

Town of Washington
Board of Finance
December 21, 2020

Present:	Members: Michael Jackson, Ted Bent, Craig Schoon
Alternates:	Phyllis Allen, Liz Fenton
Selectmen:	James Brinton, Dean Seargent
Treasurer:	Linda McGarr
Guest:	Linda Zukauskas

Chairman Michael Jackson called the zoom meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Minutes: A motion to approve the November 16, 2020 minutes by Michael Jackson, seconded by Phyllis Allen and unanimously approved with the following changes.

- Waiting on a \$600,000. Grant not 600.00
- Interest at National Iron Bank is 2% not .02

Tax Collector Report: No Comments

Treasurer: No Comments – Just the adjustment on the interest rate in the above minutes.

Selectman: First Selectman reported:

- OPM reissued the deferment program on taxes for January. This is the same program we had in July. We only had 5 people apply in July.
- Was going to come to the board for funds for weekly testing but the Department of Health is telling us that they will be vaccination by the first or second week of January.

Financial Reports:

- Michael asked about:
 - Estimate on the storm damage. Mostly the cost was for wages for highway department and removal of wood. Kevin Smith, Highway Director put it out there for contractors to take which was great. Not as much had to be removed out of town at the town's expense. \$3500.00 was spent on generators for distressed residents and Riverwoods.
 - Building Inspector submits a bill for 74% of the permits collected.
 - Annual Repair budget is \$60,000 for all buildings and grounds not a specific piece of property.
 - New Highway personnel has been hired. All was well in the first storm.
 - We have received additional \$6000 in funds from the state for COVID -19 relief measures. 3
 - Question if there was an uptick in tax delinquencies and there was not with the July payment.

Education: All is status quo. They are doing OK with COVID- 19. It has been mentioned that there is a 2.5-million-dollar cost to the region due to COVID 19. The Region 12 business manager has asked its department to work off a percentage of their original budget.

Old Business: None

New Business: A motion to approve the 2021 calendar by Ted Bent and seconded by Craig Schoon and unanimously approved.

A thank you went out to Jim on all he has done with the COVID -19 updates.

A motion to adjourn at 5:18 by Michael Jackson, seconded by Ted Bent and unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: January 21, 2021 at 5:00 by zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kennedy Gomez
Financial Administrator