

TOWN OF SEEKONK

MINUTES



June 5, 2017

Spring Town Meeting

Town Moderator

Peter Hoogerzeil

Town Clerk

Florice Craig

Board of Selectmen

David J. Andrade, Chairman
Nelson Almeida, Vice Chairman
David F. Viera, Clerk
David S. Parker,
Michelle A. Hines

Finance Committee

Justin Sullivan, Chairman
Russell Horsman
Karen Perkins
David Saad
Doreen Taylor
Matthew Salisbury

Town Administrator

Shawn E. Cadime

SPRING TOWN MEETING MINUTES

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, June 5, 2017 at 7:00PM to vote on the following Articles.

The Meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk at 7:00PM with a quorum count of 90 registered voters and the meeting was turned over to the Town Moderator, who presided at said Meeting.

A motion was made to allow the following non-residents to speak at the meeting:

Shawn Cadime, Town Administrator; Peter Fuller, Library Director; Theodora Gabriel, Town Assessor; Bruce Alexander, Director of Finance; Bernadette Huck, Director, Human Services Council; Christine DeFontes, Treasure/Collector; John Aubin, III Town Planner; Arlene Bosco, School Superintendent; Town Counsel, KP LAW; James LaFlame, Veterans Agent; Jennifer Miller, Conservation Agent; Christopher Campbell, Director of Communications; Rob Bernardo, Water Superintendent; Richard Pommet, Nelson Communications; Blake Haskell, Nelson Communications; Anthony Lang one, Nelson Communications; Normand Boucher, Nelson Communications.

Action on the motion; motion passes with a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by the Town Moderator to allow the Town Moderator to proceed with all articles, even those that affect him/her personally.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by the Town Moderator to allow the Town Moderator to declare a 2/3 vote on articles requiring that vote.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

A motion was made to authorize the Town Moderator to dissolve the By-Law Study Committee.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 1

A motion was made that the Town vote to receive the reports of Town Officers, or Committees, and to place them on file with the Town Clerk

Reports were given by: Ann B. Miller, Chairperson, Library Facilities Committee

Keith Tavares, Chairperson, Capital Improvement Committee

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 2

To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds or borrow for Operating Expenses and the Sanitation Enterprise Fund of the Town for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, as shown in the column entitled FinComm Recommended Budget 2018, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made to amend line 57 in the FinComm Recommended Budget FY 2018 to put the School Committee Pay-Elected \$5,400 from line 57 to Seekonk School Line 56. Making the total for line 56 \$25,214,529.

A Minority Report was given by Ms. Doreen Taylor a member of the Finance Committee. A Copy of Report was on filed with the Town Clerk.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made that the Town appropriate the sum of \$51,428,507 to defray charges and expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2018 for the purposes and amounts set forth in Budget Schedules A through J in column titled FinComm recommended Budget 2018: The sum of \$39,671,219 to be raised by taxation within the levy limit under proposition 2 1/2; The sum of \$200, 00 to be transferred from Overlay Surplus; The sum of 719,448 to be transferred from Ambulance Fees; the sum of \$48,177 to be transferred from the Sanitation Enterprise Fund; The sum \$72,920 to be transferred from Dedicated Receipts; The sum of \$20,920 to be transferred from Septic Payback

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 2 Cont.

A Motion was made that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,190,067 to defray charges and expenses of operating the Sanitation Enterprise Fund for the Fiscal Year 2018 for the purpose and amount set forth in Schedule K in the column titles FinComm Recommended Budget 2018:

The Sum of 1,190,067 to be provided from revenues of the Sanitation Enterprise.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, to authorize and/or re-authorize the following revolving funds for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 at to be credited with receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended under the authority and direction of the following agencies or officials, for the following stated purposes, not to exceed the specified spending limits, or take any other action relative thereto.

