

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

Meeting Minutes for January 5, 2017

Call to Order: 6:04 PM

PRESENT:

Finance Committee (FC): Ann Spadafora (AS); Dan Parnell (DP); Maria Wallington (MW); Ronald DeFoe (RD)

Town Administrator: Ed Gibson (EG)

ABSENT: Mark Karlberg (MK)

AGENDA:

1. **Review and approval of minutes for December 1, 2016 meeting tabled until next meeting**
2. **Correspondence and transfers**
 - a. MMA is having a trade show and meeting January 20 and 21.
 - b. EG requested a transfer of \$3,678.58 from the Reserve Fund to 01-210-5500 Police Department Expenses to cover the initial costs of sending an employee to Police Academy to qualify a Reserve part-time officer for the full time position made available when one of our employees took a job as chief of police for Stockbridge. MW moved acceptance of the request. AS seconded. Passed unanimously.
3. **Town Administrator's input**
 - a. The purchase of the Maple street house has been finalized.
 - b. The medical marijuana project has been put on hold. The seller of the land has changed his mind about selling.
 - c. EG distributed tables showing the average single family value for homes in Becket and the average tax bill for 2009 through 2017 and Becket total tax levy, excess levy capacity, override capacity and total assessed value for years 2010 through 2017.
4. **Discussion about FinCom submission for the Annual Town Report.**
 - a. AS volunteered to go through the minutes and extract the FinCom actions for the year. DP will work on the report and present it next meeting for committee approval.
5. **Budget discussion**
 - a. Department budget requests are due at the end of next week. EG is not expecting any surprises.
 - b. Next year the ambulance is scheduled to be replaced. EG considering asking for another full time ambulance department employee.
 - c. The winter road budget is already exceeded due to the variable winter weather we have had.
6. **Any other business**
 - a. None

Next meeting: February 2, 2017

Adjourn: 6:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Maria Wallington

Approved by Dan Parnell, Chair

