

TOWN OF SEEKONK



November 28, 2016

Fall Town Meeting

Town Moderator

Peter Hoogizeill

Town Clerk

Jan Parker

Board of Selectmen

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

Finance Committee

Justin Sullivan, Acting Chairperson
Ben Furman
Russell Horsman
Karen Perkins
David Saad
Doreen Taylor

Town Administrator

Shawn E. Cadime

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, November 28, 2016 at 7:00 P. M.

To vote on the following Articles. The Meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk at 7:00 PM with a quorum of 241 registered voters and then turned the meeting over to the Town Moderator

A motion was made to allow the following non-residents to address the meeting if necessary: Shawn Cadime, Town Administrator, Peter Fuller, Library Director, Theodora Gabriel, Town Assessor, Bruce Alexander, Director of Finance, Bernadette Huck, Director of Human Services, Christine DeFontes, Treasurer/Collector, John Aubin III, Town Planner, Arlene Bosco, School Superintendent, Town Counsel, Pannone, Lopes, Devereaux, & West, LLC, James LaFlame, Veterans Agent, Jennifer Miller, Conservation Agent, Rob Bernardo, Water Superintendent, Christopher Campbell, Communications Director, Representatives from Tappe Architects for the Library Building Study Committee.

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

ARTICLE 1

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

A report was presented by John Alves, Community Preservation Committee and David Bowden, Senior Center Building Committee.

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

Action on the motion: Motion passes with 240 approving and 1 in opposition.

**Submitted by: Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval
Finance Committee: Recommend Approval**

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds to the Stabilization Fund the sum of One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made that the Town transfer the sum of \$1,000,000 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.

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

**Submitted by: Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval
Finance Committee: Recommend Approval**

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from Free Cash or transfer from other available funds the sum of \$500,000 to the Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund, or to take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made that the Town transfer the sum of \$500,000 from Free Cash to the Municipal Stabilization Fund.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with 240 approving and 1 in opposition

**Submitted by: Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval
Finance Committee: Recommend Approval**

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from Free Cash or transfer from other available funds the sum of \$500,000 to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund, or to take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made that the Town transfer the sum of \$500,000 from Free Cash to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund.

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

**Submitted by: Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval
Finance Committee: Recommend Approval**

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from Free Cash or transfer from other available funds, or transfer from designated funds that have been reserved for appropriation the following sums to be expended for departmental equipment, 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. From the Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund the following sums to be expended as follows:

1. Town Wide (Municipal and School) integrated telephone system replacement to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen with advice and consent of the School Committee.
\$200,000.00

A motion was made that the Town 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 for more than three years for such purposes, applicable:

- 1. Town wide (Municipal and School) integrated telephone system replacement to be expended under direction of the Board of Selectmen with advice and consent of the School Committee
\$200,000.00***

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

**Submitted by: Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval
Finance Committee: Recommend Approval**

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from Free Cash or transfer from other available funds the sum of \$907,500 for the Aitken School south-west wing re-roofing and the Hurley Middle School re-roofing of north wing and entry tower, or take any other action relative thereto:

A motion was made that the Town to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$907,500 for the purpose of re-roofing the south-west wing of Aitken school and re-roofing the north wing and entry tower of Hurley Middle School, such funds to be expended under the direction of the School Committee, and authorize the School Committee to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for reimbursement funding.

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

**Submitted by: School Committee
Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval
Finance Committee: Recommendation on Town Meeting Floor**

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from Free Cash or transfer from other available funds a sum of \$25,000 for the purchase of the Benson property, Map 26 Lot 13, located on rear lot on Read Street, or take any other action relative thereto:

A motion was made that the Town vote to appropriate from Community Preservation Open Space Reserve the sum of \$25,000 for the purchase of the Benson property, rear lot Read Street, Map 26 Lot 13, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen with advice and consent of the Community Preservation Committee.

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

**Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee
Board of Selectmen: No Recommendation
Finance Committee: Recommend Approval**

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from Free Cash or transfer from other available funds a sum of \$150,000 for preservation of the roofs at Seekonk Commons, 25 Chapell Street, property of Seekonk Housing Authority, or take any other action relative thereto:

A motion was made that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve the sum of \$130,000 and from the Community Preservation Unreserved the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of preservation of the roofs at Seekonk Commons, 25 Chapell Street, property of the Seekonk Housing Authority, in the form of a grant, such funds to be granted under the direction of the Board of Selectmen with the advice and consent of the Community Preservation Committee.

