

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

**Meeting Minutes for November 2, 2017**

**PRESENT:**

Finance Committee (FC): Dan Parnell (DP); Ron DeFoe (RD); Maria Wallington (MW); Mark Karlberg (MK); Ann Spadafora (AS)  
Town Administrator: Ed Gibson (EG)

Meeting was called to order by DP at 6:03 PM

**AGENDA:**

**1. Meeting minutes**

- a. Approve Minutes for October 5
  - i. Accepted minutes as amended
  - ii. Moved by MW and seconded by AS. Approved by DP, RD, AS, MW (MK abstained as he was absent at September meeting)

**2. Correspondence and transfers**

- a. Massachusetts Municipal Association Meeting is January 19/20, 2018 in Boston
- b. CBRSD seven town meeting 6 PM, November 16 at Wahconah Regional HS
- c. Bonny Rigg Hill Road FEMA reimbursement of \$399,000+ was late resulting in current certified amount of free cash deficit of \$252,965 as this amount is subtracted from Free Cash
  - i. DLS will review since FEMA payment has been received

**3. Administrator's input**

- a. Watching veteran's benefits account as it looks like we may overspend
- b. Health insurance may have a \$15,000 shortfall
- c. Solar farm building permit payment of \$100,000 received
- d. 2 vocational students under budget
- e. Overall nothing to worry about
- f. Rescue fire pumper rebids are due 11/15 Board of Selectman meeting (last bids were over ~\$30k)
- g. Put in for \$6900 grant to purchase a radar trailer for work zone safety
- h. Also submitted for flammable liquid cabinets

**4. Broadband Update**

- a. Pole survey in process
  - i. Taking physical measurements
  - ii. Pole applications will follow to determine cost

**5. Any other business**

- a. We will share our kennel with Otis
  - i. They will take care of their costs (food, etc.) and pay Becket 10% of fines collected
  - ii. Our kennel needs some TLC hopefully to be handled by Dave Shorey, Building & Grounds Technician
- b. Budget calendar was reviewed
  - i. Double Finance committee meetings will commence in February
    - 1. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 6 PM (Feb/Mar/Apr)
- c. Annual report needs to be in by end of January
  - i. MK will write first draft

**6. Adjourn meeting**

- a. MW moved to adjourn meeting at 6:52 PM. AS seconded. Approved unanimously

**Next meeting:** December 7, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Ron DeFoe

Approved by Dan Parnell, Chair

