

TOWN OF SEEKONK



MAY 12, 2025

SPRING TOWN MEETING

Town Moderator
Peter Hoogerzeil

Town Clerk
Kristen L'Heureux

Select Board
Michelle A. Hines, Chair
Michael P. Healy, Vice Chair
Christopher Zorra, Clerk
Pamela Pozzi
Gary Sagar

Finance Committee
Normand Duquette, Chair
Michael Brady, Vice Chair
Phillip Yan, Clerk
Joanna L'Heureux
Christopher Rizzo
Matthew Salisbury

Town Administrator
Shawn E. Cadime

Director of Finance
Jennifer Argo

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BRISTOL, SS.

Greetings:

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, May 12, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

To vote on the following Articles. The Meeting will be called to order by the Town Clerk at 7:04PM with a quorum of over 75 registered voters and the meeting was turned over to the Town Moderator, preside over the meeting.

Town Moderator went on to describe the electronic voting system and presented a Power Point presentation with a test question for the audience. This was done to remind everyone how to use the voting system.

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

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

Shawn Cadime, Town Administrator, Carol Ann Days, Assistant Town Administrator, Kate Hibbert, Library Director, Jennifer Argo, Director of Finance, Christine DeFontes, Treasurer/Collector, Tracy Jamieson, Assistant Treasurer/Collector, Jeffrey Mello, Building Inspector/Sealer of Weights & Measures, John Aubin III, Town Planner, Rebecca Kidwell, School Superintendent, Dr. Ryan McGee, School Finance Administrator, Lauren Goldberg, Town Counsel-KP Law, LLC, James LaFlame, Veterans Agent, Nolan Bernier, Conservation Agent, Brian Darling, Health Agent, David Enos, Police Chief, Shaun Whalen, Fire Chief, Donna Wunschel, Communications Director, Andrea Russo, Animal Control Officer, Jeremy Thiboutot, IT Specialist, Alison Halaburda, Assistant Town Assessor, Robert Bernardo, Water Superintendent, Michael Moonon, CHA Consulting, Barbara Thornton, Brewster Thornton Group Architects, and Jeffrey Hoover, TAPA Architects

Action on the motion: Motion passed

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

Action on the motion: Motion passed

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ARTICLE 1

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

Motion 1: It was motioned and seconded 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.

Submitted by: Select Board

Select Board: Recommendation on Town Meeting Floor

Finance Committee: No Recommendation

Action on the motion: **Motion passed (244Y, 13N, 1A)** No reports were given.

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 Fund of the Town for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion 2: This is the omnibus article for the annual operating budget for all Town boards, committees, and departments. The motion will be made at Town Meeting after the budget is considered and any amendments are approved by Town Meeting.

Per Article 7, Section 6 of the Town Charter the vote will be on the Select Board Budget

Submitted by: Select Board

Select Board: Recommends Approval

Finance Committee: Recommends Approval

Town Administrator, Shawn Cadime went through the budget presentation.

School Superintendent, Rebecca Kidwell, Dr. Ryan McGee, School Dept. Finance Administrator, and School Committee Chair, Robert Gerardi, were present to highlight the school budget.

The Town Moderator went through the line items asking town meeting body if they had questions or comments.

Speaker: Shawn McCormack, Sanctuary Lane

Motion was made by Select Board Chair, M. Hines, to increase line item 56, Section D-Education by \$113,000. The total number for line item 56, Section D-Education is \$33,856,464. Motion was seconded.

Action on motion: Motion passed (233Y, 62N, 2A)

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Motion was made by Select Board Chair, M. Hines to appropriate the sum of \$73,285,033 to defray charges and expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2026 for the purposes and amounts set forth in Budget Schedules A through J in column titled Select Board Budget 2026:

The sum of \$56,013,018 to be raised by taxation within the levy limit under proposition 2 1/2;

The sum of \$450,000 to be transferred from the Overlay Surplus

The sum of \$790,368 to be transferred from Ambulance Fees;

The sum of \$62,381 to be transferred from the Sanitation Enterprise Fund;

Action on the motion: Motion passed (249Y, 46N, 8A) = 303

Motion was made by Select Board Chair, M. Hines to appropriate the sum of \$1,950,256 to defray charges and expenses of operating the Sanitation Enterprise Fund for the Fiscal Year 2026 for the purpose and amount set forth in Schedule K in the column titled Select Board Recommended Budget 2026: the sum of \$1,950,256 to be provided from revenues of the Sanitation Enterprise Fund.

