

# TOWN OF SEEKONK



September 15, 2025

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**Town Moderator**

Peter Hoogerzeil

**Select Board**

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

**Town Administrator**

Shawn E. Cadime

**Town Clerk**

Kristen L'Heureux

**Finance Committee**

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

**Director of Finance**

Jennifer Argo

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SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

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, September 15, 2025 at 7:00 P. M.**

To vote on the following Article. The Meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk at 7:10 p.m. with a quorum of over 75 registered voters. The meeting was turned over to the Town Moderator to preside over the meeting.

Town Moderator, Peter Hoogerzeil described the electronic voting system and ran a test question.

**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, Joseph Fair, 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

**The motion was made and seconded at 7:20 p.m.**

**Action on motion: Motion passed**

## ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$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 provisional 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 thereof, to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board to borrow said funds pursuant to G.L. c44 Section 7 or any other enabling authority and issue bonds and notes thereof; to authorize the Town to apply for any grants or loans available for the project, and further, that the amount of 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 Section 21 C (Proposition 2 ½) the amounts required to pay the principal and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.

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### Motion 1:

*Move that the Town appropriate a sum not to exceed \$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 provisional 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 thereof, to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board to borrow said funds pursuant to G.L. c44 Section 7 or any other enabling authority and issue bonds and notes thereof; to authorize the Town to apply for any grants or loans available for the project, and further, that the amount of 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 Section 21 C (Proposition 2 ½) the amounts required to pay the principal and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.*

2/3 Vote Required

Submitted by: Voter Petition

Select Board: Recommendation on Town Meeting Floor

Finance Committee: Recommendation on Town Meeting Floor

**Presenters:** James Tusino, Cedar Lane, Chairman for the South End Fire Station Building Committee; and Gary Sagar, St. Laurent Pkwy

**Speakers:** Shawn McCormack, Sanctuary Lane; Tammy O'Connor, Oak Hill Avenue; John Alves, River Street; Shawn Cadime, Town Administrator

Town Moderator, Peter Hoogerzeil, asked if the Finance Committee had a recommendation at 7:25 p.m.

**A motion was made and seconded by the Finance Committee to recommend approval.**

**Roll Call Vote:** Matthew Salisbury-Yay; Michael Brady-Yay; Phillip Yan-Nay; Chris Rizzo-Nay

**Action on motion: No majority to recommend approval: 2 in favor / 2 in opposition**

**Speakers:** Anthony Procopio, Stone Ridge Drive; Doreen Taylor, Forsythe Circle; Lesley Cole, West Avenue; Gary Juckett, Cedar Lane; Fire Chief Shaun Whalen

Town Moderator, Peter Hoogerzeil, asked if there was any further discussion.  
No further discussion. The vote was taken.

**Action on motion: Motion Failed (Y216, 118N )**

**Total votes: 334 / 2/3 Vote Required**

**A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the special town meeting at 8:20 p.m.**

**Action on motion: Motion passed**

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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 20th DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

### Seekonk Select Board



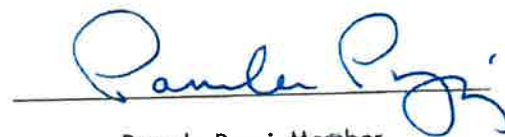
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Pamela Pozzi, Member



Gary Sagar, Member

A True Copy Attest:



Constable

Date:

8/25/25

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