

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

Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2021

PRESENT:

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

DP called meeting to order at 5:32 PM

AGENDA:

1. Meeting minutes

- a. Approve minutes December 3, 2020 FC meeting
 - i. Motion to accept minutes as written by AS; Seconded by DP; Approved unanimously

2. Discuss FY2022 Capital Purchase Plans/Expenses

- a. Current requests
 - i. Parks and Rec – Maple St. Pavilion (\$20k)
 - ii. Historical Commission Ballou Park Retaining Wall (\$100k)
 - iii. Highway – Truck #5 (\$132k - Upgrade from 3500 to F550)
 - iv. Ambulance – Squad Vehicle Replacement (\$47k)
 - v. Fire – Command Vehicle (\$60k); Fire Hose (\$25k); Portable Radios (\$15k); SCBA (\$40k)
 - vi. Police – None
 - vii. Town Hall – HVAC/Renovation Account (\$15k); TH Pavilion Expansion (\$20k); DER Culvert Grant (Town portion. - \$14.2k)
- b. BAC has requested a contribution of \$10k again for their operating budget
- c. We need to be aware of potential impact of Broadband and Wahconah High School project debt

3. Administrator's input

- a. All FY2021 project complete/ordered; starting work on FY2022 budget

4. Broadband Update

- a. FSA02 is coming well; will start on FSA01 soon; should start household drops in mid-March
- b. Overall progress is good; we have over 40% households signed up for service

5. Other business

- a. Draft of Annual Report has been issued for review/comment

6. Adjourn meeting

- a. AS moved to adjourn meeting at 6:18 PM; Seconded by RD; Approved unanimously

Next meeting: Thursday February 4, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Ron DeFoe

Approved by Dan Parnell, Chair


