

Town of Washington
Board of Finance
April 18, 2022

Present: Members: Craig Schoon, Barbara Brown, Ted Bent, Sally Cornell
Alternates: Elizabeth Fenton, Phyllis Allen
Selectmen: James Britton
Treasurer: Linda McGarr
Guest: Joan Lodson, Leslie Anderson, Michelle Gorra
Press: Linda Zukauskas, Voices

Interim Chairman Craig Schoon called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2022 by Ted Bent, seconded by Barbara Brown, and unanimously approved. A motion to approve the minutes of Special Budget Meeting on April 4, 2022 by Craig Schoon, seconded by Ted Bent, and unanimously approved.

Tax Collector Report: No Comments

Treasurer Report: No Comments

Selectman:

- A change from prior meetings, The Whittlesey Road Bridge will be done starting in July, Calhoun should be done within a week and Rabbit Hill will begin after that.

Financial Reports:

- Income is down from the 2020-2021 fiscal year and is due to unusual increase in conveyance tax and land penalties and grant funds in 2020-2021
- Expenses are up in comparison but within the budget.

Old Business: A motion to approve the 2022-2023 budget to be sent to the Town Hearing by Barbara Brown, seconded by Ted Bent, and unanimously approved.

Discussed items:

- Economic Development does not have a stand along IT program but uses the same programs as other departments in the town hall. There is a website "Explore Washington" that is paid for out of the Economic Development budget.

- The Town Social Worker line item is for 15 hours a week. It is in the 2021-2022 budget also for that many hours.
- The new Senior / Parks & Recreation Director will begin on August 1, 2022. In the budget the Senior Center Director amount is for one month and her retirement. The New Director will be for 35 hours and an assistant for 15 hours.

New Business: A motion to appoint Charles Heaven & Co. for the 2021-2022 audit was made by Ted Bent, seconded by Barbara Brown and unanimously approved. It was asked to look at local towns to see what their policy is for how often they put the contract to bid for the audit.

Old Business: None

A motion to adjourn at 5:23 by Craig Schoon, seconded by Ted Bent and unanimously approved.

Next Finance Meeting: May 16, 2022

Town Budget Hearing: May 5, 2022

Town Meeting: May 19, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kennedy Gomez
Financial Administrator