

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

**Meeting Minutes for April 2, 2020 - Joint Meeting with Becket Board of Selectman**

**PRESENT (all by conference call due to COVID-19):**

Finance Committee (FC): Dan Parnell (DP); Ron DeFoe (RD); Ann Spadafora (AS); Chuck Garman (CG); Mark Karlberg (MK)  
Town Administrator: William Caldwell (WC)  
Selectman: Michael Lavery (ML); William Elovirta (WE); Chris Swindlehurst (CS)  
Town Secretary: Beverly Gilbert (BG)

DP called meeting to order at 6:08 PM. This meeting was conducted virtually so all votes were roll call votes. Minutes reflect only the Finance Committee Meeting actions. Board of Selectmen recorded their own minutes of their portion of this Joint Meeting.

**AGENDA:**

**1. Administrator's input**

- a. None

**2. FY2021 Budget discussion and Warrant Votes**

- a. CS questioned whether we should delay voting on FY2021 budget due to financial uncertainties caused by COVID-19
  - i. Decided to go ahead as reductions can be made as needed at ATM
- b. Article 1 – Compensation
  - i. Motion for FinCom to approve Warrant Article 1. Moved by AS, seconded by MK. Roll call MK aye; AS aye; CG aye; DP aye; RD aye; approved unanimously
- c. Article 2 – Operating Budget
  - i. Need to ask Town counsel if lines 184 (BAC) and 210 (OPEB) need separate Warrants
  - ii. Motion for Fin Com to approve Warrant Article 2 as written. Moved by AS, seconded by MK. Roll call: MK aye; AS aye; CG aye; DP aye; RD aye; approved unanimously
- d. Article 3 – 15 discussion/vote
  - i. Article 3
    - 1. We are closing multiple debts in 2021 to clear way for new WRHS and Broadband in future
  - ii. Article 4
    - 1. We should revisit Truck #2 replacement specifications and cost with new Highway Superintendent
    - 2. In future we should have all future large capital purchases reviewed by BOS and FC before placing order
  - iii. Motion for Fin Com to approve Warrant Articles 3 - 15 as written. Moved by AS, seconded by MK. Roll call: MK aye; AS aye; CG aye; DP aye; RD aye; approved unanimously

**3. Other business**

- a. None

**4. Adjourn meeting**

- a. AS moved to adjourn meeting at 6:46 PM. MK second. Roll call: MK aye; AS aye; CG aye; DP aye; RD aye; approved unanimously

**Next meeting:** Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 5:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Ron DeFoe

Approved by Dan Parnell, Chair

