

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

Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2018

PRESENT:

Finance Committee (FC): Dan Parnell (DP); Ron DeFoe (RD); Ann Spadafora (AS); Mark Karlberg (MK); Maria Wallington (MW)
Interim Town Administrator: Bob Markel (BM)
Selectman: William Elovirta (WE)
Absent: None

Meeting was called to order by DP at 6:08 PM

AGENDA:

1. Meeting minutes

- a. Approve Minutes for December 2017
 - i. Accepted minutes as amended
 - ii. Moved by MK and seconded by AS. Approved by DP, AS, MK, RD (MW abstained; was not present at last meeting)

2. Correspondence and transfers

- a. CBRSD Seven Town Advisory Committee
 - i. Meeting scheduled 7 PM February 13
- b. No transfers at this time
 - i. Upcoming
 - 1. Unexpected police vehicle repair (~\$2000)
 - 2. Police department officer candidate dropped out of Academy (75% refund - \$2250 of \$3000)

3. Administrator's input (incl. Special Town Meeting Agenda)

- a. Master Document FY17 accepted by DOR
- b. FY19 budget is started
- c. Special Town Meeting Warrants
 - i. Article 1: Unpaid bills from Fiscal 2017
 - 1. \$2250 in ALS ambulance intercept (2016/2017)
 - 2. Moved by MW and seconded by AS. Unanimously approved
 - ii. Article 2 Financial Transfers
 - 1. Fund transfers as follows:
 - a. From Vocational Tuition to Available Funds: \$33,000
 - b. From Available Funds to Health Insurance: \$13,500
 - c. From Available Funds to Veteran Benefits: \$10,000
 - d. From Available Funds to Transfer Station: \$9,500
 - 2. Moved by MK and seconded by MW. Unanimously approved
 - iii. Article 3: Revolving funds
 - 1. Moved by MK and seconded by MW. Unanimously approved
 - iv. Article 9: Payment-In-Lieu-Of-Taxes with 978 Solar Development, LLC
 - 1. Moved by MW and seconded by MK. Unanimously approved

4. Any new budget items

- a. Waiting on department budget requests
- b. Proposed salary increases
 - i. Suggest using 2% for budgeting purposes initially

5. Budget Timetable

- a. BM will advise when he is ready

6. Any other business

- a. WE discussed town Public Safety radio communications from Dispatch Center
 - i. We have inadequate coverage
 - ii. Do not have free access to Cell Towers
 - iii. Johnson Hill Road cell tower is optimal site for a repeater
 - 1. Owned by American Tower

2. Sheriff's department has equipment
3. First offer was \$3000 for structural analysis with \$3200/month rental fee (10 years)
4. Next offer was \$1800 per month
5. Consensus was this is too much; WE to continue negotiations
 - a. Potential to split with Otis
 - b. Will also discuss options with Motorola

7. Adjourn meeting

- a. MK moved to adjourn meeting at 7:44 PM. MW seconded. Approved unanimously

Next meeting: March 8, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Ron DeFoe

Approved by Dan Parnell, Chair

