

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

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, June 28, 2012

Call to Order: 7:07 pm

Present: Ann Spadafora (AS); Jeremy Dunn (JD); Dan Parnell (DP); Craig Kleman (CK)

Absent: Steve LaBelle (SL); Maria Wallington (MW)

Public Present: None

AGENDA

1. Review and approve minutes for meeting of June 7, 2012

Motion: JD Second: AS All Approve

2. Correspondence and transfers

The following transfers were approved (Motion by JD Seconded by DP)

To:	From:	\$
Police Salaries	Outreach Programs	400.00
Police Salaries	Veteran's Benefits	5,000.00
Ambulance Salaries	Veteran's Benefits	5,000.00
Ambulance Salaries	Health/Life Insurance	3,975.00
Ambulance Salaries	Outreach Programs	500.00
Memorial/Veteran's Day Exp	Veteran's Benefits	200.00
Town Admin Exp	Outreach Programs	235.00
Legal Expenses	Veteran's Benefits	3,900.00
Legal Expenses	Health/Life Insurance	5,000.00
Munic Bldg Utilities	Veteran's Benefits	5,000.00
Munic Bldg Utilities	Health/Life Insurance	1,000.00
Street Lighting	Veteran's Benefits	1,320.00
Planning Board Exp	Bd of Appeals Exp	500.00
Winter Road Fuel	Winter Road OT	5,000.00
Winter Road Fuel	Winter Roads	3,019.00
Winter Road Fuel	Transfer Station Exp	5,000.00
Winter Road Fuel	Elections & Registration Exp	2,000.00
Winter Road Fuel	Veteran's Benefits	2,000.00
Winter Road Fuel	Health/Life Insurance	2,000.00

The transfer requests to cover Payroll taxes (total \$11,000) were not approved as there does not appear to be the need and the explanation did not clarify this.

3. Town Administrator updates (Discuss \$5,000 limit on spending)

The 3% of budget or \$5,000 limitation applies to the "to/from" account, not just the "to" account. CK handed out the excerpt of the regulation for all to read (Sect 44 para 33B).

OPEB: Discussed that a joint SB/FC meeting is needed to educate each other as to the issue (drivers/constraints/funding alternatives). FC needs to be better educated before the meeting on these issues. Need to speak with the originator of the numbers. Target Sept meetings. August meeting agenda for FC should be about OPEB. DP to set up a meeting with DOR reps to give

insight into this issue along with insight as to Enterprise Fund workings (Revenue use, Free Cash Use, etc.).

4. Budget Timetable for FY 2013

Request to change that all Article requests be in by April 1st.

5. Discuss revision to Town bylaws regarding annual budget timeline

JD will contact Bruce Garlow, Town Moderator, to find out how best to get the By-Laws and Budget Timeline in sync.

6. Update on employee wage data entry and access to other towns' data

CK will input the FY11 & FY 12 salaries for the survey

7. Public Input

None

8. Any other business

None

Adjourn: 8:22 PM

Respectfully submitted by Dan Parnell

Approved by Steve LaBelle, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve LaBelle", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.