

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

Meeting Minutes for July 7, 2022

PRESENT:

Finance Committee (FC): Dan Parnell (DP); Ron DeFoe (RD); Chuck Garman (CG); Ann Spadafora (AS); Mark Karlberg (MK)
Town Administrator: Mark Webber (MW – interim TA)
Absent: None
In Person Guests: Ken Bilodeau (Tax Collector)
By phone: None

DP called meeting to order at 3:07 PM

AGENDA:

1. Meeting minutes

- a. Approve minutes June 14, 2022 FC meeting
 - i. Motion by CG to accept minutes as written, seconded by AS; Approved unanimously

2. TA Update

- a. Kathe Warden has been selected and accepted as Town Administrator
- b. Robin Mathieson has been appointed as interim Town Clerk through May 31, 2023
- c. Bids for the new fire truck have been opened (no news on the grant). There was only one bid that and it was about \$21,000 over our budget. We can save \$10,000 by paying for the chassis when complete. The Fire Department is seeing what can be done to bring this into accordance with the budgeted amount
- d. We discussed that the second half of the ARPA money should be dedicated to broadband for simplicity and to maximize future flexibility

3. Transfers

- a. MW requested a transfer total of \$66,230.26 from Health & Life Insurance (Account # 01-914-5175) to various accounts as follows:

Account #	Account Name	Transfer Amount
01-129-5100	TA Salaries	\$1,591.43
01-135-5500	Outside payroll expense	\$2,245.78
01-146-5500	Tax collector expense	\$250.00
01-241-5100	Building dept salaries	\$1,547.81
01-300-5500-5503	Vocational tuition	\$15,469.00
01-423-5100	Winter roads salaries	\$39,137.98
01-423-5500-5509	Winter roads	\$2,572.00
01-431-5100	Transfer station salaries	\$971.04
01-491-5500-5510	Becket Center cemetery	\$300.48
01-491-5500-5512	West Becket cemetery	\$48.40
01-541-5500	COA expenses	\$65.94
01-543-5100	Veterans agent salaries	\$43.40
01-610-5500	Library expenses	\$257.00
01-644-5800-5826	Library capital	\$195.00
01-710-5500-5541	Highway truck debt	\$40.00

01-820-5500-5515	RMV surcharges	\$970.00
01-820-5500-5517	Air pollution	\$469.00
01-820-5500-5518	Regional Transit Authority	\$56.00
Total		\$66,230.26

- b. MW also requested \$2000.00 to Board of Health from the Reserve Fund for Berkshire Regional Planning commission inspection services
- c. Moved by MK to accept all of above transfers, seconded by CG; Approved unanimously
- 4. Broadband Update**
 - a. Our take rate is approaching 70% (breakeven is 50%)
 - b. There are some issues with the main underground cable installed in Becket Woods
- 5. Any other business**
 - a. Dream Away Glamping
 - i. Project is dead
 - ii. Future of the property is unknown
- 6. Adjourn meeting**
 - a. MK moved to adjourn meeting at 3:56 PM; Seconded by AS; Approved unanimously

Next meeting: Thursday August 4, 2022 at 3:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Ron DeFoe
Approved by Dan Parnell, Chairperson

