

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

Meeting Minutes for August 1, 2019

PRESENT:

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

Meeting was called to order by DP at 5:37 PM

AGENDA:


- **Meeting minutes**
 - None
- **Correspondence and Transfers**
 - None
- **Administrator's input**
 - Tax/title
 - Waiting for vendor figures (cost range is 3-8% of sale price)
 - Upcoming MA Collectors and Treasurers Association annual school and training session August 14/15, 2019
 - DP requested \$135 to attend
 - Moved by CG and seconded by AS. Approved unanimously
 - Town hall parking lot is under construction
 - Mullen House septic tank due to be replaced in next 2 weeks
 - EV car charging stations at Town Hall are under construction
 - New backhoe (FY18 approval) finally on order
 - New mower for North Becket Cemetery is delivered and in operation
- **Broadband Project Update**
 - Pole work is still going in earnest
 - Continuing to tune the budget with Westfield Gas & Electric
 - Hoping to cover total hook up estimated costs of approximately 96% of town residences to maximize number of subscribers and share overhead costs as widely as possible
 - Seasonal rates are being discussed – what has Otis done?
 - Once complete, will approach homeowner associations about details in their respective developments
 - MK asked if individuals can do their own ditching. CG will ask Westfield Gas and Electric if this will be permissible (as cost savings to individuals)
- **Review of Financial Policies Manual**

- Overall good start
- Will review jointly with BOS in September. Propose meeting time is 6 PM, September 18 prior to the regular BOS meeting
- **Other Business**
 - None
- **Adjourn meeting**
 - MK moved to adjourn meeting at 6:30 PM. AS seconded. Approved unanimously

Next meeting: September 5, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Ron DeFoe

Approved by Dan Parnell, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dan Parnell", is written over a horizontal line.