

MINUTES OF:
TOWN OF SEEKONK FINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
May 7, 2013

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Myrna Gagnon-Elderkin
Robert Richardson
Karen Perkins
Robert Blanchard
Edith Kerkorian
David Francis
Mark Gorton

Director of Finance: Bruce Alexander
Fire Chief Alan Jack
School Committee: John Bilodeau, Brian Freitas, Kyle Rose, Evan Berwick
Arlene Bosco, School Superintendent
Barbara Hamel, School Business Administrator

Ms. Gagnon-Elderkin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

FY 2014 Budget-Fire Department

Chief Jack reviewed the Fire Department budget. Any increases in salaries are all contractual. Chief reviewed all line items and explained to the committee the rationale. Many line items are increasing as a result of the hourly rate increase. Mr. Alexander explained the differences between the department budget and the Town Administrators budget. Operating expenses were explained, and the chief explained his future manning plans.

FY 2014 Budget-School Departments

Mr. Bilodeau made opening remarks and turned the explanations over to Ms. Bosco and Ms. Hamel. School committee members commented on the state aid projections. Ms. Bosco explained the special education programs and projected new positions. The committee asked how Seekonk stands with peer communities, Seekonk is on the low end of the per pupil costs when compared to other towns. Mr. McLintock asked class size at Martin School being affected by the Greenbriar complex. Class size at all buildings was reviewed. The residence issue was discussed. School Choice as it appeared on the "cherry sheet" was discussed. Mr. Richardson asked several questions about special education and instructional technology. Conversation about the high school stage and Martin school drainage were also discussed. Ms. Perkins asked several questions about school department operations.

Senior Center Building Committee Update

Mr. McLintock addressed the committee on the status of the senior center project. Mr. McLintock stated that the proposed article does not ask for an additional \$500,000. A detailed discussion was held.

FY 2014 Budget-Communications Departments

Mr. Alexander explained the prepared communications department budget and the state 911 support grants that had been received.

FY 2014 Budget-Revenue and Expenses

Mr. Alexander explained changes to the FY 2014 budget made by the Board of Selectmen. A change was made to the Building Maintenance Payroll adding \$8,000 to hire temporary summer employees. Projected revenues were discussed, and detail explanation of each element took place. Mr. Alexander continued explaining the meals tax projections. The revenue and expense sheet was continued.

Future Meetings

Discussion on when next meeting will take place, May 21, 2013 was decided.

1. Review of Warrant Articles
2. Final Review of the FY 2014 Budget
3. CIC Recommendations

Next meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2013 @ 6:30 PM Town Hall Meeting Room

Minutes

Moved approval of the minutes of April 9, 2013, Ms. Perkins, second Mr. Blanchard (7-0)

Moved adjourn at 8:4 p.m., Ms. Krekorian, second Ms. Perkins (7-0)

Respectfully submitted,

David Francis, Clerk