

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

**Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2017**

**PRESENT:**

Finance Committee (FC): Dan Parnell (DP) (via phone) ; Ron De Foe (RF); Ann Spadafora (AS); Mark Karlberg (MK); Maria Wallington (MW)  
Town Administrator: Ed Gibson (EG)  
Absent: None  
Public: Nicole Ledoux

Meeting was called to order by MW at 6:10 PM.

**AGENDA:**

- 1. Approve minutes for December 1, 2016 and February 2, 2017 meetings.**
  - a. MK moved to accept the minutes of the December 1st meeting minutes. RD seconded. Roll call vote DP aye, RD aye, MK aye and MW aye. AS abstained.
  - b. AS moved to accept the minutes of the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. MK seconded. Roll call vote DP aye, RD aye, AS aye, MK aye and MW aye.
- 2. Correspondence and transfers**
  - a. None
- 3. Administrator's input**
  - a. New cruiser is in position.
  - b. Bonny Rigg Hill Road is open.
  - c. Medical marijuana meeting scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Town Hall.
  - d. New back doors with automatic opener are installed.
  - e. A tree fell on the Arts Center a town owned building.
  - f. Pole survey to begin within a month.
- 4. Budget Discussion**
  - a. EG provided the current capital plan requests. EG stated he was planning to move the Town Hall emergency generator and highway garage door replacements will be moved to the 2019 budget plan.
  - b. EG presented the operating budget as it currently stands.
    - i. The biggest change is in the Central Berkshire Regional School District assessment.
    - ii. The highway department budget has a COLA of 2.5%.
    - iii. EG still working on COLA for all town employees.
    - iv. Parks and Recreation is looking for additional funds for guards at the town beach.
    - v. Board of health increases are for new office clerk and Health agent hours.
    - vi. Ambulance department Ed is looking at the possibility for another full time employee or for changing the overnight stipend amount or making is per hour.
- 5. Any other business**
  - a. None
- 6. Adjourn meeting**
  - a. MK moved to adjourn meeting at 7:56 P.M. DP seconded. Roll call vote DP aye, RD aye, AS aye, MK aye and MW aye.

**Next meeting:** March 16, 2017 at 6 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by Mark Karlberg

Approved by Maria Wallington, Vice Chair

