

Town of Washington  
Board of Finance  
December 19, 2022

Present: Members: Craig Schoon, Sally Cornell, Matt Cain, Ted Bent  
Alternates: Elizabeth Fenton, Phyllis Allen, Anthony Amato  
Selectmen: Jay Hubelbank  
Treasurer: Linda McGarr  
Guest: Joan Lodson  
Press: Linda Zukauskas

Chairman Craig Schoon called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of November 21, 2022 by Ted Bent, seconded by Anthony Amato, and unanimously approved.

**Tax Collector Report:** No Comments

**Treasurer Report:** Not Comments except intertest rates are increasing.

**Selectman:** Selectman Jay Hubelbank stated that there were no new issues to report that everything is running smoothly.

**Financial Reports:**

- We will be changing the format of the financials slightly for the January meeting.
- Budget overage may happen with recycle depending on the cost per ton. The cost fluctuates. For this fiscal year it has been as low as 35.62 to a high of \$95.64. We used to get a rebate but now it is cost to get rid of the recycling. In January the compactors will be in use so that will lower the cost of shipping the recycling. We will also be breaking out glass which is 30% of the weight of recycling. The glass will be taking away at no cost to the town. It will depend on households bringing the glass to the transfer station or possible a local place here in downtown.
- Election cost comparison to last year has increased greatly due to the redistricting. It will be close but we should be able to meet this year's budget. The referendum is the last election there will be in this fiscal year.

**Education Report:** No Report

**Old Business:**

- Question was raised about tie votes. If there is a tie vote the motion fails.
- The ambulance building is in the design phase with the architect. We don't have an estimate of cost for the construction phase. More money maybe needed to finish the project.

- We moved the 457 and 401A pension plans from Nationwide to Equitable. The 457 has just recently went live and the 401A by the end of the week. Equitable representative is coming in the beginning of January to speak to each employee about their investment options. The main reason for the change is to have a local contact for our employees.

**New Business:** A motion to approve the 2023 Calendar by Ted Bent, seconded by Phyllis Allen and unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn at 5:56 by Ted Bent, seconded by Sally Cornell, and unanimously approved.

**Next Finance Meeting: January 23, 2023**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kennedy Gomez  
Finance Director