

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Town of Becket
557 Main Street
Becket, MA 01223

Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2023

PRESENT:

Finance Committee (FC): Dan Parnell (DP); Ron DeFoe (RD); Chuck Garman (CG); Ellen Manley (EM)

Absent: Kathe Warden (Town Administrator - KW); Ann Spadafora (AS)

In Person Guests: None

DP called meeting to order at 3:15 PM and welcomed new member Ellen Manley. DP distributed a card for signatures thanking Mark Karlberg for his service on the FC.

AGENDA:

1. Election of officers

- a. CG nominated DP as Chair, seconded by RD. Passed unanimously
- b. DP nominated AS as Vice-Chair and Scheduler, seconded by CG. Passed unanimously
- c. DP nominated RD as clerk, seconded by CG. Passed unanimously

2. Meeting minutes

- a. Approve minutes April 6, 2023 FC meeting
 - i. Motion by CG to accept minutes as written, seconded by RD; Passed unanimously
- b. Approve minutes April 6, 2023 joint FC/SB meeting
 - i. Motion by CG to accept minutes as written, seconded by RD; Passed unanimously

3. Future meetings

- a. It was agreed that future FC meetings will be on second Mondays of the month at 3 PM

4. TA updates

- a. KW not present but DP gave update on tax title situation
 - i. Outside contractor was hired by town to handle tax title
 - ii. Tax taking/tax title/Land Court is expensive & takes a long time
 - iii. Cheaper and/or easier option:
There is a process with the State if the property meets the requirements of "Land of Low Value," and is documented as such using the State "Gateway" system, and gets State approval, then the title can be transferred to the town.
- b. Ambulance Director Ray Ferrin is leaving to take a position with MEMA

5. Finance Committee projects for current year

- a. CG has volunteered to take over maintenance of the town vehicle/equipment schedule
 - i. This will help us plan for future replacement of these expensive items
- b. We will give assistance as needed on tax title process

6. Any other business

- a. DP and KW are looking into training options for FC members; most likely this fall

7. Adjourn

- a. CG moved to adjourn meeting at 3:45 PM; Seconded by RD; Passed unanimously

Next meeting: Monday July 10, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Ron DeFoe
Approved by Dan Parnell, Chairperson

