

Town of Washington
Board of Finance
September 12, 2022

Present: Members: Craig Schoon, Barbara Brown, Sally Cornell
Alternates: Elizabeth Fenton, Phyllis Allen, Anthony Amato
Selectmen: James Britton, Jay Hubelbank,
Treasurer: Linda McGarr
Guest: Joan Lodson, Todd Peterson, Rebecca Rebillard, Andrew Carron
William Fairbairn
Press: Linda Zukauskas

Chairman Craig Schoon called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. He asked both Liz Fenton, Phyllis Allen, and Anthony Amato to be seated due to the missing board member Ted Bent, Matt Cain and Michael Jackson.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of July 18, 2022 by Barbara Brown, seconded by Elizabeth Fenton, and unanimously approved. A motion to approve the minutes of July 25, 2022 with the change that the vote was 4 to 2, by Barbara Brown, seconded by Phyllis Allen, and unanimously approved.

Tax Collector Report: No Comments

Treasurer Report: Linda McGarr, Treasurer request the board to make a motion to move outstanding checks that were a reimbursement of overpaid taxes in the amount of \$7,614.18 back into the general fund per state statute 12-129. A motion was made by Barbara Brown, seconded by Phyllis Allen, and unanimously approved.

Selectman:

- Locked in fuel prices with the consortium Heating oil is \$4.14 per gallon, Diesel is \$4.24 per gallon, Gasoline is \$3.41 per gallon. Could purchase a premium if prices go down but price per gallon was .48 per gallon. Not worth it.
- Slight delay in the Transfer Station due to the fence company. It has been put off to October
- Kevin Smith, Highway director is working the salt prices for this winter. Only two companies in the state.

Financial Reports:

- For June year end – turn out well but don't have final numbers.
- Audit has started.

Education Report: No one has been hired for the superintendent position. The numbers for the Agri-science program is good

Old Business:

- Procedure for appointment that was created as a result of a vacancy is a guideline. The goal is to have the replacement the same party as the vacancy.
- At this time the Board of Education did not want to move up to the Shepaug. May have to revisit the child care center project again the future.
- Update on the CBGD grant was that we did not get the first round of grants but are in the process of applying again.

New Business:

- Per William Fairbairn, Housing Trust representative, the housing trust received a donation of four acres on Baldwin Hill and that the Trust needs to do a feasibility study, (surveys) to see what the potential of the property has. A motion to approve for the Housing Commission to expend \$3,250.00 for a feasibility study on the 4acre property at 77 Baldwin Hill was made by Barbara Brown, seconded by Elizabeth Fenton, and unanimously approved.
- In the 2022-2023 budget the assessor position was budgeted as a part time position. The assessor retired after the budget was set. We were unable to find a parttime candidate that fit our needs and will need to make the position a 30 hours per week position. A motion to make the assessor position a 30 hour per week with an increase of the salary line item by \$13,273 was made by Barbara Brown, seconded by Phyllis Allen, and unanimously approved. The assistant assessor position will stay the same.
- A motion to adjourn at 5:40 by Barbara Brown, seconded by Phyllis Allen and unanimously approved.

Next Finance Meeting: October 17, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kennedy Gomez
Financial Administrator