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

**Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee
Board of Selectmen: No Recommendation
Finance Committee: Recommend Approval**

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget approved at the Town Meeting of May 16, 2016, Article 2 as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

Reduce Line 89 Police/Fire Complex – Interest from \$84,975 to \$58,000

Increase Line 105 Bond Anticipation Notes-Principal from \$0 to \$7,407

Appropriate for Senior Center-Interest the amount of \$14,923.46

A motion was made that the Town amend the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget approved at the Town Meeting of May 16, 2016, Article 2 by:

Reduce Line 89 Police/Fire Complex – Interest from \$84,975 to \$58,000

Increase Line 105 Bond Anticipation Notes-Principal from \$0 to \$7,407

Appropriate for Senior Center-Interest the amount of \$14,923.46

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

**Submitted by: Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval
Finance Committee: Recommend Approval**

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$35,000 from the Sanitation Enterprise Fund Free Cash, or other available funds, for the rental of a tub grinder and screener for use at the Transfer and Recycling Facility, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made that the Town appropriate the sum of \$35,000 from the Sanitation Enterprise Fund Free Cash for the rental of a tub grinder and screener at the Transfer and Recycling Facility.

Action on the motion: Motion passes with 239 approving and 2 in opposition.

**Submitted by: Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval
Finance Committee: Recommend Approval**

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to: (1) accept the preliminary design for the Seekonk Public Library at 410 Newman Avenue as recommended by the Seekonk Library Facilities Study Committee; (2) authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any further information provided by the Library Facilities Study Committee related to this design and to refer the design and related information to the appropriate agencies of state and town government for the purposes of obtaining a more complete library building design proposal, cost estimates, pre-construction plans, permitting information, specifications or any other relevant information needed by the Town to submit a library construction grant proposal to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners; and, (3) authorize the Board of Selectmen and Board of Library Trustees to apply for, accept and expend a public library construction grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners or any other federal, state or private funds for the purpose of constructing the recommended library facility, with said sums to be expended by the Town Administrator, following approval of the Board of Selectmen, and in consultation with the Board of Library Trustees or a duly appointed Building Committee; or to take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made that the town (1) accept the preliminary design for the Seekonk Public Library at 410 Newman Avenue as recommended by the Seekonk Library Facilities Study Committee; (2) authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any further information provided by the Library Facilities Study Committee related to this design and to refer the design and related information to the appropriate agencies of state and town government for the purposes of obtaining a more complete library building design proposal, cost estimates, pre-construction plans, permitting information, specifications or any other relevant information needed by the Town to submit a library construction grant proposal to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners; and, (3) authorize the Board of Selectmen and Board of Library Trustees to apply for, accept and expend a public library construction grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners or any other federal, state or private funds for the purpose of constructing the recommended library facility, with said sums to be expended by the Town Administrator, following approval of the Board of Selectmen, and in consultation with the Board of Library Trustees or a duly appointed Building Committee; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Action on the motion: Motion passes exceeding a majority.

Submitted by: Board of Library Trustees & the Library Facilities Study Committee
Board of Selectmen: No Recommendation
Finance Committee:

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY 2017 Budget approved under Article 2 of the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting, as follows or take any other action relative thereto.

Line 43 Communication Expenses Increase by \$40,000 to \$117,550

A motion was made that the Town amend the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget approved under Article 2, of the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting as presented in the warrant, by using the appropriation from raise and appropriate as follows:

Line 43 Communication Expense

Increase by \$40,000 to \$117,550

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

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen: Recommend Approval
Finance Committee:

**A motion was made to dissolve the meeting at 9:10 PM.
Action on the motion to dissolve passes with a unanimous
Vote.**

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 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER 2016.

Seekonk Board of Selectmen

David J. Andrade, Chairperson

Nelson Almeida, Vice-Chairperson

David F. Viera, Clerk

David S. Parker, Member

Michelle A. Hines, Member

A True Copy Attest: _____

Date: _____

Constable