Fund #	Name of Revolving Fund	Spending Authority	Revenue Source	Use of Funds	FY 2017 Spending Limit
1	Human Services Council Revolving Fund	Human Services Board of Directors	Usage Fees, Donations and other revenue	Human Services Programs	\$40,000
2	Conservation Commission Revolving Fund	Conservation Commission	Application and Permit Fees	Administration of Wetlands Protection Act	\$60,000
3	Trash Bag Revolving Fund	Department of Public Works	Sale of Solid Waste bags	Purchase of Solid Waste bags	\$65,000
4	Police Revolving Fund	Police Department	Processing Fees associated with employment of police officers	Recruit testing, promotional testing, staff development and associated costs	\$5,000

5	Recreation Revolving Fund	Parks and Recreation Commission	Usage Fees, permits, donations and other revenue	Direct program services and programs	\$45,000
6	Police Detail Revolving Fund	Police Department/ Board of Selectmen	Usage Fees and other revenue directly related to use of marked police vehicles on road details	Repair, maintain, and/or acquisition of police vehicles. Acquisition of equipment.	\$30,000 /Police \$60,000 /BOS
7	Library Printing & Copying Revolving Fund	Board of Library Trustees	Usage Fees and other revenue directly related to sale of printing and copying services	Replenish supplies for printing & copying services	\$5,000
8	Library Food & Beverage Revolving Fund	Board of Library Trustees	Usage Fees and other revenue directly related to sale of food and beverages	Replenish supplies for food and beverage sales	\$5,000
9	Food Inspection Revolving Fund	Board of Health	Usage Fees and other revenue directly related to after hour food inspections	After hour inspections of food establishments	\$5,000
10	Planning Board Revolving Fund	Planning Board	Usage Fees and other revenue directly related to recording at the Registry of Deeds	Recording at Registry of Deeds	\$5,000
11	Sharps Disposal Revolving Fund	Board of Health	Usage Fees and other revenue directly related to disposal of sharps	Replenish containers and disposal of waste	\$5,000

A motion was made that the Town vote to authorize or reauthorize revolving funds including Human Services Council Revolving Fund, Conservation Commission Revolving Fund, Trash Bag Revolving Fund, Police Recruitment Revolving Fund, Police Detail Revolving Fund, Recreation Revolving Fund, Library Printing & Copying Revolving Fund, Library Food & Beverage Revolving Fund, Planning Board Revolving Fund, Food Inspection Revolving Fund, and Sharps Disposal Revolving Fund as presented in the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

At 8:00pm there were 283 voters checked in

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation for the following elected officials of the Town as provided by G.L. c.41, §108 for their services for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 as follows, provided that any such elected official may waive receipt of compensation, or take any other action relative thereto:

Board of Selectmen, Chairman	\$2,400
Board of Selectmen, Member	\$2,100
School Committee, Chairman	\$1,400
School Committee, Member	\$1,000
Board of Assessor, Chair	\$3,139
Board of Assessor, Member	\$2,789
Town Clerk	\$66,368

A Motion was made that the Town vote to fix the salary and compensation for the following elected officials of the Town as provided by G.L. c. 41, s. 108 for their services for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 as follows, provided that any part-time elected official may waive receipt of compensation.

Board of Selectmen, Chairman	\$2,400
Board of Selectmen, Member	\$2,100
School Committee, Chairman	\$0
School Committee, Member	\$0
Board of Assessor, Chair	\$3,139
Board of Assessor, Member	\$2,789
Town Clerk	\$66,368

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from the Dog License Receipts Reserved account #23063000 to Dog License Receipts Appropriated account #23064000, to be expended by the Animal Control Department as provided by Town By-law, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Dog License Receipts Reserved account #23063000 to Dog License Receipts Appropriated account #23064000, to be expended by the Animal Control Department as provided by Town By-law.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from free cash or available funds in the treasury, or transfer from designated funds reserved for appropriation, the following sums to be expended for departmental equipment, including new or continuing leases or lease purchase agreements for such equipment, and further to authorize appropriate Town officials to enter into contracts for more than three years for such purposes, as applicable, or take any other action relative thereto:

A. From the Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund the following sums to be expended as follows:

1. Year Four (4) of a seven (7) year lease/purchase of an aerial fire apparatus for the Fire Department to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen \$106,852.00
2. Year Two (2) of seven (7) year lease/purchase of a Fire Engine to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen \$80,713.47
3. Year Two (2) of a five (5) year lease/purchase for large and medium dump trucks for the Department of Public Works to be expended under control of the Board of Selectmen \$62,745.43
4. Finance Department printer replacement, two (2) heavy duty laser printers, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen \$10,000.00
5. Fire department turnout gear, to be expended under direction of Board of Selectmen \$110,000.00
6. Fire Department hydraulic extraction equipment, two (2) units, to be expended under direction of the Board of Selectmen \$45,000.00
7. Police Department, replacement of VM Ware Exchange Server, to be expended under direction of the Board of Selectmen \$41,080.00
8. Library radio frequency ID system Phase I, to be expended under direction of the Board of Library Trustees with the consent of the Board of Selectmen \$30,000.00
9. Department of Public Works, replacement of the motor fuel distribution and accounting system, to be expended under direction of the Board of Selectmen \$60,000.00
10. Purchase and Install backup generator at Town Hall, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen \$65,000.00
11. Purchase and erect maintenance building to be used by the Seekonk School Department, to be expended under direction of the School Committee \$202,428.00
12. Replacement of the heating system boiler at Hurley Middle School, to be expended under the direction of the School Committee \$56,700.00

