

Town of Becket Finance Committee

May 5, 2011 Minutes

FinCom: Present: Steve LaBelle, Ann Spadafora, Jeremy Dunn, , Chuck Andrews Absent: Dan Parnell  
Town Officials: Craig Kleman

Meeting was called to order @ 7:07pm

1. Minutes of 4/27/11 – approved.

2. Review of Warrant

Question: what is difference in projected tax rate between FinCom and Select Board recommendations?  
Likely very little, given opposite positions on salary increases v. tennis courts, which probably offset.

**TASK:** Craig to determine projected tax rate

Question: is the budget balanced in all scenarios?

**TASK:** Craig to determine

3. Discussion of Police Salary Acct.

Questions raised:

- a. Should police chief get a "salary"? According to CA historically this was not done.
- b. Should Police Salary v. Hourly Wages be paid from the same account?
- c. Does Police work detail contribute to officer's pension?
- d. Is there any way to make the Annual Town Report more transparent for citizens wishing to know more? Nina produces the report but is not responsible for content. Who would make the decision about including more financial detail?

4. Transfers.

FinCom Reserve Acct is exhausted. Last 2 months of fiscal year, FinCom approves inter-account transfers already approved by Select Board. The following were moved by JD, second by AS; approved unanimously:

- \$1,650 from Town Admin Salary -> Municipal Utilities
- \$3,350 from Town Admin Salary -> Ambulance Salary
- \$3,000 from Postage -> Ambulance Salary
- \$5,600 from Vocational Tuition -> Ambulance Salary

5. Next FinCom meeting

Next meeting is not set. Probably will –not- be first Thurs in June (2<sup>nd</sup>) to give as much time as needed for any remaining transfers before end of fiscal year. Perhaps sometime in 2<sup>nd</sup> half of June, TBD.

No public input.

Adjourned @ 7:55pm

Respectfully Submitted

Jeremy Dunn

Clerk pro tem

