# Board of Finance

**June 15, 2015**

Present: Members: Michael Jackson, Sally Cornell, Craig Schoon, Lisabeth Adam,

Jack Boyer,

Alternative: Keith Templeton, Peter Arturi

Selectmen: Mark Lyon, Richard Carey

Treasurer: Linda McGarr

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

**Minutes:** Minutes of the May 18, 2015 meeting were approved with no changes

**Tax Collector report:** No Questions. Michael requests a couple of year’s prior data of uncollected tax balance to see the comparison from year to year.

**Treasurer Report:** New accounts added are:

* Point & Pay so taxpayers can pay their taxes online. There is no cost to the town.
* There is a new health reimbursement account due to the change of insurance. Insurance agent by law cannot handle be the agent and also handle the health reimbursement account.
* Recycle account for the use for all aspects of recycling. It will be funded by the recycling rebates
* Fire Fund Account will be closed since the work is done.

**Selectman:**

* General Government account is over due to the building inspector but that will be offset by the income and will bring it inline
* Winter maintenance has ended up over by $51,000 but we will see how that matches up to the regular maintenance at the end of the year. Last year winter maintenance was more than that but combined with regular it ended OK.
* The resident trooper bill came in 2014-2015 which was expected. For 2015-2016 the legislature has the resident trooper at 85%. We budgeted for 70% for 2015-2016 fiscal years which will be 29 – 30 thousand dollars. The headlines say that they do not like the way the budget has come out so when they go into special session something might change. The way the state budget is now we will lose some of our state aid but we did not budgeted it for it.
* Two big repairs that will show up in June. Police car had to have to the engine replaced which was the police car we were keeping. Senior Van the transmission went, and needed to be replaced. We had applied for a grant for a new senior van but we did not get it.

Questions from Michael:

* Cell Tower – We collect the lease from Insight Communication but no service except Litchfield County Dispatch. If anyone knows gets information out of AT & T they will be the first.
* In Lieu of Taxes - Education – Delisse works with the private schools in which they pay in lieu of property taxes
* Looking at monthly the report there was no Town Clerk Income – due to timing of the deposit from the town clerk after her monthly accounting is done
* Sanitation – No tipping fees - because of the rebate. There was no cost.
* General Fund Balance Sheet - Performance Bond payable of $149,720 are the bonds for driveway, inland wetland, building. Prepaid Property Taxes – Property taxes that have been over paid.

**Board of Education:** Nothing is new. Spoke to Arthur O’Neil about the Agriscience. They are going into special session and have to been done by the end of the month so we will not hear anything until after that. Per Tony Arthur thinks it will go thru. They were going through the Ed Specs that night so they are prepared if it happens.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Approved the suspense tax list.It is a list of property tax that is uncollectable but it still can be pursued for 15 years. Michael made a resolution to except the suspense tax list, second by Libby and unanimously approve.

The meeting was motioned to adjourn at 5:13

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kennedy Gomez Financial Administrator