 (Snow and Ice) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 2008 or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 37 of the 1997 Annual Town Meeting to read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to lease a portion of the property on and around the Water Tower for wireless communications facilities for a period of up to twenty years and that any revenues derived from said lease or leases shall be deposited in the Water Revenue account, for repairs and maintenance of Water Tower.

or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 13 To see if the Town will vote to accept a parcel of land, situated off Chestnut Road designated Map 32 Lots 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 386, 387, 388 and 389 and Map 31 Lots 382, 383, 384 and 385, on the maps of the Halifax Board of Assessors, containing approximately 1.7 acres, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 14 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Line 59 (Fire Wages) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 2008 or any other available fund to Line 57 (Fire Chief Salary) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 2008 or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 15 To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$110,092 from Overlay Surplus to be used as another financing source in the general fund for Fiscal Year 2009 or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 16 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,700 to Line 129 (Library Director Salary) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 2008 or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Holmes Public Library Board of Trustees

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 17 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to Line 16 (Town Accountant Salary) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 2008 or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommendation at Town Meeting

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