Action on the motion 1: Motion passed (253Y, 40N, 9A) = 302

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation for the following elected and appointed officials of the Town as provided by GL c 41, s108 for their services for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 as follows, provided that any part-time elected official may waive receipt of compensation, or take any other action relative thereto:

Select Board, Chairperson	\$2,400
Select Board, Member	\$2,100
School Committee, Chairman	\$1,400
School Committee, Member	\$1,000
Board of Assessor, Chairperson	\$3,139
Board of Assessor, Member	\$2,789
Planning Board Chairperson	\$2,100
Planning Board Member	\$1,900
Zoning Board of Appeals, Chairperson	\$531
Zoning Board of Appeals, Member	\$374
Town Clerk	\$84,048
Board of Registrars, Member	\$1,000

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Motion 3: Move that the Town vote to fix the salary and compensation for the elected and appointed officials of the Town set forth in the warrant under Article 3, as provided by G.L. c. 41, s. 108, for their services for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025, provided that any part-time elected official may waive receipt of compensation.

Submitted by: Select Board

Select Board: No Recommendation

Finance Committee: Recommends Approval (4 yeas, 1 abstention – Rizzo)

Action on the motion: **Motion passed (252Y, 55N, 4A)**

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from the Municipal Capital Stabilization fund or available funds in the treasury, or transfer from designated funds that have been reserved for appropriation the following sums to be expended for departmental equipment and all incidental and related expenses, including new or continuing leases 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. The following sums to be expended as follows:

1. Year Two (2) of the three (3) year lease/purchase of one (1) bucket truck for the Public Works Department, to be expended under the direction of the Select Board

\$67,945

Finance Committee: Recommends Approval

2. Purchase and install a traffic light camera at Arcade Ave and Ledge Rd, with funds to be expended under the direction of the Select Board

\$26,000

Finance Committee: Recommends Approval (4 yeas, 1 nay)

3. Purchase and replace four (4) exterior cameras at Public Safety Complex, with funds to be expended under the direction of the Select Board

\$15,000

Finance Committee: Recommends Approval

4. Purchase a VIAVI CX300 service monitor to service public safety radios, with funds to be expended under the direction of the Select Board

\$68,000

Finance Committee: Recommends Approval

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5. Purchase a mini excavator for DPW, with funds to be expended under the direction of the Select Board	\$95,000
	Finance Committee: Recommends Approval
6. Purchase and replace Mobile Data Terminals for police cruisers, with funds to be expended under the direction of the Select Board	\$71,500
	Finance Committee: Recommends Approval
7. Purchase and install five (5) Code Blue AED call boxes, with funds to be expended under the direction of the Select Board	\$140,000
	Finance Committee: Recommends Approval
8. Replace the Backup & Disaster Recovery Server at Town Hall, with funds to be expended under the direction of the Select Board	\$18,000
	Finance Committee: Recommends Approval

Motion 4: *Move that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate from the Municipal Capital Stabilization fund as set forth in the warrant under Article 4 for the purposes and in the amounts specified, including all incidental and related expenses, to authorize appropriate Town officials to enter into lease purchase agreements or other contracts for more than three years for such purposes, and to take such other action as is needed to carry out this vote.*

Submitted by: Select Board
Select Board: Recommends Approval
Finance Committee: See Recommendations Above

Action on the Motion: **Motion passed (252Y,63N, 1A)**

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ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town of Seekonk will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2026 Community Preservation 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 2026; 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 2026 budgeted reserve for general Community Preservation Act purposes, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, as follows:

Appropriations:

From FY 2026 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses	\$33,203
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Reserves:

From FY 2026 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve	\$66,406
From FY 2026 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$66,406
From FY 2026 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$66,406
From FY 2026 estimated revenues for the FY 2026 Budgeted Reserve	\$431,641

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 relative thereto.

