

Town of Washington  
Board of Finance  
January 25, 2021

Present: Members: Michael Jackson, Ted Bent, Craig Schoon, Sally Cornell, Matt Cain, Barbara Brown  
Alternates: Phyllis Allen, Liz Fenton  
Selectmen: Jim Brinton, Jay Hubelbank  
Treasurer: Linda McGarr  
Guest: Leslie Anderson, Wayne Hileman, Joan Lodson, Carole Matteo  
Press: Linda Zukauskas, Voices, Lance Reynolds, Republican American

Chairman Michael Jackson called the zoom meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes by Ted Bent, seconded by Michael Jackson and unanimously approved.

**Tax Collector Report:** No Comments

**Treasurer Report:** No Comments

**Selectman:**

- Our focus is on the COVID vaccine. We received a grant from the department of health to hire personnel to help with our current personnel to create list of 75 and older and 65 and older. They are helping people get their appointment for the vaccine.
- Board of Selectman are looking at several things during this budget season.
  - We are looking into the transfer station fees and the outside haulers bring garbage to our transfer station. We are looking into what is most equitable for us. We presently don't charge outside haulers to bring garbage to the transfer station.

**Financial Reports:** No Comments

**Education:** It was mention that there was a beautiful article in the Republican American on the Ag-Science program. The school is working on a virtual tour. Hopefully in February it will be ready.

**Old Business:** No Comments

**New Business:**

- A motion to approve the opening of a Fund in the name of the "Community Center Fund" was approved by Barbara Brown, seconded by Ted Bent and unanimously approved. This is so the town can accept donations for the new community center.
- A motion for additional funds of \$1,880.00 for the purchase of the Police boat was approved by Barbara Brown, seconded by Ted Bent and unanimously approved. An additional amount

needed because the trade in on the old boat was not as much as expected. \$1,880.00 is Washington's portion of the \$4,700.00 needed.

- A motion to reallocate \$3,000 from the line item of Economic Development Director to Planning clerk was approved by Barbara Brown, seconded by Ted Bent and unanimously approve. The reallocation is for extra hours the planning clerk will need to help the sustainability commission file forms to the State of Connecticut
- Ted Bent wanted the Finance Board to be aware of Municipal Fiber Optics that is being promoting by Northwest ConneCT. Wayne Hileman is the chair of the commission. At the present time Fiber optic comes into the depot. The thought is to install fiber optics on the poles on every street in Washington. This will allow every resident to have access to fiber optics. Other towns have started to do this. The town would actually own the wires. The cost estimate would be around 6 million dollars. Each resident would pay an outside service for use of the fiber optic.

**The meeting was interrupted by unwelcome individuals and the meeting was shut down. Jim reopened the meeting and A motion to adjourn at 5:53 by Michael Jackson and unanimously approved.**

**Next Meeting: March 15, 2021 at 5:00.**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kennedy Gomez  
Financial Administrator