

MINUTES OF  
TOWN OF SEEKONK FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Regular Meeting  
April 24, 2023  
BOS Meeting Room, Seekonk Town Hall, 100 Peck St

PRESENT: Matthew Salisbury, Chairperson  
Michael Brady, Vice Chairperson  
Michael Bradley  
Normand Duquette  
Joanna L'Heureux

Director of Finance: Jennifer Argo

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

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Recommendations on FY24 Proposed Budget

- Section A General Government, Lines 1-12; recommend approval Mr. Brady, second Mr. Duquette (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Section A General Government, Lines 13-27; recommend approval Mr. Duquette, second Mr. Brady (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Section A General Government, Lines 28-37; recommend approval Mr. Duquette, second Mr. Brady (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Section B General Government – Legal, Line 38; recommend approval Mr. Duquette, second Ms. L'Heureux (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Section C Public Safety, Lines 39-51
  - o Line 39; motion to increase Police Payroll by \$80,000 from \$4,791,509 to \$4,871,509 Mr. Duquette, second Mr. Brady (5-0-1, Yan absent)
  - o Lines 40-51; recommend approval Mr. Duquette, second Ms. L'Heureux (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Section C Public Safety, Lines 52-54; recommend approval Mr. Duquette, second Ms. L'Heureux (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Section D Education, Lines 55-59
  - o Line 55; motion to decrease Seekonk Schools by \$80,000 from \$31,785,453 to \$31,705,453 Mr. Duquette, second Mr. Bradley (5-0-1, Yan absent)
  - o Lines 56-59; recommend approval Ms. L'Heureux, second Mr. Bradley (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Section E Highways & Streets, Lines 60-69; recommend approval Mr. Duquette, second Ms. L'Heureux (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Section F Other Environmental, Lines 70-71; recommend approval Mr. Duquette, second Ms. L'Heureux (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Section G Human Services, Lines 72-79; recommend approval Mr. Duquette, second Mr. Bradley (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Section H Culture & Recreation, Lines 80-83; recommend approval Mr. Duquette, second Mr. Brady (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Section I Debt & Interest, Lines 84-108; recommend approval Mr. Duquette, second Ms. L'Heureux (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Section J Other Fixed Cost, Lines 109-114; recommend approval Mr. Duquette, second Mr. Bradley (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Section K Sanitation Enterprise Fund, Lines 115-119; recommend approval Mr. Bradley, second Mr. Duquette (5-0-1, Yan absent)

## Recommendations on May 8<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting Warrant

- Article 1 – Town Reports; recommendation on the Town Meeting floor Mr. Brady, second Mr. Bradley (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Article 2 – FY24 Budget; recommend approval as amended Mr. Bradley, second Mr. Duquette (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Article 3 – Salary of Elected Officials; recommend approval Mr. Brady, second Mr. Bradley (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Article 4 – Free cash Appropriation
  - o #1 – Year 6 of 7-year lease of a Fire Engine; recommend approval Mr. Duquette, second Mr. Bradley (5-0-1, Yan absent)
  - o #2 – Year 2 of 3-year lease of a heavy-duty dump truck; recommend approval Mr. Bradley, second Mr. Brady (5-0-1, Yan absent)
  - o #3 – Gear room doors; recommend approval Mr. Brady, second Mr. Bradley (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Article 5 – LUCAS Machine; recommend approval Mr. Brady, second Mr. Bradley (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Article 6 – Feasibility study on existing Library building; recommend non-approval Mr. Duquette, second Mr. Brady (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Article 7 – FY24 CPA Appropriation; recommend approval Mr. Bradley, second Mr. Brady (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Article 8 – Surplus property; recommend approval Mr. Brady, second Mr. Duquette (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Article 9 – Free cash appropriation to Snow & Ice; recommend approval Mr. Bradley, second Mr. Duquette (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Article 10 – Medeiros Farm Committee; no recommendation Mr. Brady, second Mr. Duquette (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Article 11 – CPA Appropriation for study on Medeiros Farm; recommend approval Mr. Bradley, second Mr. Brady (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Article 12 – Firefighter Union CBA; recommend approval Mr. Bradley, second Mr. Brady (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Article 13 – Communications & Clerk Union CBA; recommendation on the Town Meeting floor Mr. Brady, second Mr. Bradley (5-0-1, Yan absent)
- Article 14 – CPA fund to purchase properties; recommendation on the Town Meeting floor Mr. Brady, second Mr. Bradley (5-0-1, Yan absent)

## Discuss Open Meeting Law Compliant filed by Patrick Higgins

- The committee received an Open Meeting Law Compliant for the April 3, 2023 meeting. After discussion Jennifer Argo will work writing a response back to Mr. Higgins.

## Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of March 29, 2023.

Motion to approve the minutes Mr. Brady, second Mr. Bradley (5-0-1, Yan absent)

The committee reviewed the minutes of April 3, 2023.

Motion to approve the minutes Ms. L'Heureux, second Mr. Brady (5-0-1, Yan absent)

## Future Meetings

Monday, May 8, 2023 Seekonk High School @ 6:15pm.

Motion to adjourn Mr. Brady, second Mr. Bradley (5-0-1, Yan absent) at 8:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Argo on behalf of Phillip Yan, Clerk