

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1:30pm, December 20, 2021

Town Hall, 557 Main Street, Becket

Attendees

Select Board (SB): William Elovirta (BE), *Chair*;

Zoom Participation: Chris Swindlehurst (CS), Vice Chairperson; Michael Lavery (ML), *Clerk*

Staff: William Caldwell (BC), *Town Administrator*; Beverly Gilbert (BG), *Administrative Assistant*

1. Call to order
BE called the meeting to order at 1:34pm. He indicated that the SB was recording the meeting. BE led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of estimated third quarter preliminary bills
BC explained that due to that the Town's Assessing Services contractor encountered staff turnover, they were not able to arrive at tax values to submit to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue - Division of Local Services Bureau of Local Assessments, and therefore, the Town of Becket will need to petition the BLA to request permission to Issue 3rd Quarter Estimated Bills (similar to bills sent in July) until the valuations are updated. BC indicated that the FY22 tax rates include reevaluation. The estimate mirrors the FY21 values and then will be updated when the actual valuations are determined.

CS moved to send the Bureau of Local Assessment a letter to request the authority to issue 3rd Quarter Estimated Bills for Fiscal Year 2022, ML 2nd: Roll Call vote: Michael Lavery – yes, Chris Swindlehurst – Yes and Bill Elovirta – Yes.

3. Any other business to come before the Board
BC presented a draft Special Town Meeting Warrant (6:30pm, January 10, 2022, Community Room at the Town Hall). CS moved to approve the January 10, 2022 STM Warrant. ML 2nd: During discussion ML suggestion that the approval should stipulate Town Counsel will vet the wording. Roll Call Vote to approve the motion with the stipulation of Town Counsel review: Michael Lavery – yes, Chris Swindlehurst – Yes and Bill Elovirta – Yes.

CS moved for SB recommendation of Article 1 on the STM Warrant re: Transfer \$165,900 from the Stabilization Fund for emergency repairs of Leonhardt Road, ML 2nd. Roll Call vote: Michael Lavery – yes, Chris Swindlehurst – Yes and Bill Elovirta – Yes.

CS moved for SB recommendation of Article 2 on the STM Warrant re: Bylaw Change concerning Warrant mailing (change to postcard only), ML 2nd. Roll Call vote: Michael Lavery – yes, Chris Swindlehurst – Yes and Bill Elovirta – Yes.

The SB opted to not voice a recommendation on Articles 3 & 4 relating to the Zoning Bylaw Change – Mobile Homes. Planning Board had submitted these.

BC provided a copy of an Inter-municipal Agreement by and Between the Town of Becket and Town of Otis Shared Police Chief Services that Town Counsel had reviewed and returned. The SB will review this document which will appear on the January 5, 2022 agenda for possible approval.

4. Select Board to adjourn the Meeting

CS moved to adjourn, ML 2nd: Roll Call vote: Michael Lavery – yes, Chris Swindlehurst – Yes and Bill Elovirta – Yes. BE adjourned the meeting at 1:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Gilbert, *Administrative Assistant*

Signed by:



William H. Elovirta, *Chair*

1 January 5, 2022

Date Approved