Town of Washington

**Board of Finance**

***June 19, 2017***

Present: Members: Michael Jackson, Jack Boyer, Sally Cornell

Alternates: Keith Templeton, Phyllis Allen

Selectmen: Mark Lyon

Treasurer: Linda McGarr

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

**Minutes** A motion to approve May 15, 2017 & May 18, 2017 Minutes by Jack Boyer and second by Phyllis Allen, unanimously approved with correction thatTed Bent is an alternate member of the Board of Finance

**Tax Collector Report:** Comment that it is the most the tax collector has ever collected**.**

**Treasurer Report:** Rates are increasing on the CD. No other comments

**Selectman:** Things are looking good for closing out of the year. As June 1st we may not go over in the total highway maintenance even though winter maintenance went over. Some things may be over and some under but bottom line we will end the year in the black.

We have received bids on Lake Waramaug dam. They are more than the $150,000 that was budgeted The two bids received were $184,000 and $195,000.

On the State side; If the legislators do not come up with a budget by the end of the special session, 06/30/2017 than the governor does what he thinks is fit. The governor wants the towns to pay the teachers’ pension so we will have to see what happens

The Building Inspector is a contractor that receives 74% of fees collected to cover his expenses. In the budget it is a net number.

Police reimbursable time is also a net number (fees minus police expense) on our budget.

**Financial Reports**: On Annual repairs we may come under budget. At this time the only additional expense that is being done is the floors at the pavilion’s kitchen and bathroom. There are also a few odds & ends. We keep that number in case something major happens to the buildings

Question on the Fire Marshall – If the Fire Marshall is full time in one town can he be a part time deputy marshal in another town? Starting July 1 the Fire Marshall will be full time and working 5 days. If he should do anything for another town he would have to do it on his own time or make up the time for Washington.

**Education:** On the Ag- stem – waiting for the legislators to vote on the bonding by the end of the special session, June 30th. The project has been down sized and if the bonding money from the state they will do the project. Graduation was on Saturday.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Michael Jackson announced that Jack Boyer is retiring after 28 years and this is his last meeting of the Board of Finance. The process for his replacement will be that the Democrat Committee will appoint someone who will finish his term and then run at the next election. Ted Bent is the Democrat alternate at this time. A thank you to Jack Boyer for his 28 years of service.

Approval of the Tax Collector Suspense List. The Tax Collector takes the uncollectable tax property and transfers it to the suspense list. The suspense list is a list of taxes that can’t be collected. She can follow up on them and can still collect them but they cannot be used toward the budget. The amount to be suspended is $12,649.06. The breakdown is as follows

Personal Property Tax $ 1,054.06

Motor Vehicle Tax $ 2,487.38

Motor Vehicle Supplement Tax $ 226.43

Real Estate:

G/l 2013 Unknown Owners $ 73.71

G/l 2010 2014 Lodsin Tax Sale (Amount after Tax Sale due) $ 8,807.48

Total: $12,649.06

The $8,807.48 (Lodsin) will never be collected. The Unknown Owners property is 4 very small parcels. Some research is going to be done to find out what to done with these properties.

A motion to transfer uncollected tax list provided by the Tax Collector to the suspense tax book was made by Jack Boyer, second by Phyllis Allen and unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn at 5:35 by Phyllis Allen & Second by Michael Jackson & unanimously approved.

**Next Meeting: July 17, 2017 at 5:00PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kennedy Gomez Financial Administrator