

MINUTES OF:
TOWN OF SEEKONK FINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
January 28, 2014

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Myrna Gagnon-Elderkin
Robert Blanchard
David Francis
David Saad
Karen Perkins

Director of Finance: Bruce Alexander
Senior Center Building Committee: David Bowden

Ms. Gagnon-Elderkin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

The Committee reviewed and took action on the following minutes:

January 7, 2014 moved approval Mr. Francis; second Mr. Blanchard (3-0-2, Saad and Perkins)

Senior Center Project

Mr. Bowden provided some preliminary cost estimates and drawings for the proposed building. Mr. Bowden explained that at this point, the Senior Building Committee is sitting back to allow the Board of Selectmen to complete the purchase. Various environmental and engineering examinations of the building were discussed. Architect prepared a rough building budget and drawings that were based on the amount of money available after the purchase. Mr. Bowden stressed that he will not go back to the Town for additional funds. Committee asked several questions about the condition of the building, detail discussions took place. Mr. Alexander reported that all rental receipts would become general fund receipts, and they could be appropriated to cover building operation costs. Committee was concerned about where the current tenants would go during construction.

Mr. Bowden explained what the Senior Building Committee learned on their site visit to the Town of Franklin. Committee is concerned that the rehabilitation and renovation will cost more than what is available. Mr. Saad questioned if a building could be by a private party and sold to the Town to avoid prevailing wage, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Bowden responded that it would be viewed by the Inspector General as in violation of the various purchasing laws.

FY 2015 Budget

Mr. Alexander distributed new copy of the FY 2015 budget with the Town Administrator's recommendation. Several parts of the budget are still projections, final figures due by mid-February. Revenue is also still a projection. Committee will begin meeting with departments, Library and Public Works will be invited on February 11th and Police and Fire will be invited on February 25th.

Comments from the Committee

Several members of the Committee commented on the proposed Senior Center project and the lack of substantial cost estimates.

Future Meetings

Tuesday, February 11, 2014 @ 6:30 PM, Town Hall Meeting Room

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 @ 7:00 PM, Special Town Meeting, Seekonk High School

Tuesday, February 25, 2014 @ 6:30 PM, Town Hall Meeting Room

Moved adjournment Mr. Blanchard, second Mr. Richardson (5-0) 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

David Francis, Clerk