

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

**Meeting Minutes for January 5, 2023**

**PRESENT:**

Finance Committee (FC): Dan Parnell (DP); Ron DeFoe (RD); Ann Spadafora (AS)  
Town Administrator: Kathe Warden (KW)  
Absent: Chuck Garman (CG); Mark Karlberg (MK)  
In Person Guests: None  
By phone: None

DP called meeting to order at 3:08 PM

**AGENDA:**

**1. Meeting minutes**

- a. Approve minutes December 1, 2022 FC meeting
  - i. Motion by AS to accept minutes as written, seconded by DP; Approved unanimously

**2. TA Update**

- a. Budget season has begun; going fairly well although given current inflation levels and other recent events/factors we likely need to assess salary levels of all town personnel
- b. Capital requests are still minimal
- c. We were turned down for the grant for the fire engine we are purchasing so the town will be fully funding this vehicle
- d. The ambulance department Fly Car delivery has been delayed. This is a common issue with nearly all vehicles in the current climate
- e. We are looking into regionalization of some town services but it is a slow, relatively undefined process

**3. Broadband Update**

- a. Project is wrapping up
- b. Becket woods issues will be addressed in Spring
- c. We are at a 72% signup rate
- d. Project came in under budget and ARPA funding has been very helpful; we should come in about \$1.2 M under budget for construction

**4. Tax rate certification; free cash; tax recap schedule**

- a. No update at this time

**5. Discuss FC Submission for Annual Report**

- a. The latest draft looks good; we will vote on a final draft at our February meeting

**6. Any other business**

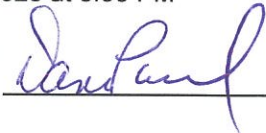
- a. None

**7. Adjourn meeting**

- a. AS moved to adjourn meeting at 4:29 PM; Seconded by DP; Approved unanimously

**Next meeting:** Thursday February 2, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Ron DeFoe  
Approved by Dan Parnell, Chairperson



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