

Town of Washington
Board of Finance
June 20, 2022

Present: Members: Craig Schoon, Barbara Brown, Ted Bent, Matt Cain, Michael Jackson

Alternates: Elizabeth Fenton

Selectmen: James Britton

Treasurer: Linda McGarr

Tax Collector: Donna Alex

Guest: Joan Lodson, Leslie Anderson, Larry Gendron

Chairman Craig Schoon called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2022 by Barbara Brown, seconded by Ted Bent, and unanimously approved. A motion to approve the minutes of May 19, 2022 with changes of no attendance of Barbara Brown, Interim Chairman was Craig Schoon, by Barbara Brown, seconded by Matt Cain and unanimously approved.

Tax Collector Report: Donna Alex, Tax Collector spoke that the collection rate for this year was 99.45% collection. They have been working with some of the elderly that are having a problem paying their taxes

Treasurer Report: There has been an increase in interest rates.

Selectman:

- Transfer Station renovations will begin in July and run about 3 weeks. \$128,000 of the cost will be paid by a STEAP Grant. It will take about 3 weeks. Public works will be doing the work. Money is already budgeted to cover the rest of the expense estimated another \$130,000.
- There has been a discussion in buying the transfer station land from the family that currently owns it. They are working to have it surveyed
- Still working with the consortium for fuel prizes for next year. We budgeted \$3.50

Financial Reports: Things are looking good. It looks like we will not be taking money out of the fund balance. Education was higher in the 2020-2021 due to return construction funds returned. 2020-2021 income is higher but that has a lot to do with grant money. ARPA is due end of June. Total expenses are below budget

Education Report: Interviews will be starting for the new superintendent. There is an interim superintendent. Interim use to be a principal. There are salary negotiations going on and are looking at 3%, 3%, 4% increase over the next 3 years.

Old Business: None

New Business: A motion to except a letter of resignation from Harry Wyant by Ted Bent, second by Barbara Brown, and unanimously approved. The Board of Finance has a historic presentient to replace the member with a member of the same party but not necessary. The board agreed to have members nominate, The Republican Town Committee may suggest and that they will post it in the weekly blast to have if a person of interest can send a resume to the selectman office. All interested parties' information would be forward to the Board of Finance before the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn at 5:33 by Barbara Brown, seconded by Ted Bent and unanimously approved.

Next Finance Meeting: July 18, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kennedy Gomez
Financial Administrator