

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the Special Town Meeting was called on March 20, 2013, at 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 27 registered voters present (2% of 1,352 registered voters) and a total of 28 people attended the meeting. Town Officials Present: Bruce Garlow, Moderator; Jeanne Pryor, William Elovirta, and Mark Karlberg, Selectmen; Ann Spadafora, Dan Parnell, Jeremy Dunn, and Maria Wallington, Finance Committee Members; George E. Roberts, Town Clerk; Joseph Kellogg, 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 \$50,000 to the Legal Expense account.

### **Majority Vote Required**

**Article 1** Was moved by Mark Karlberg and seconded by Jeremy Dunn. Joseph Kellogg gave a brief explanation of the need for the transfer of funds from Free Cash to the Legal Expense Account. Mr. Kellogg explained that the Town is involved in a major lawsuit in which it is being sued by a company named BRT for a high six figure sum. BRT billed the Town for storm clean-up that was not authorized by the Town, and for which the Town refused to pay. Mr. Kellogg noted that the law suit was currently in the "discovery" stage, and that the Town could expect significant legal bills going forward. Eva Birkett asked if the money that was being transferred would only be used to pay for this law suit. Mr. Kellogg went on to explain that the Legal Expense account was empty, and that there were a few other small matters requiring legal services that would also be paid for with the funds to be transferred at this meeting. He noted that it was also to be expected that further significant funding of the Legal Expense account would be sought at the Annual Town Meeting upcoming in May. Mr. Kellogg agreed that this lawsuit could accurately be characterized as an extraordinary event.

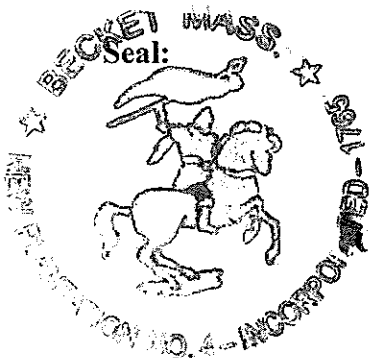
A vote was taken and the motion on **Article 1 Passed Unanimously**

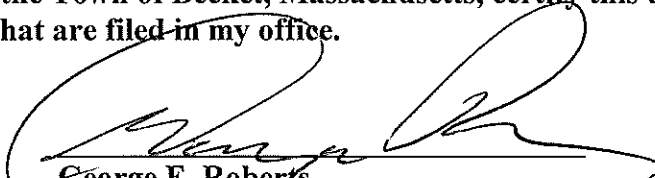
It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m. The checkers were Election Workers Eva Bonney, Beth VanNess and Patricia Clemons.

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Roberts  
Town Clerk

**I, George E. Roberts, Town Clerk for the Town of Becket, Massachusetts, certify this to be a true attested copy taken from the records that are filed in my office.**



  
George E. Roberts  
Town Clerk, Town of Becket