

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

Thursday, February 2, 2012

Call to Order: 7:07 PM

Present: Steve L., Ann S., Jeremy D., Chuck A., Craig K., Dan P.

Absent: None

Public Present: None

AGENDA

1. Review and approve minutes for prior meeting
Motion: Ann Second: Dan
All Approved
2. Correspondence and transfers
 1. Transfer of \$10K for new server. Motion: Ann; Second: Chuck (Motion moved to approve subject to our ability to go over \$5K) 4 Approved 1 Oppose. Concern was \$10K price was substantially higher than needed for a server. Subject to additional quotes. JD considers the current quote to be a very high quote. Craig will solicit additional quotes and ask other towns who they use. Town should also ask Dell for a direct quote. JD available for consultation, if needed.
 2. Transfer of \$200 for TA Expense. Motion: Dan; Second: Chuck. Approved
3. Town Admin. - Update Special Articles for ATM
No new information on Town Beach. Wired West costs will be built into regular town budget. Building Inspector software will not be pursued at this time. Enhanced KVS software for the Tax Collector is quoted at \$4,045. No other changes to Special Articles.
4. Discuss FinCom contribution for Town Report.
Ann will summarize the year, Jeremy will write. Information will be based upon the Calendar Year 2011.
5. Update on FEMA funding from Hurricane Irene

Reimbursement expected soon. Out of pocket expenses totaled \$289K. Expected reimbursement will exceed OOP expenses even though only a 75% reimbursement level due to town equipment usage reimbursement.
6. Discussion on the Budget Timetable, budget assumptions set by the Select Board

No changes to the previous plan. The FC will address the 2 scenario's, 0% and 2.5% increase over last years Budget after the initial budget requests are compiled. We need to look up the Boston/Albany area's CPI's to finalize a recommendation for salary increases.

As an additional item for the Budget, the Finance Committee voted (Ann: Motion; Jeremy: Second) to request a \$400 Budget for FC Expenses. This would cover the Association of Town Finance Committee's (ATFC) dues and some registration and travel for the annual seminar. Dan to investigate the ATFC conference timing for this year.

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

Craig attended a conference covering the use of the data system. He has access and needs to input Becket data to do comparisons.

8. Public Input
None

9. Any other business

- Jan 26 CBRSD meeting:

Adjourned: PM

Respectfully submitted by Dan Parnell

Approved by Steve LaBelle, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephen J. LaBelle", written over a horizontal line.