

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

**Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2017 – Joint Meeting with Becket Board of Selectman**

**PRESENT:**

Finance Committee (FC): Dan Parnell (DP) (via phone); Ron DeFoe (RD); Ann Spadafora (AS); Maria Wallington (MW)  
Town Administrator: Ed Gibson (EG)  
Absent: Mark Karlberg (MK)  
Selectman: Jeanne Pryor (JP); William Elovirta (WE); Nicole Ledoux (NL);  
Town Secretary: Beverly Gilbert (BG)

Minutes reflect only the Finance Committee Meeting actions. Board of Selectmen recorded their own minutes of their portion of the Joint Meeting.

Meeting was called to order by MW at 6:02 PM. Dan Parnell is remotely participating due to geographical reasons. Since there is a member participating remotely all votes will be roll call votes.

**AGENDA:**

1. **No previous meeting minutes to approve (previous meeting April 6, 2017)**
2. **Correspondence and transfers**
  - a. EG detailed the following Reserve Fund Transfer request:
    - i. Request to transfer \$1,000 from the Reserve Fund (acct # 01-941-5500) to be transferred to Conservation Commission Expenses (01-171-5500) to pay for unanticipated costs of additional advertising for filing applications
    - ii. Acceptance moved by RD and seconded by AS. Roll call vote DP aye, RD aye, AS aye, MW aye
3. **Administrator's input**
  - a. None
4. **Budget Discussion**
  - a. 2018 Projections Summary

i. Total Revenue and Available Funds	\$7,314,148
ii. Total Expenditures	\$6,938,127
iii. Excess Capacity	\$ 376,021
iv. Projected Tax Rate	\$ 10.98
  - b. 2018 Capital Projects

i. Fire station #1 Heating System (Free Cash)	\$ 38,000
ii. Replace Municipal Grounds Pick-up (Free Cash)	\$ 48,000
iii. Removal/Decommission 21 Maple St. (Overlay Surplus)	\$ 35,000
iv. Replace Town Hall Phone System (Free Cash)	\$ 12,200
v. Replace Mower No. Becket Cemetery (Free Cash)	\$ 5,000
vi. New Ambulance (Borrowing Article)	\$250,000
  - c. Articles for Annual Town Meeting Warrant
    - i. Warrant Articles 1 through 16 were individually approved for recommendation with motion by AS, second by DP with Roll Call vote DP aye, AS aye, MW aye, RD aye
    - ii. Warrant Article 17 dealing with funding materials for erosion control at the Town Beach was approved for recommendation with motion by AS, second by DP with Roll Call vote DP aye, AS aye, MW aye, RD recused (Article involved funding for Town Beach where RD's daughter is employed)
    - iii. Warrant Articles 18 through 27 were individually approved for recommendation with motion by AS, second by DP with Roll Call vote DP aye, AS aye, MW aye, RD aye

iv. FC declined to vote on Warrant Articles 28 through 32 because they have no financial impact on the town which would warrant FC input

**5. Broadband Update**

a. None

**6. Any other business**

a. None

**7. Adjourn meeting**

a. RD moved to adjourn meeting at 8:52 P.M. MW seconded. Roll call vote DP aye, RD aye, AS aye, and MW aye

**Next meeting: May 4, 2017 at 6 P.M. (prior to Baby Town Meeting)**

Respectfully Submitted by Ron DeFoe

Approved by Maria Wallington, Vice Chair

  
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