

Town of Washington
Board of Finance
July 18, 2022

Present: Members: Craig Schoon, Barbara Brown, Matt Cain, Sally Cornell
Alternates: Elizabeth Fenton, Phyllis Allen
Selectmen: James Britton, Jay Hubelbank, Dean Sargeant
Treasurer: Linda McGarr
Guest: Rebecca Rebillard, Peter Wodtke, Ashleigh Fernandez, Anthony Amato,
Robert Copen, Joan Lodson, Leslie Anderson, Barbara Boucher, Cathy
Carron, Greg Cava, Mirriah Murray, Ray Reich, Rod Wyant, Keith
Templeton, Michelle Gorra, John Buonaiuto, Some undisclosed guest.

Chairman Craig Schoon called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. He asked both Liz Fenton and Phyllis Allen to be seated due to the missing board member Ted Bent and Michael Jackson.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of June 20, 2022 with the changes of historic presentient to historic precedent and “Weekly Blast” by Barbara Brown, seconded by Phyllis Allen, and unanimously approved.

Guests: Anthony Amato, Peter Wodtke, Rebecca Rebillard, Ashleigh Fernandez, Robert Copen spoke to the board about their interest in becoming an alternate on the Board of Finance. Craig Schoon thank them for their interest.

Tax Collector Report: No Comments

Treasurer Report: Updated maturity dates on her report and looking into rates for some that are coming due. At the September meeting Linda McGarr will have a motion to move uncollected tax refunds into income.

Selectman:

- Work has started on the Transfer Station. It should be done in the next couple of weeks. Will cost a fraction of the original cost. Engineers estimate was 1 million but with the Public work doing the majority of the work the cost will be around \$225,000. We are having some issues with the hauler that is no longer able to dump at the transfer station due to the fact they were dumping commercial waste.
- Still working with the consortium for fuel prizes for next year prices have dropped a little. Hoping for \$3.00 per gallon. We budgeted \$3.50

Financial Reports:

- For June year end - Bills are still coming in through July and August but even with that we will be putting money back into the fund balance. This is the result of some departments coming under budget like Highway and Transfer station and Miscellaneous income we received and the tax collection at 99.6%. Estimate of \$480,000 will go back into the fund balance.
- It was asked about the new employees and the insurance would we be under budget. Since not all have started we will have a better feel at our September meeting.

Education Report: No report

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Craig Schoon, Chairman Draft a procedure for an appointment as a result of the resignation. We were fortunate that we had a lot of candidate interested in the opening but thought process could have gone smoother.
 - An alternate would have the opportunity to become a full member if a vacancy becomes available.
 - Joan Lodson spoke that to be sure that the Board of Finance follows the state statues and if the procedure were not in line with the statues there would have to be an ordinance
- In Reference to the motion of the expenditure for the Day care Center.
 - James Brinton, First Selectman report that they were under the assumption that this project was supported by the Board of Education of Region # 12 to move up to the Region # 12 campus. It is not.
 - It is a change of use of town property so by state statue and ordinance to go to the planning commission for their referral and then to a town meeting.
 - The use and the funding is two different issues
 - Gregory Cava spoked that the Board of Education was unaware of the moving of the central office. The superintendent said at the informational meeting that it was in the idea stage. There is a lot of issues to move to the Shepaug campus. Possibly the second floor of the building but lots of issue. Not as easy as it was thought.
 - John Buonaiuto spoked not in favor of the move to the Shepaug Central office. Not a cost prohibited project.
 - The Chairman thanked members of the public for the letters they received in reference to the child care.
 - It was felt from some members of the board there is more of a need for a senior center which is still in the fundraising stage.
- A Motion to table the issue of the child care center at 11 School Street by Barbara Brown, seconded by Phyllis Allen and unanimously approved.

Craig Schoon, Chairman called a special meeting on July 25, 2022 at 5:00 in the conference room.

A motion to adjourn at 5:52 by Barbara Brown, seconded by Sally Cornell and unanimously approved.

Special Meeting July 25, 2022 at 5:00pm

Next Finance Meeting: September 19, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kennedy Gomez
Financial Administrator