Town of Washington

Board of Finance

*December 17, 2018*

Present: Members: Michael Jackson, Craig Schoon, Sally Cornell, Barbara Brown, Ted Bent

Alternates: Keith Templeton, Phyllis Allen, Matt Cain

 Selectmen: Mark Lyon, Dave Werkhoven

 Treasurer: Linda McGarr

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

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the November 19, 2018 minutes by Barbara Brown, second by Craig Schoon unanimously approved.

**Tax Collector Report:** No Comments

**Treasurer Report:** No Comments

**Selectman:** FirstSelectman Mark Lyon gave the report:

* Things look good and are where they should be at this time
* Overage in event Custodian. Many nonprofit have been using the hall. They have requested a waiver of the fee but they still have to pay for the custodian’s time. All custodian fees are reimbursed so no money comes out of the town’s pocket
* Fire and ambulance insurances are all paid for the year.
* Holiday in the Depot was great. There was a large crowd and business were very involved. Mark estimated there was 700-800 people.
* New Preston stroll also was very successful.

**Financial Reports**: All good.

* Question on why Building Inspector was so high for the month? – Due to large permit on the lake.
* Education look large this month due to timing of bill.

**Education:** According to Jay Hubelbank , who is on the building committee all the contract for construction have been signed. They are moving forward with the opening date of fall 2019. Superintendent met with the three town first selectmen and had a positive report. They are trying to keep the increases for the new budget at a minimum as possible. Some of the facility will not be done for September but will be done by January 2020. They are visiting sending schools. They will start with a freshman and sophomore class. The program can start even though not all the facility is ready.

Phyllis Allen ask if ASAP is still funded by the schools and the town? Mark believed the region still funded ASAP with $15,000. But was not positive on the amount. The town still gives a funded of $4,500.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** motion to approve 2019 meeting calendar by Barbara Brown, seconded by Ted Bent and unanimously approved.

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

**Next Meeting: January 28, 2019**

 Respectfully submitted,

 Linda Kennedy Gomez

 Financial Administrator