WASHINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE Minutes

November 9, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m.

In Attendance: Kent Lew, Dick Spencer, Mike Burke, and David Weissbrod

OLD BUSINESS

1. Finance committee minutes from August 17, 2015, as amended, were approved.

2. Kent noted that 9/14/2015 Finance Committee meeting was dismissed due to lack of quorum.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Year-to-Date Expenditures Report.

Reviewed first three months actuals compared to budgets. Overall, we are on target.

Town Hall Custodian budget and actuals were discussed. Was a raise recommended /approved? If so, why isn't increase reflected in budget and actuals? We agree to pursue and resolve issue.

Accounts for Columbarium Wall at Cemetery and Cemetery Headstone Refurbishing accounts have been carried over from previous years, without expenditures. Are plans underway for either activity? We will check status.

A few Accounts such as Brien Center and Elizabeth Freeman Center have been budgeted at the same rate ($100) for several years but with no actual expenditures. A yearly formal written request by each agency to the town is needed to accomplish the town's donation. We will review such accounts and review our donation policy in general.

Reviewed Insurance Account. We have over-run situation of $7,501. but will be substantially less of an over-run as anticipated at last meeting. We should be able to cover excess from Reserve Account.

Note: Members of the Finance Committee were present for the first half-hour of tonight's Selectmen's Meeting to learn first-hand of a possible, combined solar project with Becket. Representative Smitty Pignatelli was in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13.

Respectfully,

David Weissbrod, Clerk