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

Minutes for Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Call to Order: 7:08 PM

Present: Steve L., Jeremy D., Ann S., Craig C., Dan P.

Absent:

Public: None

AGENDA

1. Review and approve minutes for prior meetings

May 5th

Motion: Dan

Second: Jeremy

Approved

June 23rd

Motion: Jeremy Second: Dan

Approved

2. Correspondence and end of FY 2011 transfers

Interdepartmental Transfers (attached): Motion: Jeremy Second: Ann

Approved

Reserve Transfers (attached): Motion: Dan Second: Jeremy

Approved

3. Further discussion re Ambulance Budget

It was explained for the ATM that 2011 overages came from salaries and salaries are comparable to 2010 levels. It appears that the missed amounts in the budget are a result that revenues in the Enterprise Fund are not available for budgets in the first year. This is approximately \$60K. There was discussion on the overall detail of the budget and it was decided that a more detailed budget is needed as the Ambulance department is the same as any other town department when it comes to budgets. Craig offered to help the department head get a better handle on budgeting and to assist in the preparation of the budget. There were still open questions as to what gets charged to the categories In addition it was brought up that there is \$47K in excess in the 2011 budget and that \$33K of this is from the capital purchase of the Ambulance. It was recommended that the excess \$33K in Bond be rescinded.

4. Salary survey

Tabled

5. Public input

None

6. Any other business

Tennis Court bids are out and the bids are due in next week. The cost of the repair to the surface was brought up as recent complete resurfacing of tennis courts at Becket Woods was less costly than the repair to our tennis court.

Questions as to whether the Becket Budget is balanced. Craig will determine for next meeting. Now that the State Budget is approved Craig needs to finish all the calculations.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:06 PM

Respectfully submitted by Dan Parnell

Approved by Steve LaBelle, Chairman