Town of Washington

Board of Finance

Special Town Budget Meeting

**May 12, 2016**

Present: Members: Craig Schoon, Elizabeth Adams, Jack Boyer, Sally Cornell

Alternates: Keith Templeton, Edward (Ted) Bent

Selectmen: Mark Lyon, Dave Werkhoven, Jay Hublebank

Treasurer: Linda McGarr

In the Absents of Chairman Michael Jackson, Elizabeth Adams called the Special Meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. She turned the meeting over to First Selectmen Mark Lyon.

Per Selectman Lyon, On Monday May 9, 2016 the Board of Selectmen had a work session with many of the Board of Finance to have discussion on the public comments from the Public Hearing on May 5, 2016. After that the Board of Selectmen made some modifications to the 2016-2017 Budget

They are as follows:

The Fire Marshal was returned to 24 hours per week. With benefits that brought the budget down $35,000.

The Deputy Fire marshal was set at $9,000 which comes from information for opportunities to do inspection. This was based on estimates not any particular templet. The State Fire Marshall gave a variety of ideas which will be further reviewed.

$100,000 was put back into the highway reconstruction fund which brings that back to $600,000

Consideration was made to increase ASAP but a decision was made to keep it at $3,500.

Consideration was also made about Judea Nursery School. As much as the Selectmen would like to help that situation, they did not think it was appropriate to invest town fund in that venture because it was only going to be one year.

Elizabeth Adams asked if there was any other conversation or correspondence since Monday on Judea Nursery School. Selectmen Lyon, said there were some e-mails and it is a hard decision to let an institution like this go but felt it was going to be a band aid not a solution.

Guest Joan Lodson Stated she appreciated all the hard work put into the budget but looking forward should taxpayer’s money be going to nonprofits. She is also going to ask the Board of Education the same thing. Taxpayers make their own decision of what nonprofit to donate to. The towns should not be taking taxpayer’s money and making that decision. This is something to look into for next year.

There was a motion to accept the budget as presented by the Board of Selectmen by Edward Bent, second by Jack Boyer and Unanimously approved.

The Budget will be present at the Town Meeting May 19, 2016

Motion was made to adjourned, second by Edward Bent and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 5:13pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kennedy Gomez Financial Administrator