

WASHINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

14 August 2017

In Attendance: Kent Lew, Dick Spencer, and David Weissbrod
Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Finance committee meeting minutes from June 12, 2017 were approved as amended. The finance committee minutes from July 10, 2017 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. FY17 End-of-Year Transfers

The FY 17 carryover appropriated funds to FY18, totaling \$61,792.00. Kent will confirm with Dan.

Kent talked about problems implementing the accounting software update/purchase. Dan will continue to use VADAR for now. If Dan leaves, we'll have to change over to new software. Kent also mentioned that Allison is still looking into new voting booths. And refurbishment of old cemetery stones is looking more likely.

2. Fiber Network Update

Design and Engineering plans for Westfield Gas and Electric will be subcontracted. They will be checking line entrance access to houses.

An estimated schedule for completion is still set for end of next year. In response to Dick's question, Kent mentioned Becket's schedule being a year to 2 years later than ours. Also, Becket's present strategy does not prioritize Johnson Road area, possibly delaying hook-up for Washington residents in that area. Kent said that possible work-arounds are being evaluated.

There is a meeting with Westfield Gas and Electric along with their subcontractor scheduled for Oct. 10 at the Town Hall.

Kent: The fiber network endeavor is a big project that we're committed to watching every step of the way.

3. Virginia Lakes Update

We agreed to move this item for discussion to the Selectboard Meeting (in process) at Dick's suggestion. Refer to minutes from Selectboard Meeting for discussion of Virginia Lakes Update.

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4. Stumpage

Discussed status of Cutting Plan from Pittsfield Water Comm for his year. Kent mentioned he hadn't received a copy yet and would inquire about it. There were two cutting plans for last FY. The town received payment for one of the cuttings. Not sure about the second one. We will ask Sean about status.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. The finance committee members attended the Selectboard meeting already in process.

Respectfully,
David Weissbrod, Clerk