

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

**Meeting Minutes for September 5, 2019**

**PRESENT:**

Finance Committee (FC): Dan Parnell (DP); Ron DeFoe (RD); Ann Spadafora (AS); Mark Karlberg (MK)  
Town Administrator: William Caldwell (WC)  
Board of Selectman: William Elovirta (WE)  
Public: Gerald Barnett  
Absent: Chuck Garman (CG)

Meeting was called to order by DP at 5:35 PM

**AGENDA:**

- **Meeting minutes**
  - Approve minutes July 11, 2019 FC meeting
    - Accepted minutes as written
    - Moved by AS and seconded by MK. Approved unanimously
  - Approve minutes August 1, 2019 FC meeting
    - Accepted minutes as written
    - Moved by AS and seconded by MK. Approved unanimously
- **Correspondence and Transfers**
  - None
- **Administrator's input**
  - Town Hall kitchen is progressing
  - 21 Maple Street rework is complete but without parking area (lot is too small)
  - New police cruiser due in next several weeks
  - Charging stations at Town Hall are almost commissioned
  - Town Hall LED lighting conversion hopefully next month
  - Vocational education costs appear to not be an issue (fewer than expected students)
  - Town Hall HVAC project is ineligible for state grant (insufficient payback)
    - May explore possibility to roll into Broadband Project
- **Financial policies**
  - Joint meeting with BOS on Financial Policies on September 11 @ 6 PM
- **Becket Arts Center**
  - Requesting town fund 50% of a full time director (total cost \$50k/yr)
  - Arts Center has said they can provide a proposal by October
  - We will wait to see the formal proposal but likely an issue for ATM
- **Tax Title and Auction Project**

- Auction is noon October 26<sup>th</sup> at Becket Town Hall (36 properties)
- This is a good first step
- **Broadband Project Update**
  - No major changes
  - Still working on homeowner associations
  - Getting new costs of drops (connections) – New contractor (Tri Wire)
  - Have permits for connections under I90
- **Other Business**
  - None
- **Adjourn meeting**
  - MK moved to adjourn meeting at 6:17 PM. AS seconded. Approved unanimously

**Next meeting:** September 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM with BOS. Next regular FinCom Meeting October 3 at 5:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Ron DeFoe  
 Approved by Dan Parnell, Chair

*by Andy Spadafora*  
*Vice Chairperson*