

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

Meeting Minutes for March 14, 2019

PRESENT:

Finance Committee (FC): Dan Parnell (DP) - by phone; Ron DeFoe (RD); Ann Spadafora (AS);
Chuck Garman (CG) – by phone; Mark Karlberg (MK)
Town Administrator: William Caldwell (WC)
Guest: Ray Ferrin (Ambulance Supt)

Meeting was called to order by MK at 6:30 PM

AGENDA:

1. Meeting minutes

- a. Approve minutes February 6, 2019 FC meeting
 - i. Accepted minutes as written
 - ii. Moved by AS and seconded by RD. Roll call vote with approval unanimously

2. Administrator's input

- a. Current FY2020 Capital Requests being moved into the budget are \$182,613.37
 - i. By department
 - 1. Police - \$55,493.37
 - a. K-9 police Cruiser (\$45,493.37), Data Terminal (\$6,500.00), Radio (\$2,500.00), Snow Tires (\$1,000.00)
 - 2. Becket Arts Center - \$7,120.00
 - a. Painting and Electrical Work
 - 3. Ambulance - \$20,109.23 (to be paid from Ambulance Enterprise Funds Certified Free Cash; any remaining balance to be transferred to Ambulance Stabilization Fund)
 - a. Town wide AED will replace/update and unify all AED units in town (\$12,564.20)
 - b. Mobile data terminal will replace 7 year old unit (\$3,395.00)
 - c. Building security upgrade door keypad (\$2,250)
 - d. Community Action Training - CPR and First Aid for local residents/departments (\$1,630.03)
 - e. Request for building security upgrade to track access through camera system will be put off and evaluated for future
 - f. Request for an additional vehicle (i.e. Explorer)
 - i. Estimated 5-7k miles per year
 - ii. Request delayed; recommend we investigate using upcoming to-be-retired police vehicle. Ray Ferrin to discuss with Chief McDonough
 - b. New Backhoe will be paid out of Overlay (\$115k) and Free Cash (\$12.5k)
 - c. Suggested that Operating budget will use \$175,000.00 from Stabilization for Debt Service
 - i. Ambulance debt service is over 2 years (versus normal 5 years)
 - ii. Fire Department Pumper debt service is over 3 years (versus normal 5 years)
 - d. We will budget for 2020 Ambulance Receipts at \$120k
 - e. Final CBRSD Operating Budget is due tomorrow (March 15)

3. Correspondence/Transfers

- i. None

4. Annual report

- a. Moved by AS seconded by RD. Roll call vote with approval unanimously

5. Adjourn meeting

- a. RD moved to adjourn meeting at 7:21 PM. AS seconded. Roll call vote with approval unanimously

Next meeting: March 21, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Ron DeFoe

Approved by Dan Parnell, Chair


