

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

Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2020

PRESENT:

Finance Committee (FC): Dan Parnell (DP); Ron DeFoe (RD); Ann Spadafora (AS); Chuck Garman (CG); Mark Karlberg (MK)
Town Administrator: William Caldwell (WC)
Board of Selectman: Michael Lavery (ML – by phone)

DP called meeting to order at 5:35 PM

AGENDA:

1. Election of Officers for FY2021

- a. DP was nominated for Chairperson by RD; Seconded by CG; Approved unanimously
- b. MK was nominated for Vice Chairperson by AS; Seconded by CG; Approved unanimously
- c. RD was nominated for Clerk by DP; Seconded by AS; Approved unanimously

2. Meeting minutes

- a. Approve minutes June 4, 2020 FC meeting
 - i. Motion to accept minutes as written by CG; Seconded by AS; Approved unanimously

3. Year End Transfers

- a. The following FY2020 Reserve Fund Transfers were requested by WC

| Account # to | Account Name | Amount |
|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 01-141-5100 | Assessor Salaries | \$ 2,000.00 |
| 01-147-5800 | Tax Title Expense | \$ 588.80 |
| 01-151-5500 | Town Counsel Exp. | \$ 1,359.46 |
| 01-156-5500 | Postage | \$ 678.98 |
| 01-192-5100 | Muni Building Labor | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 01-424-5500 | Street Lighting | \$ 748.25 |
| 01-431-5500 | Transfer Station Exp. | \$ 14,410.38 |
| 01-491-5500-5510 | Becket Center Cem | \$ 15.10 |
| 60-231-5500 | Ambulance Exp | \$ 735.00 |
| Total | | \$ 21,535.97 |

- i. Motion to accept transfers as requested by CG; Seconded by MK; Approved unanimously
 - b. WC requested approval for Town Administrator and Town Accountant to make any necessary remaining FY2020 Reserve Fund transfers as needed and report back to FC
 - i. Motion made to approve WC request by CG; Seconded by AS; Approved unanimously

4. Administrator's input

- a. FY2021 budget still looking good; no major issues at this time and we are cautiously optimistic
 - i. Covid crisis should have minor impact on town revenues as our main source of income is real estate taxes, although there may be timing issues impacted by residents' ability to pay their bills
- b. Town of Washington has decided to participate in Becket Town Beach this summer (\$2500 contribution – about 10% of beach operating costs - plus individual vehicle beach sticker fees)
- c. Edward Pickert was accepted the position of new Highway Superintendent and will start his employment on July 20, 2020

5. Update on Mange House and Construct

- a. Mange House is almost ready to go on market
- b. We will strive to handle these situations better in the future to avoid the controversy we had at the ATM
- c. The Finance Committee feels that this concept is a good way to get delinquent properties back on the tax rolls
- d. Construct is working on identifying their next project in Becket
 - i. This may be a rehab or new construction

6. Other business

- a. None

7. Adjourn meeting

- a. CG moved to adjourn meeting at 6:08 PM; Seconded by MK; Approved unanimously

Next meeting: Thursday September 3, 2020 at 5:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Ron DeFoe

Approved by Dan Parnell, Chair

