

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

Meeting Minutes for October 26, 2018

PRESENT:

Finance Committee (FC): Ron DeFoe (RD); Ann Spadafora (AS); Chuck Garman (CG)
Absent: Dan Parnell (DP); Mark Karlberg (MK)

Meeting was called to order by RD at 5:00 PM

AGENDA:

1. Becket Spring

- a. Contrary to remarks at the ATM, the preliminary estimate is \$85k and there are other items that are not included (i.e. power pole(s))
- b. In addition we would have ongoing maintenance and operating costs (not yet defined)
- c. In the future, we have been advised by DEP that E. coli could occur in the future which would require additional equipment (chlorine system) beyond the current system which is designed for coliform
- d. The town does not own the property
- e. A majority of users are not from Becket
- f. Chester has refused to participate financially in this project even though we believe a reasonable number of users are from that town
- g. The town would have liabilities related to the complete operation
- h. Can the Town Hall serve as an emergency water source for those in dire need
- i. AS moved that we recommend that the Select board remove Becket from any and all responsibilities related to further operation and/or modification of the Route 20 spring. Seconded by CG. Approved unanimously

2. Adjourn meeting

- a. AS moved to adjourn meeting at 5:23 PM. CG seconded. Approved unanimously

Next meeting: November 7, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Ron DeFoe

Approved by Dan Parnell, Chair

