

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

**Meeting Minutes for April 5, 2022 - Joint Meeting with Becket Board of Selectman**

**PRESENT:**

**In person:**

Finance Committee (FC): Ron DeFoe (RD); Ann Spadafora (AS); Chuck Garman (CG)

Absent: Mark Karlberg (MK)

Town Administrator: Kathe Warden (KW)

Selectman: Michael Lavery (ML); William Elovirta (WE); Chris Swindlehurst (CS)

Staff: Susan Crossley (SC)

Guests: Jeff Piemont, AJ Pietrantonte

By conference call: Dan Parnell (DP)

AS called meeting to order at 6:09 PM. Minutes reflect only the Finance Committee Meeting actions. Board of Selectmen recorded their own minutes of their portion of this Joint Meeting.

**AGENDA:**

**1. Administrator's input/summary regarding budget**

- a. KW has proposed language for establishing a Road Stabilization Fund
  - i. AS asked that we clarify this is for road maintenance only (not equipment)
  - ii. DP suggested we include equipment for future flexibility
    - 1. If we clarify this is within Chapter 90 guidelines we would be covered either way
- b. CS questioned how we could fund replacement SCBA for the Fire Department
  - i. Issue is both the apparatus and compressor
  - ii. Suggestion is we fund apparatus for \$210k from Stabilization Fund (16 packs; 32 cylinders) and deal with the compressor (~\$50k) next year

**2. FY2024 Budget discussion and Warrant Votes**

- a. Establish a Road Stabilization Fund based on Chapter 90 regulations
  - i. Motion for FinCom to approve Warrant as written. Moved by DP. Seconded by CG; Roll call vote: DP - aye; AS - aye; CG - aye; CG aye; RD - aye; Approved unanimously
- b. Article 1 – Compensation
  - i. Motion for FinCom to approve Warrant Article 1 as written. Moved by DP. Seconded by CG; Roll call vote: DP - aye; AS - aye; CG - aye; CG aye; RD - aye; Approved unanimously
- c. Article 2 – FY 2024 Operating Budget
  - i. Motion for FinCom to approve Warrant Article 2 as written. Moved by CG; seconded by DP; Roll call vote: DP - aye; AS - aye; CG aye; RD - aye; Approved unanimously
- d. Articles 3 – 14 discussion/vote
  - i. CG moved that Article 4 be changed as amended by the BOS to remove the cupola (CPA project for next year), Seconded by AS; Roll call vote: DP - aye; AS - nay; CG aye; RD - aye; Approved
  - ii. DP moved that Article 9 be removed (BOS voted to remove), Seconded by CG; DP - aye; AS - aye; CG aye; RD - aye; Approved unanimously
  - iii. Motion for Fin Com to approve Warrant Articles 3 - 14 as written with removal of the cupola in Article 4 and elimination of Article 9 (Ambulance Capital). Moved by RD; seconded by AS; Roll call vote: DP - aye; AS - aye; CG aye; RD - aye; Approved unanimously

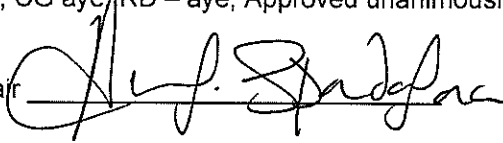
**3. Other business**

- a. None

**4. Adjourn meeting**

- i. CG moved to adjourn meeting at 6:54 PM. Seconded AS; Roll call vote: DP - aye; AS - aye; CG aye; RD - aye; Approved unanimously

Respectfully Submitted by Ron DeFoe  
Approved by Ann Spadafora, Vice-Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Spadafora", written over a horizontal line.