A motion was made that the Town vote to appropriate from the Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund the following monies in the amounts and for the purposes designated, and further to authorize appropriate Town officials to enter into contracts or lease purchase agreements for more than three years for such purposes, as follows:

1. **Year Four (4) of a seven (7) year lease/purchase of an aerial fire apparatus for the Fire Department to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen** \$106,852.00
2. **Year Two (2) of seven (7) year lease/purchase of a Fire Engine to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen** \$80,713.47
3. **Year Two (2) of a five (5) year lease/purchase for large and medium dump trucks for the Department of Public Works to be expended under control of the Board of Selectmen** \$62,745.43
4. **Finance Department printer replacement, two (2) heavy duty laser printers, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen** \$10,000.00
5. **Fire department turnout gear, to be expended under direction of Board of Selectmen** \$110,000.00
6. **Fire Department hydraulic extraction equipment, two (2) units, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen** \$45,000.00
7. **Police Department, replacement of VM Ware Exchange Server, to be expended under direction of the Board of Selectmen** \$41,080.00
8. **Library radio frequency ID system Phase I, to be expended under direction of the Board of Library Trustees with the consent of the Board of Selectmen** \$30,000.00
9. **Department of public works, replacement of the motor fuel distribution and accounting system, to be expended under direction of the Board of Selectmen** \$60,000.00
10. **Purchase and Install backup generator at Town Hall, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen** \$65,000.00
11. **Purchase and erect maintenance building to be used by the Seekonk School Department, to be expended under direction of the School Committee** \$202,428.00
12. **Replacement of the heating system boiler at Hurley Middle School, to be expended under the direction of the School Committee** \$56,700.00

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money for the purpose of balancing the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made to indefinitely postpone article 7

Motion to indefinitely postpone passes with a majority vote

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2018 Community Preservation Fund Budget and to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, § 6, a sum of money to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2018; and to reserve for later appropriation monies from the Community Preservation annual revenues or available funds in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for open space, historic resources and community housing purposes, as well as a sum of money to be placed in the Fiscal Year 2018 budgeted reserve for general Community Preservation Act purposes, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, as follows:

Appropriations:

From FY 2018 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses	\$17,700
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Reserves:

From FY 2018 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve	\$35,400
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From FY 2018 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserves	\$35,400
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From FY 2018 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$35,400
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And further to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum or sums of money for Community Preservation Act projects or purposes as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action thereon.

Motion was made that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund 2018 estimated annual revenues the sum of \$17,700 for administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Act Committee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018; and further to reserve for future appropriation the following sums recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate reserve, from FY 2018 Community Preservation estimated revenue:

Historic Resources Reserve	\$35,400
Community Housing Reserve	\$35,400
Open Space Reserve	\$35,400

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of surplus property or material, exclusive of buildings and land but including compost, no longer needed by the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of surplus property or material, exclusive of buildings and land but including compost, no longer needed by the Town.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to the FY 2017 Operating Budget Line Item #68 (Snow and Ice Payroll) and to the FY 2017 Operating Budget Line Item #69 (Snow & Ice Expenses), or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$10,825.62 from Free Cash to FY 2017 Operating Budget Line Item #68 (Snow & Ice Payroll), and \$105,716.84 from Free Cash to FY 2017 Operating Budget Line #69 (snow & Ice Expense).

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Seekonk by adding a new section to establish and authorize revolving funds for use by certain town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, or take any other action relative thereto.

