

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

Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2016

PRESENT:

Finance Committee (FC): Dan Parnell (DP)-via phone; Maria Wallington (MW); Ann Spadafora (AS); Steve La Belle (SL); Mark Karlberg (MK)
Town Administrator: Ed Gibson (EG)
Public: Jeanne Pryor (JP); William Elovirta (WE)

ABSENT: None

Meeting was called to order by MW at 6:03 PM.

AGENDA:

- 1. Review and approve minutes for February 4, 2016 and March 17 2016 meetings.**
 - a. SL moved to accept the minutes of the February 4th meeting. MK seconded. Roll call vote DP aye, SL aye, MK aye, AS abstain and MW abstain.
 - b. SL moved to accept the minutes of the March 17th meeting as corrected. MK seconded. Roll call vote DP aye, SL aye, MK aye, AS aye and MW aye.
- 2. Correspondence and transfers**
 - a. EG provided copy of the letter from the Town of Cummington regarding their move to withdraw from the Central Berkshire Regional School District (CBRSB).
 - b. MW provided copies of letters from the CBRSB on their April 12th meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the Nessacus School and the Association of Town Finance Committees on upcoming workshops.
- 3. Town Administrator's input**
 - a. EG mentioned that Wired West has pushed off the date for towns to reach their goal until July 2017. Currently we need 80 more signups to reach goal.
- 4. Budget discussion for 2017**
 - a. EG noted the CBRSB assessment is at \$2,021,469.
 - b. EG went through the proposed budget for 2017 line by line detailing all change from 2016. The only thing in question was the COLA increases for town employees. Based on other towns in the county EG proposed a 2% COLA adjustment. MW moved to use a 2% COLA. MK seconded. Roll call vote DP aye, MK aye, AS abstain and MW aye. SL had to leave the meeting earlier and was not available for the vote.
- 5. Future meeting date will be the third Thursday in April**
 - a. Next meeting will be April 21st.
- 6. Any other business.**
 - a. None.
- 7. Adjourn meeting**
 - a. MK moved to adjourn meeting at 8:22 P.M. AS seconded. Roll call vote DP aye, MK aye, AS aye and MW aye.

Next meeting: April 21, 2016 at 6 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Mark Karlberg

Approved by Dan Parnell, Chair



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