

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

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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 dues 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