CATEGORY 5C DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS

1. Purpose. This bylaw establishes and authorizes revolving funds for use by town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in connection with the operation of programs or activities that generate fees, charges, or other receipts to support all or some of the expenses of those programs or activities. These revolving funds are established under and governed by General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.
2. Expenditure limitations. A department or agency head, board, committee or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from a revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law without appropriation subject to the following limitations:
 - a. Fringe benefits of full-time employees whose salaries or wages are paid from fund shall also be paid from the fund.
 - b. No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.
 - c. The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by town meeting on or before July 1 of that fiscal year, or any increased amount of that authorization that is later approved during that fiscal year by the select board and finance committee.
3. Interest. Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this bylaw shall be credited to the general fund.
4. Procedures and Reports. Except as provided in General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 and this bylaw, the laws, charter provisions, bylaws, rules, regulations, policies or procedures that govern the receipt and custody of town monies and the expenditure and payment of town funds shall apply to the use of a revolving fund established and authorized by this bylaw. The town accountant shall include a statement on the collection credited to each fund, the encumbrances and expenditures charged to the fund and the balance available for expenditure in the regular report the town accountant provides the department, board, committee, agency or officer on appropriation made for its use.
5. Authorized Revolving Funds.
 - 5.1 Human Services Council Revolving Fund
 - 5.1.1 Fund Name. There shall be a separate fund called the Human Services Council Revolving Fund authorized for use by the Human Services department.
 - 5.1.2 Revenues. The town accountant shall establish a Human Resources Council Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all of the specific fees, charges or other receipts, charged and received by the department in connection with Human Services programs or activities.
 - 5.1.3 Purposes and Expenditures. During each fiscal year, the Human Services department may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Human Services Council Revolving Fund for program or activity expenses in connection with Human Services programs or activities.
 - 5.1.4 Fiscal Years. The Human Services Council Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2017.

5.2 Conservation Commission Revolving Fund

5.2.1 **Fund Name.** There shall be a separate fund called the Conservation Commission Revolving Fund authorized for use by the Conservation Commission.

5.2.2 **Revenues.** The town accountant shall establish a Conservation Commission Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all of the specific fees, charges or other receipts, charged and received by the department in connection with Conservation Commission programs or activities.

5.2.3 **Purposes and Expenditures.** During each fiscal year, the Human Services department may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Conservation Commission Revolving Fund for program or activity expenses in connection with Conservation Commission programs or activities.

2.4 **Fiscal Years.** The Conservation Commission Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2017.

5.3 Trash Bag Revolving Fund

5.3.1 **Fund Name.** There shall be a separate fund called the Trash Bag Revolving Fund authorized for use by the Human Services department.

5.3.2 **Revenues.** The town accountant shall establish a Trash Bag Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all of the specific fees, charges or other receipts, charged and received by the department in connection with sale of Town of Seekonk trash bags.

5.3.3 **Purposes and Expenditures.** During each fiscal year, the Trash Bag pay as you go program may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Trash Bag Revolving Fund for program or activity expenses in connection with pay as you go trash bag program or activities.

5.3.4 **Fiscal Years.** The Trash Bag Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2017.

5.4 Police Revolving Fund

5.4.1 **Fund Name.** There shall be a separate fund called the Police Revolving Fund authorized for use by the Police Department.

5.4.2 **Revenues.** The town accountant shall establish a Police Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all of the specific fees, charges or other receipts, charged and received by the department in connection with recruit testing, promotional testing, staff development programs or activities.

5.4.3 **Purposes and Expenditures.** During each fiscal year, the Police Department may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Police Revolving Fund for program or activity expenses in connection with recruit testing, promotional testing, staff development programs or activities.

5.4.4 **Fiscal Years.** The Police Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2017.

5.5 Recreation Revolving Fund

5.5.1 **Fund Name.** There shall be a separate fund called the Recreation Fund authorized for use by the Parks and Recreation department.

5.5.2 **Revenues.** The town accountant shall establish a Recreation Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all of the specific fees, charges or other receipts, charged and received by the department in connection with Recreation programs or activities.

5.5.3 **Purposes and Expenditures.** During each fiscal year, the Recreation Department may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Recreation Revolving Fund for program or activity expenses in connection with programs or activities.

5.5.4 Fiscal Years. The Recreation Council Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2017.

5.6 Police Detail Revolving Fund

5.6.1 Fund Name. There shall be a separate fund called the Police Detail Revolving Fund authorized for use by the Police Department.

5.6.2 Revenues. The town accountant shall establish a Police Detail Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all of the specific fees, charges or other receipts, charged and received by the department in connection with use of police vehicles on road details.

5.6.3 Purposes and Expenditures. During each fiscal year, the Police Department may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Police Detail Revolving Fund for program or activity expenses in connection with repair, maintaining and/or acquisition police vehicles or equipment.

