

MINUTES OF
TOWN OF SEEKONK FINANCE COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
February 25, 2025
Planning Board Room, Seekonk Town Hall, 100 Peck St

PRESENT:
Normand Duquette, Chairperson
Michael Brady, Vice Chairperson
Phillip Yan, Clerk
Joanna L'Heureux
Christopher Rizzo
Matthew Salisbury

Director of Finance: Jennifer Argo
Veterans' Agent: Jim LaFlame
Human Services Director: Brittany Faria
Parks & Recreation Director: Erica Harris-Grimes
DPW Superintendent: Dave Cabral

Mr. Duquette called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

Review FY26 budget w/ Veterans, Human Services, Parks & Recreation, and DPW

- Mr. Duquette opened the meeting stating the department heads are to highlight any changes in their FY26 budget
- Mr. LaFlame highlighted the increases in the Veterans budget
 - o Increase in Salaries are contractual increases
 - o Expenses remain the same however participation is 40% down
- Ms. Faris highlighted the increases in the Human Services budget
 - o Increase in Salaries are contractual increases
 - o Expenses remain the same
- Ms. Harris-Grimes highlighted the increases in the Parks & Recreation budget
 - o Increase in Salaries are contractual increases
 - o Expenses remain the same
 - o Discussion on how fees are charged & how they flow through the revolving fund
- Mr. Cabral highlighted the increases in the DPW and Sanitation budgets
 - o Building Operations:
 - Increase in custodial services due to the addition of Phase II of the Senior Center
 - Increase in Building Maintenance & Repair for Banna Station, Senior Center, and Public Safety due to repair expenses in FY25
 - Increase in electricity for the DPW facility
 - o DPW Maintenance:
 - Increase in Salaries are contractual increases
 - Increase in Supplies Vehicles due to perform more inhouse vehicle repairs
 - Increase in Capital due to increase in cost of equipment
 - o Highway Safety:
 - Increase in Traffic Lighting to increase supplies due to more traffic lights
 - Increase in Striping Services due to providing thermal recap on certain roads/intersections
 - o EPA Mandated – Stormwater:
 - Increase in MS4 Permit due to more reporting & enforcement
 - Decrease in Mapping & Testing due to ARPA funds
 - Increase in Infrastructure Repair to work on improvements and situations such as sinkholes

- Sanitation:
 - Increase in Landfill Salaries are contractual increases
 - Increase in Solid Waste Salaries due to increase in hours & COLA
 - Increase in Solid Waste Expenses
 - Year 2 of contract
 - Increase in Recycling due to the increase in tonnage & mattress recycling

Minutes

No minutes to approve

Future Meetings

Monday, March 3, 2025 Seekonk Town Hall @ 7:00.

Tuesday, March 25, 2024 Seekonk Town Hall @ 7:00.

Motion to adjourn Mr. Brady, second Mr. Yan (6-0) at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip Yan, Clerk

Items Distributed at the Finance Committee Meeting

- None