

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

Meeting Minutes for April 6, 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: William Caldwell (WC); Mark Webber (MW – interim TA)

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

Town Secretary: Beverly Gilbert (BG)

Guests: Tommie Hutto-Blake

By conference call: Dan Parnell (DP)

AS called meeting to order at 6:03 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

- a. None

2. FY2021 Budget discussion and Warrant Votes

- a. Article 1 – Compensation

- i. Motion for FinCom to approve Warrant Article 1 as written. Moved by AS. Seconded by CG; Roll call vote: DP - aye; AS – aye; CG – aye; CG aye; RD – aye; Approved unanimously

- b. Article 2 – FY 2023 Operating Budget

- i. Line 38 Technology – up 22.2% due to software licenses on Microsoft Office
 - ii. Line 41 Police Department Salaries – do not reflect savings of sharing police chief with Otis as it does not include the Otis reimbursement
 - iii. Line 104 North Cemetery – we are contracting out mowing next year as a trial
 - iv. Motion for Fin Com 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

- c. Article 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 – nay; Approved
 - 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

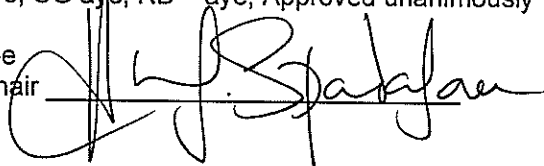
3. Other business

- 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

 6/14/22