5.6.4 Fiscal Years. The Police Detail Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2017.

5.7 Library Printing and Copying Revolving Fund

5.7.1 Fund Name. There shall be a separate fund called the Library Printing and Copying Revolving Fund authorized for use by the Seekonk Public Library.

5.7.2 Revenues. The town accountant shall establish a Library Printing and Copying Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all of the specific fees, charges or other receipts, charged and received by the Seekonk Public Library in connection printing and copying programs or activities.

5.7.3 Purposes and Expenditures. During each fiscal year, the Seekonk Public Library may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Library Printing and Copying Revolving Fund for program or activity expenses in connection with printing and copying services or activities.

5.7.4 Fiscal Years. The Library Printing and Copying Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2017.

5.8 Library Food and Beverage Revolving Fund

5.8.1 Fund Name. There shall be a separate fund called the Library Food and Beverage Revolving Fund authorized for use by the Seekonk Public Library.

5.8.2 Revenues. The town accountant shall establish a Library Food and Beverage Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all of the specific fees, charges or other receipts, charged and received by the Seekonk Public Library in connection food and beverage programs or activities.

5.8.3 Purposes and Expenditures. During each fiscal year, the Seekonk Public Library may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Library Food and Beverage Revolving Fund for program or activity expenses in connection with food and beverage services or activities.

5.8.4 Fiscal Years. The Library Food and Beverage Copying Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2017.

5.9 Food Inspection Revolving Fund

5.9.1 Fund Name. There shall be a separate fund called the Food Inspection Revolving Fund authorized for use by the Board of Health.

5.9.2 Revenues. The town accountant shall establish a Food Inspection Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all of the specific fees, charges or other receipts, charged and received by the Board of Health Library in connection after hour's food inspection programs or activities.

5.9.3 Purposes and Expenditures. During each fiscal year, the Board of Health may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Food Inspection Revolving Fund for program or activity expenses in connection with after-hours food inspection services or activities.

5.9.4 Fiscal Years. The Food Inspection Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2017.

5.10 Sharps Disposal Revolving Fund

5.10.1 **Fund Name.** There shall be a separate fund called the Sharps Disposal Revolving Fund authorized for use by the Board of Health.

5.10.2 **Revenues.** The town accountant shall establish a Sharps Disposal Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all of the specific fees, charges or other receipts, charged and received by the Board of Health in connection sharps disposal programs or activities.

5.10.3 **Purposes and Expenditures.** During each fiscal year, the Board of Health may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Sharps Disposal Revolving Fund for program or activity expenses in connection with sharps disposal services or activities.

5.10.4 **Fiscal Years.** The Sharps Disposal Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2017.

5.11 Planning Board Revolving Fund

5.11.1 **Fund Name.** There shall be a separate fund called the Planning Board Revolving Fund authorized for use by the Planning Board.

5.11.2 **Revenues.** The town accountant shall establish a Planning Board Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all of the specific fees, charges or other receipts, charged and received by the Planning Board in connection legal advertising and recording at Registry of Deeds.

5.11.3 **Purposes and Expenditures.** During each fiscal year, the Planning Board may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Planning Board Revolving Fund for program or activity expenses in connection with legal advertising and recording at Registry of Deeds.

5.11.4 **Fiscal Years.** The Planning Board Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2017.

5.12 Zoning Board of Appeals Revolving Fund

5.12.1 **Fund Name.** There shall be a separate fund called the Zoning Board of Appeals Revolving Fund authorized for use by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

5.12.2 **Revenues.** The town accountant shall establish a Zoning Board of Appeals Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all of the specific fees, charges or other receipts, charged and received by the Zoning Board of Appeals in connection legal advertising and recording at Registry of Deeds.

5.12.3 **Purposes and Expenditures.** During each fiscal year, the Zoning Board of Appeals may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Zoning Board of Appeals Revolving Fund for program or activity expenses in connection with legal advertising and recording at Registry of Deeds.

5.12.4 **Fiscal Years.** The Zoning Board of Appeal Fund shall operate for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2017.

