

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

**Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2020**

**PRESENT:**

Finance Committee (FC): Dan Parnell (DP); Ron DeFoe (RD); Ann Spadafora (AS); Chuck Garman (CG)  
Absent: Mark Karlberg (MK)  
Town Administrator: William Caldwell (WC)  
Highway Superintendent: Edward Pickert (EP)  
By phone: None

DP called meeting to order at 5:40 PM

**AGENDA:**

**1. Meeting minutes**

- a. Approve minutes September 3, 2020 FC meeting
  - i. Motion to accept minutes as written by CG; Seconded by RD; Approved unanimously

**2. Meet Highway Superintendent**

- a. DP asked EP's opinion on extending equipment life by having more covered storage and indoor washing capability
  - i. EP indicated large trucks should last 2-3 years longer, but wastewater treatment (oily/salty water from equipment) for such a facility is a big expense
  - ii. EP indicated Sheffield investigated an 8,000 sf heated/5,000 sf unheated garage complex and cost was \$4 million
- b. DP proposes we investigate a Highway Department building project to gain estimates and consider putting it under a single bond with the Broadband project
  - i. DP will attend BOS meeting on October 7 to see if there is interest to study this issue
- c. EP suggests we consider Streetscan or similar as a tool to evaluate and rank the condition of paved roads
  - i. We should investigate if grants available or consider putting in FY2022 budget

**3. Discuss FY2022 Capital Purchase Plans**

- a. WC will send preliminary information out in next few weeks

**4. Administrator's input**

- a. New hybrid police cruiser has arrived (75% grant funded)
- b. All ongoing projects in good shape

**5. Broadband Update**

- a. Meeting with Sertex scheduled in approximately 2 weeks
- b. Hoping to complete drops in each FSA once the main lines are in place
- c. Becket Woods will be dependent on Eversource's construction schedule
- d. Budgets are looking acceptable

**6. Other business**

- a. None


**7. Adjourn meeting**

- a. CG moved to adjourn meeting at 6:34 PM; Seconded by AS; Approved unanimously

**Next meeting:** Thursday November 5, 2020 at 5:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Ron DeFoe

Approved by Dan Parnell, Chair

  
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