

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

Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2021 - Joint Meeting with Becket Board of Selectman

PRESENT:

In person:

Finance Committee (FC): Dan Parnell (DP); Ron DeFoe (RD); Ann Spadafora (AS); Chuck Garman (CG); Mark Karlberg (MK)

Town Administrator: William Caldwell (WC)

Selectman: Michael Lavery (ML); William Elovirta (WE); Chris Swindlehurst (CS)

Town Secretary: Beverly Gilbert (BG)

By conference call due to Covid-19:

Becket Arts Center: Jenn Beatty, Mary Manning, Adele Levine, Drea Picor

DP called meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Minutes reflect only the Finance Committee Meeting actions. Board of Selectmen recorded their own minutes of their portion of this Joint Meeting.

AGENDA:

1. Administrator's input

- a. None

2. FY2021 Budget discussion and Warrant Votes

- a. Article 1 – Compensation

- i. Motion for FinCom to approve Warrant Article 1. Moved by CG. Approved unanimously

- b. Article 2 – Operating Budget

- i. Line 110 – Becket Arts Center

- 1. BAC Board Members and Director asked about proposed reduction of town donation to operating budget of \$5k
 - 2. After a long discussion about balancing the impacts of Covid and setting precedence supporting town volunteer organizations, motion made to raise the FY2022 BAC contribution to \$10k. BAC was informed that the intent of the FinCom is that this will not continue after FY2022. Moved by DP; Seconded by MK; approved unanimously.

- ii. Motion for Fin Com to approve Warrant Article 2 as written with amendment for additional \$5k (total \$10k) to BAC. Moved by CG, seconded by MK; approved unanimously

- c. Article 3 – 15 discussion/vote

- i. Article 4

- 1. Recommend adding Town Hall generator for \$35k to be paid from Stabilization (CS recommends sizing review)

- ii. Motion for Fin Com to approve Warrant Articles 3 - 17 as written with addition for Town Hall generator in Article 4. Moved by CG; seconded by MK; approved unanimously

- d. Excise Tax Exemption

- i. Provision would allow for active military service members to exempt one vehicle to excise tax

- ii. If accepted, we must increase the fine on delinquent excise taxes by \$3 (we have about 400 delinquent excise tax bills per year)

- e. Motion made to approve Military Service Member Excise Tax Exemption as written by DP. Seconded by CG; approved unanimously

3. Other business

- a. None

4. Adjourn meeting

- a. MK moved to adjourn meeting at 7:03 PM. Seconded CG; approved unanimously

Next meeting: Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 5:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Ron DeFoe

Approved by Dan Parnell, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Parnell", is written over a horizontal line.