

Town of Washington
Board of Finance
January 23, 2023

Present: Members: Craig Schoon, Sally Cornell, Matt Cain, Ted Bent, Barbara Brown

Alternates: Elizabeth Fenton, Anthony Amato

Selectmen: James Brinton, First Selectman, Dean Sarjeant

Treasurer: Linda McGarr

Guest: Joan Lodson, Leslie Anderson, Andrew Carron, Tony Bedini, Rebecca Rebillard

Chairman Craig Schoon called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of December 19, 2022 by Ted Bent, seconded by Anthony Amato, and unanimously approved.

Tax Collector Report: No Comments

Treasurer Report: Not Comments

Selectman: First Selectman James Brinton,

- Working on the budget process right now. May be an increase in the education budget.
- Winter is mild so far so the highway budget is doing well.

A motion was made to approve the Long-Range Capital Improvement Plan by Ted Bent, seconded by Anthony Amato, and unanimously approved. The Long-Range Capital Improvement Plan is required to get state funding. The plan is put together with the Highway Director, Fire Department and Building and Property committee. This plan will go to a town meeting for approval.

Financial Reports: All things are good.

- Increase to ammunition due to the change of different gun that require less ammunition on their belts which will be lighter.
- The Police Department had to purchase a new program required by the state for record keeping of Police staff which is redundant to the program through the resident trooper program already in place.
- Hazardous waste material up this year. It is held in New Milford and they bill us depending on how many residents go.

- Charging Station: presently the town is paying for the electricity at the charging station that was donated by the garden club. A new one is to be installed that will charge the individuals using it. The credit card processing system need to be set up for the new one to be installed

Education Report: No Report. The new Superintendent and business manager will be at the February meeting.

Old Business:

New Business: ARPA request:

The Board of Selectman appointed an ARPA committee and after vetting the application, they presented the Board of Selectman with their recommendation. The Board of Selectman approved from that list all that they did not have questions on. If there were questions they will be meeting with the committee to review them and then forward those recommendations it to the next Board of Finance in a future meeting and then to the following Town meeting.

- A motion to approved the ARPA funds in the total amount of \$164,050 to the following entities and their corresponding amount and move to the Town Meeting, by Ted Bent, seconded Matt Cain, and unanimously approved.
 - Greenwood's Counseling & Referrals, Inc \$10,000.00
 - ASAP – After School Arts Program \$5,000.00
 - Washington Economic Development Committee- For Broadband) \$30,000.00
 - Housatonic Valley Association – Stormwater Project \$75,000.00
 - Judy Black Park - Air Conditioning System \$18,250.00
 - Washington Housing Commission – Feasibility Study 77 Baldwin \$7,000.00
 - Washington Business Association – Improve Website \$8,800.00
 - Washington Fiends of Music, Inc – Summer Concerts \$10,000.00

The Board of Finance have agreed to move the February 27th meeting to 4:30 due to the Audit review and a presentation from the Superintendent.

A motion to adjourn at 5:43 by Ted Bent, seconded by Craig Schoon, and unanimously approved.

Next Finance Meeting: February 27 at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kennedy Gomez
Finance Director