

MINUTES OF:  
TOWN OF SEEKONK FINANCE COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 9, 2013

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Myrna Gagnon-Elderkin  
Robert Richardson  
Karen Perkins  
Robert Blanchard  
Edith Kerkorian

Director of Finance: Bruce Alexander  
Police Chief Craig Mace  
DPW Director Robert Lamoureux  
Human Svcs. Director Bernadette Huck  
Selectman Michael Brady

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

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FY 2014 Budget-Police Department

Chief of Police Craig Mace reviewed his police department budget with the committee. Committee questioned various lines in his budget. Chief Mace explained his long range needs for a detective supervisor and a second school resource officer. Computer and vice crimes are an area that will need to be targeted. Discussion on the IT needs of the department and combined services of the Town and Public Safety facility.

FY 2014 Budget-Public Works/Building Maintenance/Sanitation

Mr. Lamoureux reviewed his budgets. Committee questioned director about various building maintenance and DPW line items. Ninety-five percent of changes to these budgets are contractual. Current fleet was detailed. Procedures for Chapter 90 funds was explained, storm water management program and requirements of EPA were explained. Electricity saving programs was explained to the committee. Future cost of news buildings was discussed and noted that future budgets would have to be increased to accommodate new buildings.

FY 2014 Budget-Human Services

Ms. Huck explained the FY 2014 budget for Human Services. Questions about the Senior Center were asked and explained. Human Services staffing was explained, questions about staffing schedules were asked.

Reorganization of Finance Committee

Ms. Elderkin-Gagnon stated that because of the election of Mr. Brady to the Board of Selectmen, it was necessary to reorganize the Finance Committee. Committee members asked if she would like to continue, and stated that they were there to help her.

Moved nomination of David Francis to serve as Clerk, Ms. Perkins, second Mr. Blanchard (5-0)

Moved nomination of Robert Blanchard as Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Perkins, second Ms. Krekorian (5-0)

Moved nomination of Myrna Elderkin-Gagnon as Chairperson, Mr. Richardson, second Mr. Blanchard (5-0)

#### Reserve Fund Advisory/Reserve Fund Transfer

Ms. Perkins moved that the Reserve Fund Transfer of \$20,000 for the relocation of the Human Services Department approved by the committee on February 4, 2013 be rescinded, seconded Mr. Blanchard.

Discussion took place about the original rationale for the transfer and what has happened since. Committee left open the opportunity that the administration could come back to the Finance Committee if the situation changed. Diligent planning and explanation is requested. The actual awarding of contract is on the agenda of the BOS for April 10, 2013. Mr. Brady commented on the situation at Pleasant Street. Building assessment by the Capital Improvement Committee did not classify the building as dangerous. Some of the situation is self created. Mr. Brady commented that this was on the STM warrant and was postponed indefinitely by the Board of Selectmen.

Moved rescind RFT of February 4, 2013, Ms. Perkins, second Mr. Blanchard (4-1, Elderkin-Gagnon)

#### Comments

Ms. Elderkin-Gagnon said she had a request the agenda and minutes of the Finance Committee be placed on the Town website; Mr. Alexander will make that happen.

#### Future Meetings

Tuesday, April 23, 2013 @ 6:30 PM Town Hall Meeting Room

Moved adjourn at 8:330 p.m., Ms. Krekorian, second Ms. Perkins (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

David Francis, Clerk