

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

Meeting Minutes for December 1, 2022

PRESENT:

Finance Committee (FC): Dan Parnell (DP); Ron DeFoe (RD); Chuck Garman (CG); Mark Karlberg (MK); Ann Spadafora (AS)
Town Administrator: Kathe Warden (KW)
Absent: None
In Person Guests: None
By phone: None

DP called meeting to order at 3:13 PM

AGENDA:

1. Meeting minutes

- a. Approve minutes September 1, 2022 FC meeting
 - i. Not available for approval
- b. Approve minutes November 3, 2022 FC meeting
 - i. Motion by CG to accept minutes as written, seconded by AS; Approved unanimously
- c. DP needs to get older minutes to Beverly electronically for posting

2. TA Update

- a. We continue to work on cleaning up assessments and tax roll issues. We need to be mindful of HOA fees in this process
- b. Capital submissions so far for FY2024 are only a large highway truck
- c. We should think about creating a town wide vehicle maintenance account to handle the vehicles for all departments to simplify accounting
- d. We may have to consider Police Department salary adjustments as we have with Highway and Ambulance Departments. Changes in regulations at the state level have created a labor shortage for police officers

3. Broadband Update

- a. Project is close to wrapping up
- b. We have over 70% signup
- c. We need to decide when we will reduce/eliminate the new signup connection subsidy

4. June 30*2022 financial audit & Free Cash; Tax Recap

- a. No update at this time

5. Discuss ideas for Annual Report

- a. Tax rate
- b. Road funding
- c. Income from businesses, new businesses, etc
- d. Vocational transportation; regionalization of trade schools
- e. Town employee cost impacts

6. Any other business

- a. None

7. Adjourn meeting

- a. CG moved to adjourn meeting at 4:15 PM; Seconded by AS; Approved unanimously

Next meeting: Thursday January 5, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Ron DeFoe
Approved by Dan Parnell, Chairperson

