

Town of Washington
Board of Finance
June 21, 2021

Present:	Members: Barbara Brown, Craig Schoon, Sally Cornell, Matt Cain
Alternates:	Liz Fenton
Selectmen:	Jim Brinton
Treasurer:	Linda McGarr

Vice Chairman Craig Schoon called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 2021 and Special Meeting May 20, 2021 by Barbara Brown, seconded by Sally Cornell and unanimously approved.

Tax Collector Report: No Comment

Treasurer's Report: No Questions. Linda McGarr stated that the interest budgeted may be more than received due to present interest rates. She will be opening the account for the American Rescue Plan Funds once we receive it.

Selectman:

- Jim Brinton reported that the American Rescue Plan Funds should be received by month end. The state has 30 days to get the funds to the towns and the state received the funds on May 28th. The Town of Washington will receive \$1,014,518.60. The Town will be received \$348,669.79 in town funds and \$665,848.81 in county allocation, due to the fact Connecticut does not have a county government. The Town will receive the funds in two payments, one this year and the other in 2022. The school district received a relatively small amount, around \$250,000. The use of the funds is broadly defined. It can be used to help businesses, individuals, nonprofits, infrastructure, technology, and broadband. The goal is to go through the Board of Finance and Town Meetings to distribute the funds. It was realized during the pandemic that we don't have an all-inclusive emergency shelter. An opportunity has come up that one of the churches in the town may become, with some upgrades, a designated emergency shelter. We could also use the funds for cyber security which is needed.
- The Town received notice from the State that both bridges Rabbit Hill and Calhoun will have 50% reimbursement. Because it is so late the lowest bidder may not be able to receive the material to do the bridge and it will be pushed off to next year. Mygatt Road is being done currently.
- It was asked that Jim take a look into the ash trees on the state roads. Many are dead. On the town roads, the town works with Eversource and Lewis Tree.
- There was a request from the Washington Club to take over Golf Course Road but at this time it needs too much work for the town to justify the cost.
- Questions on the Wykeham property. Jim believes it is in the final stages of appeal. Once appeals are done the owners will have to clean it up.
- 75 % of the population, 12 and up are vaccinated.

Financial Reports: At the end of May the net income is \$1,188,484.00 Many of our large expenditures have been paid 100% such as Region #12 and transfer. In June we do not have much income coming in and will have normal payroll and monthly expenses. Most likely will end the year with an increase in our fund balance.

Education: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

A motion to adjourn at 5:17 by Barbara Brown, seconded by Sally Cornell and unanimously approved.

Next Board Meeting: July 19, 2021 at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kennedy Gomez
Finance Director