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

# Meeting Minutes for November 3, 2020

#### PRESENT:

Finance Committee (FC): Dan Parnell (DP); Ron DeFoe (RD); Ann Spadafora (AS); Mark

Karlberg (MK)

Absent: Chuck Garman (CG)

Town Administrator: William Caldwell (WC)

By phone: None

AS called meeting to order at 5:40 PM

#### AGENDA:

## 1. Meeting minutes

- a. Approve minutes October 1, 2020 FC meeting
  - i. Motion to accept minutes as written by AS; Seconded by RD; Approved by AS, DP and RD; MK abstained (was not present at October 1 meeting)

## 2. Discuss FY2022 Capital Purchase Plans

- a. State FY 2021 budget is not set which is making planning difficult; FY 2022 state budget is not likely to be great
- b. Fortunately, Becket is minimally dependent on state aid or sales tax revenue and is in a much better position relative to many other towns
- c. Department head capital requests are due November 5
- d. All old outstanding town debt will be cleared in 2021 in anticipation of Broadband project debt

### 3. Administrator's input

- a. Ambulance garage door is being installed tomorrow
- b. Town Hall paving is complete
- c. Town Hall heating complete
- d. Both new highway trucks are ordered
- e. Athenaeum/Art Center/Mullen House septic project is ongoing
- Mange/Construct house interior and exterior are complete; last remaining item is septic system and it will be ready for market

## 4. Broadband Update

- a. Hut is complete
- b. System construction (stringing cable) is starting later this month
- c. All town departments/buildings will transfer from Middle Mile to Becket Broadband as it is available
- d. First residential hookups should be January/February timeframe

## 5. Other business

a. None

#### 6. Adjourn meeting

a. MK moved to adjourn meeting at 6:17 PM; Seconded by AS; Approved unanimously

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

Respectfully Submitted by Ron DeFoe

Approved by Dan Parnell, Chair \_\_\_\_\_