Motion 5:

Move that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund FY 2026 estimated annual revenues the sum of \$33,203 for administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Act Committee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026; and further to reserve for future appropriation the following sums from FY 2026 estimated revenues, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate reservation

Historic Resources Reserve	\$66,406
Community Preservation Reserve	\$66,406
Open Space Reserve	\$66,406
FY 2026 Budgeted Reserve	\$431,641

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee
Select Board: Recommends Approval
Finance Committee: Recommends Approval

Action on the motion: **Motion passed (259Y, 35N, 1A)**

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ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$825,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Reserve, as requested by the Medeiros Farm Committee, with such sums to be expended under the direction of the Select Board, for designer services for the Medeiros Farm project at Elm Street and Lincoln Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion 6: *Move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$825,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Reserve for the Medeiros Farm Committee, with such sums to be expended under the direction of the Select Board, for designer services for the Medeiros Farm project at Elm Street and Lincoln Street.*

Submitted by: Community Preservation Commission
Select Board: Recommends Approval
Finance Committee: Recommends Approval

Medeiros Farm Committee Chair, David Sullivan, Jr. and Michael Moonon, CHA Consulting provided a presentation.

Speakers: Kenneth Kazarian, Kenwood Court; Irene Frechette, Newman Avenue, Jennifer Guerrero, Newman Avenue, Justin Sullivan, Shawn McCormack, Derek Faria, Elm Street, Mike Patch, and Guy Latimer

Action made and seconded to move to question: **Motion passed (231Y, 72N, 7A)**

Action on motion: **Motion passed (216Y, 99N, 4A)**

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board 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.

Motion 7: *Move that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of surplus property or material, exclusive of buildings and land, but including compost, no longer needed by the Town.*

Submitted by: Select Board
Select Board: Recommends Approval
Finance Committee: Recommends Approval

Action on motion: **Motion passed (231Y, 18N, 3A)**

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ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to the FY 2025 Town Meeting Operating Budget Line Item #69 (Snow & Ice Expenses), or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion 8: *Move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$152,000 from Free Cash to FY 2025 Town Meeting Operating Budget Line Item #69 (Snow & Ice Expense).*

Submitted by: Select Board
Select Board: Recommends Approval
Finance Committee: Recommends Approval

Action on motion: Motion passed (270Y, 25N, 1A) = 296

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Ambulance Receipts the sum of \$119,797.25 for the second year of a four (4) year lease/purchase for an EMS/Rescue vehicle for the Fire Department, to be expended under the direction of the Select Board, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion 9: *Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Ambulance Receipts the sum of \$119,797.25 for the second year of a four-year lease purchase of an EMS/Rescue vehicle including all incidental and related expenses, to authorize appropriate Town officials to enter into lease purchase agreements or other contracts for more than three years for such purposes, and to take such other action as is needed to carry out this vote.*

Submitted by: Select Board
Select Board: Recommends Approval
Finance Committee: Recommends Approval

Action on motion: Motion passed (238Y, 15N, 1A)

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the PEG Cable Access and Cable Related fund the sum of \$135,182.60 as a grant to Seekonk Cable Access, Inc., the Town's PEG Access Provider, and transfer the additional sum of \$50,000, to be held by the Select Board, and transferred to Seekonk Cable Access as a grant if, in the sole discretion of the Select Board, Seekonk Cable Access, Inc. needs additional funds to carry out its PEG Access Provider functions in FY2026, or take any other action relative thereto.

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Motion 10: *Move that the Town vote to transfer from the PEG Cable Access and Cable Related fund the sum of \$135,182.60 as a grant to Seekonk Cable Access, Inc., the Town's PEG Access Provider, and transfer the additional sum of \$50,000. to be held by the Select Board and transferred to Seekonk Cable Access a grant when, in the sole discretion of the Select Board, Seekonk Cable Access, Inc. needs additional funds to carry out its PEG Access Provider functions in FY2026.*

Submitted by: Select Board

Select Board: Recommends Approval

Finance Committee: Recommends Approval

Speaker: Sandra Foulkes, Arcade Ave

Action on motion: Motion passed (237Y, 56N, 5A)

