MINUTES OF: TOWN OF SEEKONK FINANCE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING April 23, 2013

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Myrna Gagnon-Elderkin

Robert Richardson Karen Perkins Robert Blanchard Edith Kerkorian Mark Gorton

Director of Finance: Bruce Alexander

Library Director Peter Fuller

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

FY 2014 Budget-Seekonk Public Library

Mr. Fuller reviewed the Trustees department budget with the committee. Mr. Fuller explained the FY13/FY14 differences for the committee. Mr. Fuller explained that this budget would meet the state requirements for continued certification. Mr. Fuller also explained the new initiatives at the library. The committee asked questions about various library accounts, Mr. Fuller provided answers. Mr. Fuller reviewed library usage statistics. Mr. Fuller elaborated on discussion with the Municipal Capital Improvement Committee about the building needs at the library. General question and answer session continued.

FY 2014 Budget-Small Departments

Mr. Alexander reviewed the small departments in Town Hall. A discussion of the total revenue took place. Review of the departments continued. Explanations of some of the lines in the Town Administrators budget were discussed and the Finance Committee changed the budgeted amounts in several lines. Continued review of the various departments budgets, questions and answers were addressed by Mr. Alexander as they arose.

Discussion of revenue and the 65/35 percent split was discussed. Budget review continued. Discussion of the animal shelter was extensive. Short discussion of the construction at the animal shelter took placed and postponed till the building committee was in attendance.

Questions about added payroll in Recreation and Veterans Services, Mr. Alexander provided explanations. Mr. Alexander also explained the rational in projecting budget for veterans' benefits. Budget review continued

Future Meetings

Discussion on what departments the committee would like to review at the next meeting:

- 1. Fire
- 2. Education
- 3. Communications

Next meeting Tuesday, May 7, 2013 @ 6:30 PM Town Hall Meeting Room

Minutes

Moved approval of the minutes of March 12, 2013, Ms. Perkins, second Mr. Blanchard (5-0-2) Moved approval of the minutes of March 27, 2013, Ms. Perkins, second Ms. Kerkorian (6-0-1)

Moved adjourn at 8:48 p.m., Ms. Krekorian, second Ms. Perkins (7-0)

Respectfully submitted,

David Francis, Clerk