

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

Meeting Minutes for June 3, 2021

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)
By phone: None

DP called meeting to order at 5:40 PM

AGENDA:

1. Meeting minutes

- a. Approve minutes April 7, 2021 FC meeting
 - i. Motion to accept minutes as written by CG, seconded by AS; Approved unanimously

2. Election of Officers for FY2021

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

3. Administrator's input

- a. WC is recommending ARPA funds be dedicated solely to Broadband project
- b. Athenaeum Capital was mistakenly omitted from the ATM Warrant; AS moved we cover \$10k in Athenaeum capital from Reserve Fund; Seconded by CG; Approved unanimously
- c. Operating budget is in good shape; departmental shortfalls from FY2021 will be covered by interdepartmental transfers with BOS

4. Broadband Update

- a. FSA02 has 80% signup and progress on aerial hookups is good; in ground hookups are just starting. Vast majority of FSA02 should be complete in 2-3 weeks
- b. FSA01 and FSA05 are beginning
- c. Town wide signups are good at approximately 50%
- d. Budget overall is looking good, although police details are high
- e. Seasonal reactivations will be able to be done without a financial penalty as long as service is resumed within a year; it is also possible to drop down to "phone only" service

5. Other business

- a. None

6. Adjourn meeting

- a. CG moved to adjourn meeting at 6:10 PM; Seconded by AS; Approved unanimously

Next meeting: Thursday July 15, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Ron DeFoe

Approved by Dan Parnell, Chair


