

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

**Meeting Minutes for April 6, 2022**

**PRESENT:**

Finance Committee (FC): Ron DeFoe (RD); Chuck Garman (CG); Ann Spadafora (AS)  
Town Administrator: William Caldwell (WC), Mark Webber (MW – interim TA)  
Absent: Mark Karlberg (MK)  
In Person Guests: None  
By phone: Dan Parnell (DP); Ken Cheeseman, Dennis Thomas, Paula Langton and Mary Ann Adams

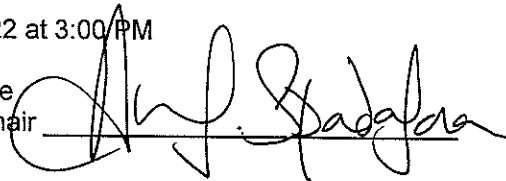
AS called meeting to order at 5:08 PM

**AGENDA:**

1. **Meeting minutes**
  - a. Approve minutes March 17, 2022 FC meeting
    - i. Motion by CG to accept minutes as written, seconded by CG; Roll call vote: DP-aye; AS – aye; CG – aye; RD – aye; Approved unanimously
2. **General budget discussion re expenses for FY 2023**
  - a. WC presented the 2022 ATM Warrant for review discussion
  - b. Article 9 - Current ambulance squad vehicle will not make another year
    - i. We are hoping for a USDA grant but do not know if we will receive it
    - ii. If we don't receive the grant, we need to decide if we will look for a new or used vehicle. The used vehicle market is very expensive right now
    - iii. We would like to refit a retired cruiser if possible
      1. We propose to change the amount to up to \$30k; to be used either with a grant, to repurpose a police cruiser (soonest we have available will be April/May of 2023 due to delivery issues) or buy a used vehicle
  - c. Article 14 – CPA projects
    - i. We have no applications for projects at this time
3. **Update on Dream Away Glamping re Planning Board**
  - a. No update available
  - b. Planning Board Public Hearing is April 13 @ 6 PM
4. **Update on Town Administrator Search Committee**
  - a. WC introduced Mark Webber as the interim TA
  - b. Mark indicated he believes Becket is in great shape and his goal is to assist Becket in finding a new TA ASAP
  - c. Position has been posted. BOS will be appointing the Search Committee tonight. MK will be FC representative on the committee. TA candidate applications are due April 29
5. **Any other business**
  - a. None
6. **Adjourn meeting**
  - a. CG moved to adjourn meeting at 5:52 PM; Seconded by AS; Roll call vote: DP-aye; AS – aye; CG – aye; RD – aye; Approved unanimously

**Next meeting:** Thursday June 2, 2022 at 3:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Ron DeFoe  
Approved by Ann Spadafora, Vice-Chair



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