

TOWN OF SEEKONK

Meeting Minutes



October 24, 2022

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING



Town Moderator
Peter Hoogerzeil

Board of Selectmen
Justin Sullivan, Chairperson
Christopher Zorra, Vice
Chairperson
Adam Petronio, Clerk
David Andrade
Michael Healy

Town Administrator
Shawn E. Cadime

Town Clerk
Florice Craig

Finance Committee
Matthew Salisbury, Chairperson
Michael Bradley
Michael Brady
Normand Duquette
Joanna L'Heureux
Phillip Yan

Director of Finance
Jennifer Argo

Town of Seekonk - Special Town Meeting

BRISTOL, SS.

10/24/2022

Town Clerk opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Town Clerk read the greeting: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby requested to notify the inhabitants of the Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at Seekonk High School, 261 Arcade Avenue, Seekonk, Massachusetts on:

Monday, October 24, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

To vote on the following Articles. The Meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk at **8:00PM** with a quorum of over 75 registered voters and the meeting was turned over to the Town Moderator, who presided over the meeting.

Town Moderator went over the electronic voting system and did a test question.

ARTICLE 1

To receive the reports, if any, of Town Officers or Committees and to act thereon, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion 1: Move that the Town vote to receive the reports, if any, of Town Officers or Committees and to place them on file with the Town Clerk.

Action on the Motion: Motion passed

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$24,531,970 to fund the construction, renovation and expansion of the Seekonk Public Library, including demolition, landscaping, paving, utility and other site improvements incidental or directly related to such construction, renovation and expansion, necessary architectural, engineering or other provisional and legal expenses and fees associated with the project, temporary library operation space, storage and moving expenses, furnishings and equipment and for all other costs incidental or related thereto: and, as funding therefor, to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board to borrow said funds pursuant to G.L. c.44 §7 or any other enabling authority and issue bonds and notes therefor; to authorize the Town to apply for any grants or loans available for the project, and accept the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners grant of \$7,322,855 for the project described in this article, and, further, that the amount of the authorized borrowing under this vote shall be reduced by the amount of any grants received for the project prior to the issuance of bonds or notes under this vote; provided however, that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town at an election to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed under G.L. c 59 § 21c (Proposition 2 1/2) the amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town of Seekonk

FALL TOWN MEETING

OCTOBER 24, 2022

Motion 2:

Move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$24,531,970 to fund the construction, renovation and expansion of the Seekonk Public Library, including demolition, landscaping, paving, utility and other site improvements incidental or directly related to such construction, renovation and expansion, necessary architectural, engineering or other provisional and legal expenses and fees associated with the project, temporary library operation space, storage and moving expenses, furnishings and equipment and for all other costs incidental or related thereto: and, as funding therefor, to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board to borrow said funds pursuant to G.L. c.44 §7 or any other enabling authority and issue bonds and notes therefor; to authorize the Town to apply for any grants or loans available for the project, and accept the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners grant of \$7,322,855 for the project described in this article, and, further, that the amount of the authorized borrowing under this vote shall be reduced by the amount of any grants received for the project prior to the issuance of bonds or notes under this vote; provided however, that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town at an election to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed under G.L. c 59 § 21c (Proposition 2 1/2) the amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.

Action on the Motion: Motion failed to get the 2/3 majority required. Vote was 405 in favor and 207 opposed. Total vote count was 612.

A motion was made to dissolve the Town Meeting at 9:30pm

Action on the motion: Motion passed