

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

Meeting Minutes for November 3, 2016

PRESENT:

Finance Committee (FC): Dan Parnell (DP); Ann Spadafora (AS); Mark Karlberg (MK); Maria Wallington (MW)

Town Administrator: Ed Gibson (EG)

Absent: Ron De Foe (RF)

Public: None

ABSENT: None

Meeting was called to order by DP at 6:04 PM.

AGENDA:

1. **Review and approve minutes for August 4 and October 13, 2016 meetings.**
 - a. MK moved to accept the minutes of the August 4, 2016 meeting. AS seconded. Approved unanimously. MW moved to accept the minutes of the October 13 meeting. AS seconded. DP, AS and MW approved. MK abstained.
2. **Correspondence and transfers**
 - a. DP stated the Central Berkshire Regional School District would be holding a meeting on 17 November at 7:00 P.M. at the Wahconah Regional High School library to conduct a walkthrough of the high school and to discuss the Cummington request to withdraw from the district.
3. **Town Administrator's input**
 - a. EG reported the following:
 - i. Budget calendar has been prepared and copies were provided;
 - ii. Free cash certification is underway and proposed 50% go to the stabilization fund;
 - iii. Board of Selectmen opened bids for the new fire pumper and all were above the voter approved amount;
 - iv. New roof, downspouts and gutters are installed on Town Hall;
 - v. ADA (American Disability Act) front and rear pads have been installed and electrical work completed at Town Hall (new railings are on order);
 - vi. Work on Fire Station #1 is about to start;
 - vii. Highway Garage heater work is underway;
 - viii. New assessor's clerk to be hired;
 - ix. New public records law changes could impact town.
4. **Any other business.**
 - a. DP will be away during March and April but will be available for remote participation at meetings via telephone.
5. **Adjourn meeting**
 - a. MK moved to adjourn meeting at 7:06 P.M. AS seconded. Passed unanimously.

Next meeting: December 1, 2016 at 6 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by Mark Karlberg

Approved by Dan Parnell, Chair

