

Town of Becket
557 Main Street
Becket, MA 01223

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes for Thursday, May 7, 2020

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

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

ABSENT: Ron DeFoe (RD)

Meeting was called to order by DP at 5:35 PM. This meeting was conducted virtually so all votes were roll call votes.

AGENDA:

1. Approve minutes for last two meetings (April 2 and March 26)

March 26: Moved by AS and seconded by MK. Approved: AS – Aye; CG – Aye; MK- aye; DP- aye

April 2: MK had 3 changes: add “to” into line “2 a” between words “due” and “financial”; eliminate comment “2 e” as redundant as covered under section “2 c l” and add “MK second “under section “4 a”. All comments accepted and changes made.

Moved by AS and seconded by MK. Approved: AS – Aye; CG – Aye; MK- aye; DP- aye

2. Select representative for the Highway Superintendent Search Committee

Ron DeFoe was asked if he would be on the committee because of his interest in having a long term road repair/paving plan and a funding mechanism. RD also has an engineering background which may help on the committee also. Motion: Moved by AS and seconded by MK. Approved: AS – Aye; CG – Aye; MK- aye; DP- aye

WC indicated there are 6 or 7 applicants so far, mostly local area.

- 3 Transfers – none at this time

4. TA update – No financial concerns from the COVID 19 impacts other towns are anticipating. Our revenue is mostly property tax based and so far taxes that are usually current are. If we feel an impact the town is still well positioned as we have a good cash balance, a healthy Stabilization Fund, and should have a good Free Cash certification for FY 2020. Questions were raised about different impacts or issues facing CBRSD. At this time there is no known impacts on Becket.

5. Election, Fin Comm Position, Mark Karlberg incumbent, interested in running but name not on ballot: MK was never notified by the Town Clerk his position was up for re-election. MK is interested and will run a write-in campaign.

6. Any other business - None

Adjourn: AS moved to adjourn meeting at 6:05 PM. MK seconded. Approved: AS – Aye; CG – Aye; MK- aye; DP- aye

Next meeting: Thursday, June 4th, 2020 at 5:30 PM, most likely via Conference Call

Respectfully Submitted by Dan Parnell

Approved by Dan Parnell, Chair

