

MINUTES OF
TOWN OF SEEKONK FINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
May 26, 2015

PRESENT: Robert Richardson, Chairperson
 David Francis, Vice Chairperson
 Myrna Gagnon-Elderkin
 David Saad
 Karen Perkins

Director of Finance: Bruce Alexander

Mr. Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Warrant for Town Meeting June 15, 2015

The Committee began the review of the warrant for Town Meeting, and took action on articles as follows:

- Article 1 No Recommendation
- Article 2 Recommendation at Town Meeting
- Article 3 Recommend Approval Moved Ms. Gagnon-Elderkin, second Mr. Saad (5-0)
- Article 4 Recommend Approval Moved Mr. Saad, second Mr. Francis (5-0)
- Article 5 Recommend Approval Moved Mr. Francis, second Mr. Saad (5-0)
- Article 6A Recommend Approval Moved Mr. Saad, second Ms. Perkins (5-0)
- Article 6B Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting
- Article 7 Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting
- Article 8 Recommend Approval Moved Ms. Gagnon-Elderkin, second Mr. Francis (5-0)
- Article 9 Recommend Approval Moved Ms. Gagnon-Elderkin, second Mr. Francis (5-0)
- Article 10 Recommend Approval Moved Ms. Perkins, second Mr. Saad (5-0)
- Article 11 Recommend Approval Moved Ms. Perkins, second Mr. Saad (5-0)
- Article 12 Recommend Approval Moved Ms. Gagnon-Elderkin, second Mr. Francis (5-0)
- Article 13 Defer to Community Preservation Committee
- Article 14 Recommend Approval Moved Mr. Francis, second Ms. Gagnon-Elderkin (5-0)
- Article 15 Recommend Approval Moved Ms. Perkins, second Mr. Francis (5-0)
- Article 16 Recommend Approval Moved Ms. Gagnon-Elderkin, second Ms. Perkins (5-0)
- Article 17 No recommendation
- Article 18 Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting after discussion with Vets Mem Committee
- Article 19 No recommendation

Reserve Fund Advisory

Mr. Alexander explained Reserve Fund Advisory submitted by Town Clerk for payroll expense as result of loss of Assistant Town Clerk.

FY 2016 Budget

Ms. Gagnon-Elderkin asked about high revenue growth, Mr. Alexander explained and discussion took place. Salary offers to bargaining units are included in the town budget. Mr. Saad asked about the Town Administrator payroll line, discussion took place. Ms. Gagnon-Elderkin asked about the percent increase in wages. Mr. Alexander explained that the FY 2016 budget includes the wage increases for FY 2015, the increase for FY 2016, and increased hours for bargaining unit members, discussion took place.

Ms. Gagnon-Elderkin asked about health insurance increases of only 1.5%. Mr. Saad spoke about total budget increase, would like an explanation of what the increase in hours and positions will yield for the Town. Discussion on Budget Parts A through K took place. Committee suggested they meet with the Town Administrator at 6:00 PM the night of the Tri-Board meeting, when scheduled.

Mr. Alexander noted the responsibilities for the various articles speaking assignments at Town Meeting and will forward to committee.

Next Meeting

TBD, Tri-Board

TBD, Finance Committee meeting with Town Administrator

Town Meeting, June 15, 2015 @ 7:00 PM, Seekonk High School

Moved recess, Ms. Perkins, second Ms. Gagnon-Elderkin (5-0) 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Myrna Gagnon-Elderkin, Clerk