Town of Washington

Board of Finance

February 26, 2018

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

Alternates: Keith Templeton, Phyllis Allen, Matt Cain

Selectmen: Mark Lyon, David Werkhoven

Treasurer: Linda McGarr

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

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes by Barbara Brown, seconded by Ted Bent, and unanimously approved

**Tax Collector Report:** The uncollectable tax balance is in line with previous years.

**Treasurer Report:** No Comments

**Selectman:** No Comments

**Financial Reports**:

* Question on “Other Receipts” which represents leases and in lieu of taxes. It is $100,000 below budget because of the timing of the receipts. Most of these funds come in late in the fiscal year. The leases are monthly income.
* Resident Trooper update – They have posted the position for the Resident trooper position. Per Greg Kenney, Jr. There are five candidates. Mark is to contact the Resident Trooper Sargent to make sure he is involved with the selection.
* Town Aide Road – We have received our first payment but per the state we may not receive our second payment. This will not effect this year budget because we base the current budget on what we received in the previous year. It will effect next year’s budget if we don’t receive the second payment. It is consider a formulary grant.
* On Non-Recurring – 2007-2008 Mygatt Road is delay because the town is still working with a property owner for a realignment. The whole road will be done.
* Romford Road is still in process. It was closed prior to construction because it failed the bridge inspection. Originally the construction was set for the summer of 2018 but had to be moved up. It is schedule to be done in September
* Will go over in the Highway Maintenance Salt line again this year.

**Education:**

* The opinion from their council is that if we close the Ag-Stem program and don’t close the building the claw back provision will most likely not happen. The bad news is that the state has never had to deal with this before. Michael is going to check with the state education program. Michael said he did receives the information from Anthony Amato that was requested. As for the enrollment it runs from 102-139 student. The fact of the matter is that you don’t make any money on any of the enrollment projections. It has to be remember that the business is education. It is always an expensive endeavor. Michael stated that with this program the state will advances the money to the district but not sure what the timing is.
* Mark stated that the region is hiring a new superintendent. They have a list of applicants. They are having a “Community Forum” on March 14th at 7:00 at the primary school. They will talk with the community on what they want in a superintendent.

**New Business:** A motion to change the April 16th Meeting to April 23rd by Barbara Brown, seconded by Ted Bent, and unanimously approved.

**Old Business:** None

**A motion to adjourn at 5:17 by Barbara Brown, second by Ted Bent, and unanimously approved.**

**Next Meeting: March 19, 2018**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kennedy Gomez Financial Administrator