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the PEG Cable Access and Cable Related fund the sum of \$83,000 to Seekonk Public Schools for PEG purposes, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion 11: *Move that the Town appropriate from the PEG Cable Access and Cable Related Fund the sum of \$83,000 to Seekonk Public Schools for PEG purposes.*

Submitted by: Select Board

Select Board: Recommends Approval

Finance Committee: Recommends Approval

Action on motion: Motion passed (249Y, 40N, 3A)

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to accept General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22I, added by Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024, An Act Honoring, Empowering and Recognizing Our Service Members and Veterans, also known as the HERO Act, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted to eligible veterans under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22, Clause 22A, Clause 22B, Clause 22C, Clause 22E and Clause 22F by the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025, or take any other action relative thereto.

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Motion 12: *Move that the Town vote to accept General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22I, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22, Clause 22A, Clause 22B, Clause 22C, Clause 22E and Clause 22F by the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025.*

Submitted by: Select Board
Select Board: Recommends Approval
Finance Committee: Recommends Approval

Action on motion: Motion passed (251Y, 20N, 3A)

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to accept General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22J, added by Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024, An Act Honoring, Empowering and Recognizing Our Service Members and Veterans, also known as the HERO Act, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22, Clause 22A, Clause 22B, Clause 22C, Clause 22E and Clause 22F by 100% of the personal exemption amount available to qualified veterans, subject to the conditions in Clause 22J, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion 13: *Move that the Town vote to accept General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22J, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22, Clause 22A, Clause 22B, Clause 22C, Clause 22E and Clause 22F by 100% of the personal exemption amount, subject to the conditions in Clause 22J, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025*

Submitted by: Select Board
Select Board: Recommends Approval
Finance Committee: Recommends Approval

Action on motion: Motion passed (219Y, 25N, 8A)

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ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Building & Infrastructure Stabilization fund the sum of \$97,623.50 to fund the LED lighting upgrades at the Seekonk Public Safety Building, including all incidental and related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion 14: Move that the Town appropriate from the Building & Infrastructure Stabilization fund the sum of \$97,623.50 to fund the LED lighting upgrades at the Seekonk Public Safety Building, including all incidental and related expenses.

Submitted by: Select Board

Select Board: Recommends Approval

Finance Committee: Recommends Approval

Action on motion: Motion passed (263Y, 35N, 2A)

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,400,000 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 and renovation, 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, 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.

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Motion 15: *Move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$10,400,000 to fund the construction and renovation of the Seekonk Public Library, including utility and other site improvements incidental or directly related to such construction and renovation, 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, 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.*

2/3 Vote Required

Submitted by: Select Board

Select Board: Recommends Approval (4 years, 1 nay)

Finance Committee: Recommends Approval

Board of Library Trustee Chair, Alyssa Richard, Library Director Kate Hibbert, and TAPA Architect, Jeffrey Hoover provided the library feasibility study.

Speakers: Irene Frechette, Newman Avenue; Rick Forest, Meadowlark Drive; Dennis Toprac, Brookhill Drive; Kyle Juckett, Hammond Street; Maureen Mecketsky, Valley Street; Rachel Bates, Pleasant Street; Sarah Silva, Burnside Avenue

Action on motion: Motion passed (240Y, 74N) 2/3 Vote

ARTICLE 16 - (Voted to Indefinitely Postpone)

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue as a public town way the roadway depicted as "Old Fall River Avenue, Discontinuance Area, Assessors Map 7, Parcel 113", on the plan entitled: "Discontinuance Plan in Seekonk, MA Bristol County Prepared for the Town of Seekonk, MA", dated April 24, 2025, prepared by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (the "Discontinuance Plan"), a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, said way being no longer needed as a public way, and to transfer from the Select Board for public way purposes to the Select Board for general municipal purposes, including the purpose of conveyance, and authorize the Select Board to convey, any and all land and interests in land within the discontinued Old Fall River Avenue on such terms and conditions as the Select Board sees fit, and for the purpose of confirming or otherwise establishing record rights to maintain the utilities presently located over Old Fall River Avenue, and to enter into all agreements and take all other actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate said discontinuance and to convey and acquire the foregoing land and interests in land, or to take any other action relative thereto.

