

Town of Washington
Board of Finance
May 18, 2020

Present: Members: Michael Jackson, Ted Bent, Barbara Brown, Craig Schoon,
Sally Cornell, Matt Cain
Alternates: Phyllis Allen, Liz Fenton
Selectmen: Jim Brinton, Michelle Gorra, Jay Hubelbank
Treasurer: Linda McGarr
Guest: Donna Alex, Tax Collector

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

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes by Phyllis Allen, Seconded by Craig Schoon and unanimously approved.

Tax Collector Report: Donna Alex, Tax Collector presented the suspense List for 2020

A motion to approve the suspense list was made by Barbara Brown and Seconded by Craig Schoon and unanimously approve.

Donna reported that the April figures are a little behind last year because of COVID-19 but as of May 18th the collection rate was 99.3%. Not sure if COVID -19 will affect collection in July. Michael Jackson reported that the town may hold off on large expenditures before we have a feel on collection in July. Donna reported that we only had two taxpayers apply for the tax deferral. This gives hope that we will be OK. Deferral Program applications must be in by June 15th.

Treasurer Report: Linda will be collecting the information on the Non -Recurring interest so there can be a transfer in June to the general fund. Linda did have a follow-up call from Union Savings and is hoping they can continue their relationship. She did make the \$2,000,000 transfer to National Iron Bank. Union Savings does have ICS but never contacted her to let them know they have it. ICS is additional protection for the town funds. Linda was requested by Ted Bent to send the Union Savings contacts to the board

Selectman: Jim agreed to be cautious with the expense in July until we had a better feel of the collection of taxes

- He reported that the highway crew have been working at Steep Rock on the weekends to control the parking and entrances to the parks.
- Phyllis Allen asked about the 2.3 salary budget increase except for transfer station, elections, and senior van drivers. Those line items are more because of an increase in hours in those line items. Those employees received the same increase in hourly rate as all other departments

Financial Reports: Comment only on the increase on the new proposed 2020-2021 budget being around \$900,000

Education: Michelle report that she believed that the new roof expenditure was pulled but they were going to continue to replace the HVAC system. The HVAC is what is causing the leaks in the roof. The HVAC is 5 -6 years beyond its useful life. This is not finalized yet.

Old Business:

New Business: Budget process will be that the Board of Finance will vote on the budget on May 21st. Michael reiterate his concerns on the timing of the expenditures.

A motion to adjourn at 5:25 by Michael Jackson and unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: June 15, 2020 at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kennedy Gomez
Financial Administrator