

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

Minutes for Tuesday, October 18, 2011

Call to Order: 7:03 PM

Present: Steve L., Ann S., Dan P., Craig K., Jeanne P.

Absent: Jeremy D., Chuck A.

Public Present: None

AGENDA

1. Review and approve minutes for prior meetings

August Meeting minutes	Motion: Dan	Second: Ann
Sept Meeting Minutes	Motion: Dan	Second: Ann

All Approved

2. Correspondence and transfers:

None

3. Update on applications for FEMA funds for storm damage versus our Highway budgets and expenditures.

FEMA application not yet final. All expenses have been covered by Highway Dept budgets. We will need to assess the remaining Highway Budgets after the FEMA application is complete.

4. Preliminary thoughts on a Budget Timetable, budget assumptions (that should be set by the SB), and meeting dates.

Dan to draw up a first pass of a budget guideline and timetable. Distribute before next meeting so Craig can modify dates and items to fit his time schedule and needs. It was strongly suggested that any departments or committees who fail to submit budgets by the time the FC reviews will get flat funding at best. It was also suggested that the FC meet with the SB to agree on the timeline dates and guidelines before the budget letter goes out.

It was brought up that we need to attend the CBRSD meetings. We need to get the timetable of their meetings and decide who will attend.

5. Salary Survey update/timetable to get ready for 2013 Budget:

Craig looked at the on-line survey from the MMA. The database with Becket info needs to be populated. Target date for completion is Dec 1st.

6. Public Input:

None

7. Any other business:

Ambulance Budgets appear to be on track but they must meet their overall budgets in 2012 due to the salary increase situation in the beginning of the budget year.

First Budget request came in. Center Pond District is asking for \$2,000 vs \$1,500 in 2012. Question raised as to what the Becket town property would be taxed if it was held by a private for profit concern. Craig will ask the Tax Assessor.

Adjourned: 8:08 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Dan Parnell

Approved: Steve LaBelle, Chairman

