

Town of Washington  
Board of Finance  
October 17, 2022

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

Alternates: Elizabeth Fenton, Phyllis Allen, Anthony Amato

Selectmen: James Britton

Treasurer: Linda McGarr

Guest: Joan Lodson

Press: Linda Zukauskas

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

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of September 12, 2022 by Barbara Brown, seconded by Phyllis Allen, and unanimously approved

**Tax Collector Report:** No Comments

**Treasurer Report:** Questions on interest rates on bank accounts. Sweeps and ICS accounts are variable rates. It is thought they should be higher since loan rates have increased. Linda McGarr, Treasurer will look into rate adjustments.

**Selectman:**

- Bridge work is moving along. Whittlesey Bridge will be done next month.
- Highway is finishing up there paving and chip sealing.
- Next budget year the Highway will have to look at not only cost increase but also the availability.
- We have locked into the fuel prices which is good since prices are rising. Also, East River has insurance to guarantee that they will have the fuel we need.
- All position has been filled except the part-time building department assistant

**Financial Reports:**

- For June 30, 2022 year end – we don't have final numbers but it will be close to \$500,000 will go back into the fund balance.
- For the 2022-2023 things are in line. With all the new employees hired the health insurance should come under budget.

**Education Report:**

- New Interim Superintendent is focusing on school security. Fulltime monitoring process and new procedure regarding locked doors.

- The new Agriscience Director is making great progress on new programs and engaging the community.
- Enrollment for this year is 152 and recruitment has started for next year.
- Both Danbury and New Fairfield have removed the limits on how many students from their towns we can enroll.
- The district has added two mini buses which will help students to regularly attend relevant field experience.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- The sustainability committee is requesting an ex-budget appropriation for information mailings in the amount of \$4,000. The sustainability committee has been more active and want to get the mailings out. The Board of Finance has requested more information, more details, before the approval of the funds. A motion to table the request of funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 for sustainability mailings by Ted Bent, seconded by Phyllis Allen, and unanimously approved.

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

**Next Finance Meeting: November 21, 2022**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kennedy Gomez  
Finance Director