Town of Washington

**Board of Finance**

***October 16, 2017***

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

 Alternates: Keith Templeton

 Selectmen: Dave Werkhoven

 Treasurer: Linda McGarr

 Guest: Michelle Gorra

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

**Minutes**: Corrections to the minutes. Keith Templeton stated that the minutes should have said it was

 the town’s responds to what was perceived by some to be an effort to stimulate an interest in a

 collective bargaining, among the town’s employees. A responds to a labor organizing effort.

Phyllis Allen name is spelled incorrect.

Motion to approve made by Barbara Brown, second by Edward Bent, unanimously approved.

**Tax Collector Report:** No Comment

**Treasurer Report:** Linda McGarr stated that Interest is a little better on CD’s

**Selectman:** Dave Werkhoven spoke in Mark Lyon’s absent**s**

Expenses look good. The budget is moving along wel.l

The audit is in progress and everything is looking good. Waiting on pension information from the Pension Company and bank.

Resident Trooper: Since we are in between resident troopers Mark Lyon is looking into other possible arrangements like sharing a state trooper. We are hoping that it will be a lower bill this year since we have a temporary trooper. Liddy Adams mention that Bruce Adams, First Selectman of Kent receives funding from the Private schools and two other private entities to help offset the cost of the resident trooper. This happen when there was a possibility not having a resident trooper because of the cost.

State still has not balanced their budget.

Plaza Project is moving along and is on schedule. A question was asked when the project’s originally grant was approved.

**Financial Reports:**

Due to timing, the expense were a little off from last year.

Question was asked if we have enough funds in our Legal Litigation account to cover the legal aspects of the zoning issues with Wykeham Rise property. The legal issues surrounding the Wykeham property is up in the air. More discussion will be at the Zoning Meeting on Monday, October 23 per Dave Werkhoven

**Education:** Michelle Gorra, The new Treasurer of the Board of Education stated that until the state passes the budget we will not know the statues of the Ag Stem project. The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) continues to work with them and no recommendations have changed. The board has review the work contracts and have put on hold items that don’t need to be done before the ground freezes. They hope to hear within days after the budget is passed. The budget delay may delay the project for a year which in turn will cost the district money.

Dates for budget workshops with the Board of Education that the board of finance may want to attend are February 6th, 8th, 12th, and 16th at 8:00pm. In March the Superintendent present her budget. If there are concerns the best time to present them to the Board of Education is in February.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business**: None

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:21 by Michael Jackson and second by Barbara Brown and unanimously approved.

**Next Meeting: November 20, 2017 at 5:00PM**

 Respectfully submitted,

 Linda Kennedy Gomez Financial Administrator