A motion was made to amend the general bylaws of the Town of Seekonk by adding the new section: CATEGORY 5C DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS, as presented in this warrant.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a majority 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to rescind its November 29, 2010 acceptance of G.L. c. 32B, §20, and then accept said statute as most recently amended by the Municipal Modernization Act to bring it into conformance with the requirements of the so-called GASB 45, which statute governs trust funds for local Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made that the Town of Seekonk rescind its November acceptance of G.L. c.32B, §20, and accept said statute, as most recently amended by the Municipal Modernization Act in 2016.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$73,247.82 from the Ambulance Receipts account for the lease payment for the second year of a four (4) year lease purchase of an ambulance/EMS vehicle for the fire department, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made that the Town transfer the sum of \$73,247.82 from the Ambulance Receipts account for the lease payment for the second year of a four (4) year lease purchase of an ambulance/EMS vehicle for the fire department.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a majority vote. (One in opposition)

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from free cash or available funds in the treasury, or transfer from designated funds that have been reserved for appropriation the sum of \$145,000.00 to be expended for the implementation of full day kindergarten program under the direction of the School Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made that the Town appropriate from free cash the sum of \$145,000 for the implementation of a full day kindergarten program in the Seekonk Public Schools, such funds to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Preservation Reserve the sum of \$16,591 for the preservation of historic police records, such monies to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made that the Town appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Preservation Reserve the sum of \$16,591 for the preservation of historic police records, such monies to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3,016,174 or some other amount, to pay costs of designing, purchasing and installing the Public Safety Radio Project, so-called, which project includes but is not limited to replacing outdated Communications Dispatch Console, replacing all existing Police and Fire Department portable and mobile radios with multi-band units, replacing unreliable Verizon leased copper lines with Town owned microwave radio system and replacing all end-of-life radio related equipment, including the payment of all incidental and related costs; to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion 16: *Moved that Town vote to appropriate \$3,016,174 to pay costs of designing, purchasing and installing the Public Safety Radio Project, so-called, as described in the warrant, including the payment of all incidental and related costs, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; such funds to be expended at the direction of the Board of Selectmen; provided, however, that the borrowing authorized hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town to exclude the amounts needed to repay such borrowing from the limitations on local property taxes imposed by G.L. c. 59, §21C; and provided further that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.*

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a majority of 2/3 votes (unanimous vote)

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaw by renaming **Section 7. RESERVED** to **Section 7. TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS**, amending the Section to provide as set forth below, and further to amend the Table of Contents to replace Section 7 RESERVED with Section 7, "Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments", or take any other action relative thereto.

Section 7. TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS

Section 7.1 Purpose

On November 8, 2016, the voters of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts approved a law regulating the cultivation, processing, distribution, possession and use of marijuana for recreation purposes (new MGL c.94G, Regulation of the Use and Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed). The law, which allows certain personal use and possession of marijuana, took effect on December 15, 2016 and (as amended on December 30, 2016; Chapter 351 of the Acts of 2016) requires a Cannabis Control

Commission to issue regulations regarding the licensing of commercial activities by March 15, 2018 and to begin accepting applications for licenses on April 1, 2018. Currently under the Zoning Bylaw, a non-medical Marijuana Establishment (hereinafter, a "Recreational Marijuana Establishment"), as defined in MGL c. 94G, s1, is not specifically addressed in the Zoning Bylaw. Regulations to be promulgated by the Cannabis Control Commission may provide guidance on certain aspects of local regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments. The regulation of recreational marijuana raises novel legal, planning and public safety issues, and the Town needs time to study and consider the regulation of potential impact of the state regulations to local zoning and to undertake a planning process to consider amending the Zoning Bylaw regarding regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments. The Town intends to adopt a temporary moratorium on the use of land and structures in the Town of Recreational Marijuana Establishments so as to allow sufficient time to address the effect of such structures and the uses in the Town and to exact bylaws in a consistent manner.

Section 7.2 Definitions

"Recreational Marijuana Establishment" shall mean a "marijuana cultivator, marijuana testing facility, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer or any type of licensed marijuana-related business.

Section 7.3 Expiration

This moratorium shall expire in a period of eighteen (18) months from date of adoption.

A motion was made to refer Article 17 back to the Planning Board for further study.

Action on the motion: Motion fails (3 in favor)

A motion was made that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaws by renaming Section 7. RESERVED to Section 7. TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS amending the Section as presented in this warrant, and to further to amend the Table of Contents to replace Section 7 RESERVED with Section 7, "Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments"

Action on the motion: Motion passes with a majority 2/3 vote.

A motion was made to dissolve the meeting at 10:30PM.

Action on the motion: To dissolve the meeting passes with a unanimous vote.

