

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

Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2019

PRESENT:

Finance Committee (FC): Dan Parnell (DP); Ron DeFoe (RD); Ann Spadafora (AS); Chuck Garman (CG)
Absent: Mark Karlberg (MK)
Town Administrator: William Caldwell (WC)

Meeting was called to order by DP at 6:06 PM

AGENDA:

1. Meeting minutes

- a. Approve minutes April 10, 2019 FC meeting
 - i. Accepted minutes as written
 - ii. Moved by CG and seconded by AS. Approved unanimously

2. Administrator's input

- a. Baby Town Meeting was held April 29, 2019
 - i. Department heads will be at ATM (Annual Town Meeting) to answer questions raised during Baby Town Meeting
- b. Compliance with OSHA standards will be a bigger issue as we go forward for town employees, especially those performing manual tasks
 - i. May make sense to contract out certain activities

3. Correspondence and Transfers

- a. None

4. Review Becket Cash Flow Projections for Broadband Project

- a. Broadband is starting to get very active
- b. Eversource is doing poles in Washington and is hopefully coming to Becket next
 - i. We must be current on billing which should not be an issue

5. Cemetery Capital Request Action Plan

- a. WC is working with Chris Bouchard to get a price on a new tractor for North Becket Cemetery
 - i. We believe we have funding but issue requires study
 - ii. DP will work on this issue with WC and others; RD will help when available

6. Tax AR (Accounts Receivable) Status

- a. We should look at offering to sell low value properties to abutters
- b. We would like to work with larger delinquent property owners to get them current
- c. When we take properties, we need to be mindful of HOA fees, hidden liabilities, etc. and negotiate accordingly

7. Other Business

- a. None

8. Adjourn meeting

- a. CG moved to adjourn meeting at 7:26 PM. RD seconded. Approved unanimously

Next meeting: June 6, 2019 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Ron DeFoe

Approved by Dan Parnell, Chair

