

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Town of Becket
557 Main Street
Becket, MA 01223

Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2015

Call to Order:

PRESENT:

Finance Committee (FC): Dan Parnell (DP); Maria Wallington (MW); Steve LaBelle (SL); Ann Spadafora (AS);
Mark Karlberg (MK)
Town Administrator: Ed Gibson (EG)
Public: None

ABSENT: None

Meeting was called to order by DP at 6:05 PM.

AGENDA:

1. Review and approve minutes for October 22, 2015 meetings.

- a. Acceptance of November 5 minutes moved by MW and seconded by SL. Passed unanimously.

2. Correspondence and transfers

- a. Received letter from MBI asking for plan for regional model of sharing the ownership of the Wired West operation.
- b. No requests for transfers.

3. Town Administrator's input

- a. EG reported an estimate of \$9,450 was received for the masonry repairs to Station #1.
- b. EG mentioned we are still at 87% of the MBI goal. .
- c. EG mentioned a Tax Classification hearing was held. The tax rate for the upcoming year will go up around a penny over last year's rate.
- d. EG mentioned free cash came in higher than anticipated for this year and we should be able to improve our reserve fund account.
- e. EG mentioned we have some used town vehicles available for sale.
- f. EG provided the updated budget calendar for this year.
- g. EG stated February 2nd the new rules for the transfer station will go into effect.

4. Any other business.

- a. AS stated the ladies guild needed funding to hold the kid's holiday party. EG stated the Board of Selectmen (BOS) were opposed to this for the following:
 - 1. In the past the BOS had voted to provide the funds but they wanted the guild to find alternate funding for the next year and a letter was sent to them to this effect.
 - 2. The guild provided no accounting of the expenditures.
 - 3. The guild didn't return the Town Hall key at the completion of the event
- b. AS moved we request the BOS to find the \$500 requested by the ladies guild for the kid's holiday party and the guild shall provide all receipts SL seconded. Motion passed (DP, SL, AND AS – aye; MW and MK - nay) .

Next meeting: January 7, 2016 at 6 PM.

- a. **Adjourn:** SL moved to adjourn at 7:11 P.M. MK seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Mark Karlberg

Approved by Dan Parnell, Chair