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Motion 16: *Move that the Town vote to discontinue as a public town way the roadway depicted as “Old Fall River Avenue, Discontinuance Area, Assessors Map 7, Parcel 113”, on the plan entitled: “Discontinuance Plan in Seekonk, MA Bristol County Prepared for the Town of Seekonk, MA”, dated April 24, 2025, prepared by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (the “Discontinuance Plan”), a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, said way being no longer needed as a public way, and to transfer from the Select Board for public way purposes to the Select Board for general municipal purposes, including the purpose of conveyance, and authorize the Select Board to convey, any and all land and interests in land within the discontinued Old Fall River Avenue on such terms and conditions as the Select Board sees fit, and for the purpose of confirming or otherwise establishing record rights to maintain the utilities presently located over Old Fall River Avenue, and to enter into all agreements and take all other actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate said discontinuance and to convey and acquire the foregoing land and interests in land.*

2/3 Vote Required

Submitted by: Select Board
Select Board: Recommends Approval
Finance Committee: No Recommendation

Action on motion: Motion to indefinitely postpone procedural (192Y, 13N)

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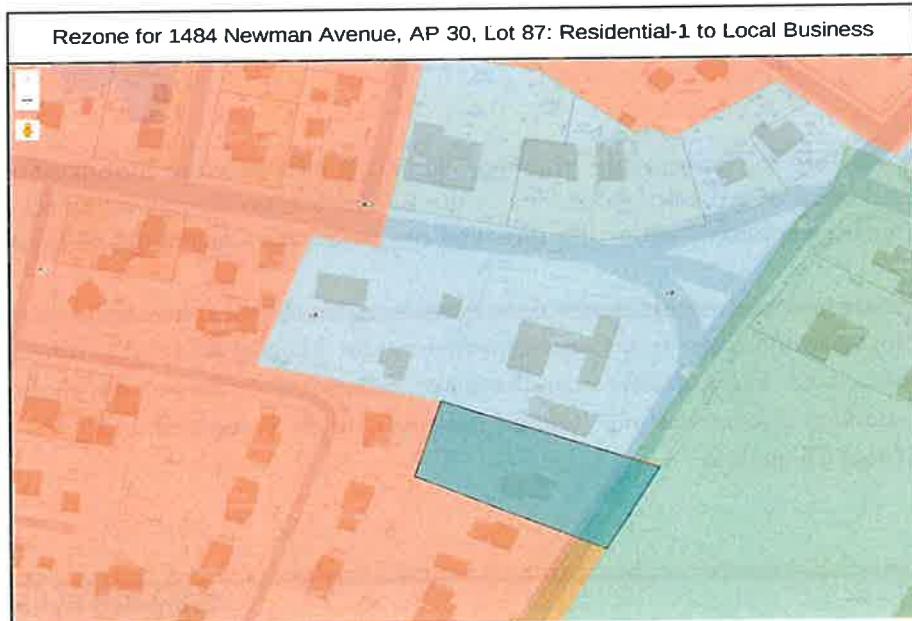
ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3.2 of the Town of Seekonk Zoning Bylaws and the Town of Seekonk Zoning Map to rezone from Residential-1 to Local Business the property located at 1484 Newman Avenue, identified as Seekonk Assessor's Plat 30, Lot 87 containing approximately .58 acres of land, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion 17: *Move that the Town vote to amend the zoning designation of the property located at 1484 Newman Avenue, identified as Seekonk Assessor's Plat 30, Lot 87 containing approximately .58 acres of land from Residential-1 to Local Business.*

2/3 Vote Required

Submitted by: Planning Board
Select Board: Recommends Approval
Finance Committee: No Recommendation



Action on motion: Motion passed (196Y, 44N) 2/3 Vote

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ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Building & Infrastructure Stabilization fund the sum of \$150,000 for repairs to the Dr. Kevin M. Hurley Middle School heating system, including all incidental and related expenses, to be expended under the direction of the School Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion 18: *Move that the Town vote to appropriate from the Building & Infrastructure Stabilization fund the sum of \$150,000 for repairs to the Dr. Kevin M. Hurley Middle School heating system, including all incidental and related expenses, to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.*

