

Town of Washington

Board of Finance

October 16, 2023

Minutes are subject to the Approval of the Board of Finance

Present: Members: Craig Schoon, Ted Bent, Matt Cain, Barbara Brown
Alternates: Elizabeth Fenton, Phyllis Allen, Anthony Amato
Selectmen: James Brinton, First Selectman, Dean Sarjeant
Treasurer: Linda McGarr
Guest: Rebecca Rebillard, Andrew Carron, Donna Alex, Tax Collector
Press: Ann Jamieson

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

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of September 18, 2023 by Ted Bent, seconded by Barbara Brown, and unanimously approved.

Tax Collector Report: No Comments

Treasurer Report:

- A motion to approve to take into income the outstanding tax refunds that are three years or older that have not been claimed in the amount of \$58.79 by Barbara Brown, seconded by Ted Bent and unanimously approved.
- A motion to approve that outstanding driveway bonds that have not been claimed from 1998 to 2017 in the amount of \$39,675 to be move to the general fund by Ted Bent, seconded by Barbara Brown and unanimously approved.
- Discussion of the interest income in the non-recurring account. The interest can not be used for capital projects. A policy should be made to move the interest back into the general fund. A motion to create a policy for the interest to be returned general fund from to the non-recurring account annually was made by Barbara Brown, seconded by Phyllis Allen and unanimously approved.

Selectman:

- No commercial haulers can dump at the transfer station. One was allowed with a specific truck but that hauler has now been sold to a larger firm and is no longer allowed. A savings of \$80,000. The hauling and tipping are going out to bid.
- All the trucks that had issues have been swapped out which will reduce that line item in non-recurring. It will be 6 years before another truck will be needed.
- The housing Commission has requested the transfer of conveyance fees to the Housing Fund. The Selectmen know we facing a housing issue but are concern it could be a large amount of money which could take a lot of money out of the budget. They would be more comfortable to analysis the budget from year to year and make the appropriate amount based on the rest of

the budget. The transfer of conveyance tax would also take the amount the housing is to receive out of the voters' hands. A lot of money that would not have voters' approval. The First Selectman will be meeting with the Housing Commission on Tuesday and will come back to the board with some more information.

Financial Reports:

- Health is up due to the paramedic service.
- EV Charger is in process. They will be sending us a proposal by the end of the week. There is a limit on how long someone can stay there and also can charge a parking fee. It costs about \$500 per month currently

Education Report: It was asked the minutes of the BOE be sent to the Board of Finance.

Old Business:

Public Comment: No Comments

A motion to adjourn at 5:44 by Phyllis Allen, seconded by Craig Schoon and unanimously approved.

Board of Finance meeting November 20, 2023 at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kennedy Gomez
Finance Director