Town of Washington

**Board of Finance**

***December 18, 2017***

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

Alternates: Keith Templeton, Phyllis Allen, Matthew Cain

Selectmen: Mark Lyon, Dave Werkhoven

Treasurer: Linda McGarr

Guest: Tony Bedini

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

**Minutes**: A motion to approve the minutes by Phyllis Allen, seconded by Liddy Adams, and unanimously approved

**Tax Collector Report:** The Tax Collector has done well collecting off the suspense list. No other comments

**Treasurer Report:** No Comment

**Selectman:** First Selectman Lyon stated all is good. Bridges are being built. The plaza project is just waiting on the new lights. Most are happy with the plaza project.

After the New Year we will be starting to work on the budget.

Comments on the Ag Stem is that it has passed the state and is bonded. There is talk about a new referendum.

**Financial Reports:** All looks well.

As for the Resident Trooper, we still have not heard. Once the state police have candidates they will notify us. Until then we will have Greg Kenny, Jr.

**Education:** On the Ag-Stem program; Michael has requested that we need to get updated information on the program and get that information to the public. There is concern about the number of students. Per Tony Bedini, there is a small group that have been trying to stop this process and have spoken to the Board of Education’s attorney about a new referendum. The Attorney has said there can be a new referendum but the board does not have to abide by it at all. It will just be an expense but would not carry any wait. The Board of Education has appointed a building committee to make the decision on the project. There is concern that the building committee is not made up of elected official. Per Selectman Werkhoven that is normal for most building committee. Per First Selectman Lyon, the building committees are appointed to work with the contactor to make sure the work is done correctly. He is not sure if the charges go back to the board for approval or not. There are good people on the building committee. The Board of Finance has requested that Michele Gorra, Treasurer of the Board of Education come to the January meeting with new numbers and to discuss the claw back provision. There is concern that more money needs to be spent to get the project going. Per Tony Bedini it is about a million dollars. They want the public to be aware of all aspect of the project.

Tony Bedini presented the capital needs for the high school. A 5 year plan.

1. Needed right now is 1.7 million dollars.
2. Repair ADA additional is 1.9 million dollars
3. Repairs recommended by Kaestle Boos on site repair, pool repair and septic inclusion. Tony believes per his conversation that every time the state said it was too much money, those items were pulled out of the proposal. Those cost fall on the region instead of the state.

Total for the whole capital needs 20.4 million dollars

Some of these repairs have been kicked down the road for a lot of years. The roof and the Ac system is over 25 year old. The tennis courts will need replacement which could cost around $300,000

Report Attached

**Old Business:** No Old Business

**New Business**:

A motion to approve the “2018 Meeting Dates” by Barbara Brown, second by Craig Schoon, and unanimously approved

A motion to elect Michael Jackson as chairman and Liddy Adams as Vice Chairman was made by Craig Schoon, seconded by Ted Bent, and unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn was made Phyllis Allen at 5:26 and unanimously approved.

**Next Meeting: January 22, 2018 at 5:00PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kennedy Gomez Financial Administrator