Submitted by: School Committee
Select Board: Recommends Approval
Finance Committee: Recommends Approval

Action on motion: Motion passed (229Y, 17)

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Building & Infrastructure Stabilization fund the sum of \$300,000 for remediation of asbestos floor tiles at the Seekonk High School, including all incidental and related expenses, to be expended under the direction of the School Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion 19: *Move that the Town vote to appropriate from the Building & Infrastructure Stabilization fund the sum of \$300,000 for remediation of asbestos floor tiles at the Seekonk High School, including all incidental and related expenses, to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.*

Submitted by: School Committee
Select Board: Recommends Approval
Finance Committee: Recommends Approval

Action on motion: Motion passed (215Y, 27N)

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ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from School Capital Stabilization fund the sum of \$77,500 to fund the second phase of the updated door locks at the Seekonk High School and the George R. Martin School, including all incidental and related expenses, to be expended under the direction of the School Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion 20: *Move that the Town vote to appropriate from the School Capital Stabilization fund the sum of \$77,500 to fund the second phase of the updated door locks at the Seekonk High School and the George R. Martin School, including all incidental and related expenses, to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.*

Submitted by: School Committee
Select Board: Recommends Approval
Finance Committee: Recommends Approval

Action on motion: **Motion passed (222Y, 14N)**

ARTICLE 21—Voter Petition presented by James Tusino

In accordance with Article II, Section 6 of the Town of Seekonk Home Rule Charter, we registered voters here by petition: "Any ten (10) voters may secure by written petition to the Board of Selectman, the inclusion of an article or item for the warrant or agenda of any session of the annual Town meeting."

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$9,500,000, (nine million five hundred thousand dollars), to pay the costs of constructing, originally equipping, and furnishing the new South End Fire Station, at 69 School St., on land owned by the Town of Seekonk, MA., excluding any funds for the cost of demolition of the existing structure; also excluding any funds for relocating the Communication Department from its current location of 500 Taunton Ave; and for payment of any and all costs incidental and related thereto, whether this amount shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise provided, or take any other action relative thereto.

Also, the Board of Selectman prepare this warrant or item for the Town Meeting Warrant of May 12, 2025.

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Motion 21: Move that the town appropriate the sum of \$9,500,000 to fund the construction of the South End Fire Station, including utility and other site improvements incidental or directly related to such construction, necessary architectural, engineering or other provision and legal expenses and fees associated with the project, 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 GL c44 S7 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, 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 tan election to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed under GL c 59 S21C (Proposition 2 1/2) the amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.

2/3 Vote Required

Submitted by: Voter Petition
Select Board: No Recommendation
Finance Committee: Did not have a solid recommendation

Speakers: Chair of Southend Fire Station Building Committee, James Tusino; Gary Sagar, St. Laurent Pkwy; Kyle Jucket, Hammond Street; Shawn McCormack, Sanctuary Lane; Fire Chief Shawn Whalen; Chistine Allen, Brook Street; Justin Sullivan, Emily Way; Chris Rizzo, Pleasant Street; Michael Brady, Finance Committee; Oscar Elmasian, Talbot Way; Fernando Rodrigues, Chantilly Court; Doreen Taylor, Forsythe Circle; Lori Suher, Prospect Street

Motion to move to question; it was seconded, and voted:

Motion passed (192Y, 28N) 2/3 Vote

Action on motion:

Motion failed (112Y, 108N) 2/3 Vote

Motion made and seconded to dissolve town meeting at 10:50 p.m.

Action on motion: Motion passed

Town of Seekonk

SPRING TOWN MEETING

MAY 12, 2025

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies as required by law and vote of the Town.

Hereof fail not and make return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said Meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS ON THIS 9th DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

Seekonk Select Board



Michelle A. Hines



Michael P. Healy



Pamela Pozzi

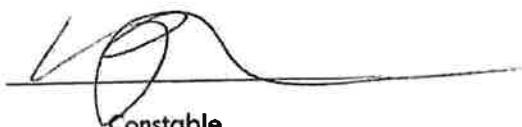


Gary Sagar



Christopher Zorra

A True Copy Attest:


Constable

Date: 4/25/25

