

## Special Town Meeting Minutes 9/28/10

### MINUTES 9/28/2010 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, a Special Town Meeting was called on September 28, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at Becket Town Hall, 557 Main Street, Becket. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by the Moderator. Town Officials Present: Bruce Garlow, Moderator; William Cavanaugh, George Fuller, Selectmen; Jeremy Dunn, Finance Committee Members; George Roberts, Town Clerk; Richard Furlong Town Administrator. The Moderator opened the meeting stating the rules to be followed. He asked for a show of hands of non-voters noting that they were welcome to address the meeting but that they may not vote. Moderator, read the call of the meeting and officer's return of service and the Moderator noted the warrant as having been duly posted. The Moderator declared a Legal Town Meeting. The following articles were voted on:

**Article 1:** To see if the Town of Becket will vote to appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of supplementing the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant for the renovation of Fire Station #2, 629 Jacobs Ladder Road, and to fund this appropriation by transferring \$60,000 from Stabilization or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Selectmen:** 2/3 Vote Required

**Finance Committee:**

Article 1 was moved by Jeremy Dunn, William Cavanaugh seconded. Jeremy Dunn stated to the meeting that this article was recommended by the Finance Committee. Richard Furlong stated that it was possible that the salt shed grant could be re-written to cover some or all of this expected expense, and that if the money from this article was not used it wouldn't be taken out of the stabilization fund.

A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

**Article 2:** To see if the Town of Becket will vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for the drilling and installation of a new well at Fire Station #1, 108 Washington Street, and to fund this appropriation by transferring \$7,000 from Stabilization or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Selectmen:** 2/3 Vote Required

**Finance Committee:**

Article 2 was moved by Jeremy Dunn, his motion was seconded by William Cavanaugh.

Ms. Colleen Oconnor asked if there had been bids received. Discussion ensued wherein the Town Administrator disclosed that there had been one verbal bid of \$6000, and tow other bids from North East Well for 300 feet of drilling with a cost of \$2,950 for the well, and \$2,250 for a pump. Hanson had also submitted a bid for 300 feet of well at a cost of \$3,000 for the well and \$1,500 for the pump. There was also discussion of a 1983 UMass study showing probable locations of good water.

A voice vote was taken and Article 2 passed unanimously.

**Article 3:** To see if the Town of Becket will vote to approve a four (4) year lease/buy contract for the purpose of buying an excavator.

**Selectmen:** Majority Vote Required

**Finance Committee:**

Article 3 was moved by Jeremy Dunn, his motion was seconded by William Cavanaugh.

Richard Furlong explained that this matter had been discussed at prior at a prior meeting.

A voice vote was taken and Article 3 was passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was moved and seconded on the floor. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. The checker was Election Officer Eva Bonney.

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Roberts

Town Clerk