

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the Special Town Meeting was called on December 12, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the Becket Town Hall, 557 Main Street, Becket, MA 01223 . There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Moderator. There were 28 registered voters present (2.1% of 1,347 registered voters) and a total of 32 people attended the meeting. Town Officials Present: Bruce Garlow, Moderator; Jeanne Pryor, William Elovirta, and Mark Karlberg, Selectmen; Ann Spadafora, Stephen LaBelle, Sr., and Dan Parnell, Jeremy Dunn, and Maria Wallington, Finance Committee Members; George E. Roberts, Town Clerk; Craig Kleman, Town Administrator.

The Moderator opened the meeting stating the rules to be followed. He asked for a showing of hands of non- voters and welcomed them, indicating that they could address the meeting but could not vote. The Moderator noted measures he would take to speed up the meeting, including paraphrasing each article (as the articles are available in written form) and not having the Town Clerk read the call of the meeting and officer’s return of service. The Moderator reviewed the warrant and noted it as having been duly posted.

The following articles were voted on:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$8,000 to the Police Department Revolving Fund.

Majority Vote Required

Article 1 Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion on **Article 1 Passed Unanimously**

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$45,000 to cover an anticipated deficit for the Fiscal Year 2013 tax levy.

Majority Vote Required

Article 2 Failed to receive a motion and therefore did not come before the Town Meeting.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$32,000 for highway department grader repairs.

Majority Vote Required

Article 3 Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was a question from the floor and the Select Board explained that the grader was 17 years old and needed transmission repair. A vote was taken and the motion on **Article 3 Passed Unanimously**

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$20,000 to the Town Hall Central Air Conditioning Project.

Majority Vote Required

Article 4 Was moved and seconded from the floor. There was discussion from the floor suggesting that there should be open bidding, a bid package including and blue prints and HVAC layout with Mechanical Engineering Stamp for the bidders to consider. Mr. Kleman explained that the invitation for bids was published in the newspaper, and that there was a bid package for bidders to inspect. There was a question from the floor about the funding for the Town Hall Central Air Conditioning Project. Mr. Dunn of the Finance Committee explained how the money sought in this Article was to supplement grant monies that have been received, and are available for the Town Hall Central Air Conditioning Project, but insufficient standing alone to meet the projected cost of the project. A vote was taken and the motion on **Article 4 Passed Unanimously**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m. The checkers were Election Workers Eva Bonney, Beth VanNess and Patricia Clemons. The Constable was Michael Sawyer.

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Roberts
Town Clerk