

Town of Washington
Board of Finance
May 15, 2023

Present: Members: Craig Schoon, Sally Cornell, Ted Bent,
Alternates: Elizabeth Fenton, Phyllis Allen
Selectmen: James Brinton, First Selectman
Treasurer: Linda McGarr
Guest: Rebecca Rebillard, Andrew Carron, Donna Alex, Tax Collector

Chairman Craig Schoon called the meeting to order at 5:03p.m

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of April 17, 2023 by Ted Bent, seconded by Phyllis Allen, and unanimously approved.

Tax Collector Report: Donna Alex, Tax Collector presented the report with 99.4 collection which is in line of last year. A suspense list was presented and a motion to approve by Ted Bent, seconded by Phyllis Allen, and unanimously approved. On the suspense list there is a reason code for each account that is suspended.

Treasurer Report: When CD's mature they are being moved into ICS accounts which are earning better Interest rates. Only one CD is left which she will move into a higher rate.

Selectman:

- The Selectman have approved the following ARPA funds to move to the Board of Finance and to a town meeting as follows.
 - Gunn Memorial Library – for Emergency shelter \$95,000
 - First Ecclesiastical Society of New Preston – Stone Church \$30,000
 - Institute for American Indian Studies - \$20,000
- A motion to approve the above listed of ARPA fund request to a town meeting by Sally Cornell, seconded by Craig Schoon and unanimously approved.

Financial Reports:

All Good at this time.

Education Report: No Report

Old Business:

- A review was done on what other small towns pay for their audit and most pay \$25,000 - \$30,000 which is inline to what we pay for Charles Heaven.

A motion to appoint Charles Heaven & Co. for the 2022-2023 audit was made by Ted Bent, seconded by Sally Cornell and unanimously approved.

New Business:

- Discussion on cost sharing on Region #12. A proposal that had gone out from Bridgewater was to use a 3-year comparison instead of a year to year comparison for the percentage of what each town will pay of the Region #12 budget. Analysis will have to be done and it is believed it will have to have all three-town approval.

Public Comment: No Comments

A motion to adjourn at 5:27 by Ted Bent, seconded by Sally Cornell and unanimously approved.

Board of Finance meeting June 26, 2023 at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kennedy Gomez
Finance Director