

Town of Washington
Town Hearing
May 4, 2023

Present: Members: Craig Schoon, Matt Cain, Sally Cornell, Ted Bent
Alternates: Elizabeth Fenton, Anthony Amato, Phyllis Allen
Selectmen: James Brinton, First Selectman, Jay Hubelbank, Dean Sarjeant
Treasurer: Linda McGarr

James Brinton called the town hearing at 7:30pm. The hearing is opportunity for the voters to ask question on the budget.

A motion was made by the Board of Finance to approve an additional \$6,000 to the original proposed budget by Ted Bent, seconded by Anthony Amato, and unanimously approved.

Subsequent to the prior approvals Of the Board of Selectman and the Board of Finance a fulltime employee gave notice. The increase is due to a change in the benefit costs.

James Brinton, First Selectman presented his power point presentation on the budget.

Questions:

- Interest on Investment – Town are not allowed to invest in the market. Money is invested by the Treasurer and is invested into CD, CDARS, and ICS.
- Recycling is fluctuated like the market. The cost to disposed of has been as low are \$20 per ton to present cost of \$89.00. It changes monthly. We still use Bristol Resource.
- Comment of the sustainability line item of \$5,000. It is not believed it is money well spent.
- Ambulance line items will not increase this budget year.
 - There will be grant money and money raised for the renovation.

Town Meeting on May 18, 2023 at 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,0

Linda Gomez
Finance Director