

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

Meeting Minutes for March 06, 2019

PRESENT:

Finance Committee (FC): Dan Parnell (DP (phone in)); Ann Spadafora (AS); Mark Karlberg (MK);
Chuck Garman (CG)
Absent: Ron De Foe (RD)
Administrator: William Caldwell (WC)
Public: Sue & Jack Deacon, Will Rogers, Bill Elovirta, George Roberts, Chris Bouchard

Meeting was called to order by MK at 5:00 PM.

AGENDA:

- 1. Review and approve minutes for February 6, 2019 meeting.**
 - a. AS moved to accept the February 6th minutes. CG seconded. Roll call vote AS aye, CG aye, DP aye MK aye. Approved unanimously
- 2. Town Administrator's input**
 - a. WC distributed copies of the latest FY 2020 Operating and Capital budgets.
 - b. WC introduced Chris Bouchard (highway superintendent) to go over the highway department capital request.
 - i. Jack Deacon and Will Rogers questioned why the highway department was using carbide plow blades were being used on the snowplows versus the normal steel blades, since they are more expensive. Chris replied the new blades cheaper in the long run (via maintenance) and have floating segments which follow the contours of the road better.
 - ii. CG questioned the price difference in the two dump trucks being requested. Chris stated that the truck #5 replacement was larger and had a few more features (like all wheel drive).
 - c. WC reviewed the renaming capital expenditures. The town hall parking lot will be repaired, but not totally redone. WC will bring in other department heads to discuss their capital requests.
- 3. Correspondence and transfers**
 - a. Correspondence – None
 - b. Transfers
 - i. Planning Board requested a transfer of \$700.00 from the reserve fund (01-941-5500) to the Planning Board Expenses (01-175-5500) to cover Special Permit Applications and trainings/publication of legal notices. AS moved to transfer. CG seconded. Rollcall vote AS aye, CG aye, DP aye, and MK aye. Approved unanimously.
 - ii. Transfer of \$7800.00 from the reserve account to the building demolition account 01-931-5500 to cover an unexpected demolition. AS moved to transfer. CG seconded. Rollcall vote AS aye, CG aye, DP aye, and MK aye. Approved unanimously.
- 4. Reminder of Important dates for CBRSD reviews and votes**
 - a. Meeting next Monday from 7:00 to 8:30 at Nessacus school.
- 5. Budget Discussion**
 - a. WC pointed out areas where some changes will be made but bigger questions are school. Health Insurance and debt accounts.
- 6. Any other business.**
 - a. None

7. Adjourn meeting

- i. MK moved to adjourn meeting at 6:25: P.M. AS seconded. Rollcall vote AS aye, CG aye, DP aye, and MK aye. Approved unanimously.

Next meeting:

September 14, 2019 at 6 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by Mark Karlberg

Approved by Dan Parnell, Chair


