

Town of Washington
Board of Finance
November 16, 2020

Present:	Members: Michael Jackson, Sally Cornell, Matt Cain, Ted Bent
Alternates:	Phyllis Allen, Liz Fenton, Barbara Brown
Selectmen:	James Brinton
Treasurer:	Linda McGarr
Guest:	Linda Zukauskas

Chairman Michael Jackson called the zoom meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes: No Comment. A motion to approve the minutes by Barbara Brown, seconded by Ted Bent and unanimously approved.

Education: No Comments

Tax Collector Report: No Comments

Treasurer: No Comments

Selectman: First Selectman reported:

- Update on grants
 - We were approved for the Steap grant of \$125,000 for the transfer stations
 - We are waiting to hear on the block grant from the state That is \$600.00.
 - We are still waiting to hear about the bridge grant. That is around \$700,000.
 - We received approval for reimbursement from the State (OPM) on COVID Expenses of \$27,000
- The Transfer Station will most likely not start this spring. The Selectmen still have question with the engineer design. More funds will be needed with the current design they may have to dial back the project.

Financial Reports:

- Michael asked about:
 - Building fees are up from last year. Due to construction and homeowner projects during COVID. There is an increase in permit fees.
 - The Fire Marshal salary is higher this year compared to last year at this time due to Tom being out on disability last year
 - Police salary is up compared to last year due to some part time coverage at night. Still in the interview process of hiring a new fulltime police officer.

- Highway salaries are up due to hiring an additional employee and Roger Carvanano staying on for training of new staff.
- Two used Mack trucks were purchased to add to the fleet. One of the old trucks had to be towed and repair.
- There has been an increase in hauling fees at the transfer station due to the drivers having to wait to unload. Jim reported that when an incinerator at Bristol goes down it back logs the truckers.

Old Business: Michael reported that the 10 million in National Iron Bank is secure under the ICS. Linda McGarr reported that Union Savings will also have that ICS security. The interest rates on the sweeps accounts are .01 at Union and .02 at National Iron Bank.

New Business; None

A motion to adjourn at 5:16 by Michael Jackson, seconded by Ted Bent and unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: December 21st at 5:00 by zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kennedy Gomez
Financial Administrator