

**Becket Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013**

Board of Health Members Present: Ginger Conner , John Amato, Laurel Burgwardt

Board of Health Members Absent: None

Meeting opens at: 10:00 am

Members of the public present: Colleen O' Conner, Bill Girard, Lonna Joy.

Ginger opens meeting at 10:00. Ginger opens the meeting and welcomes board members.

Map 412 Lot 13, Hoak property. Ginger pulls septic plans from 1999 for a three bedroom home. Board of Health members review the plans, locating the wetlands, brook, etc. Building Inspector, Bill Girard, enters discussion and advises members present that they have been taking down a lot of trees all around the property. Board members briefly discuss the pending situation , Ginger advises that at this point there is not a violation that relates to the Board of Health in any way, however she puts a "note to file" in the folder, advising of the discussion concerning the property as well as making a note to "please see the Building Inspector".

Ms. Colleen O' Conner presents the Board members with some pictures she brought in for review. Colleen spends about one hour with the board of health members, giving some history relating to her property and all the issues that she has been faced with. Colleen shows, which she states, are photos of the inside of the school's septic system that were taken back in 1963. She further explains that back in 1981, the tank was in fact never replaced, just that the State made them put in a new leach field.

Board members locate the Berkshire Eagle and read the front page article which tells of the troubles and pending charges that Berkshire Environ-labs is currently facing. Colleen offers additional information and explains that there are other homes in the Main Street area that have had serious bad water issues. Colleen asks when and if things are ever going to change, additionally stating that it is a conflict of interest for Laurel to be on both the Board of Health as well as the Conservation Commission.

The Board reviews the water testing information found in the file for Map 207 Lot 48. The test passes fine .Colleen and Ginger discuss. Colleen advises that she would like to see a PWS in the Village of Becket.

Colleen advises Board members that she has filed a violation of the Open Meeting Law with the Attorney General, explaining that she is very unhappy with the agendas that are posted . The Board posts agendas bi-weekly.

Ginger makes note that Colleen left with the board two pictures of part of the septic system at the Becket School, however pictures are unmarked and not labeled in any way.

11:30 pm- Ms. Lonna Joy from Pond Pasture Realty enters meeting on behalf of Map 205 Lot 77, 2089 Jacob's Ladder Road. Ginger advises that she is going to recuse herself so that there is not a conflict of interest. Ginger asks John and Laurel to review. A plan for a new septic system (back in June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008) is in the current file, this plan was approved by Mr. Fuller and Mr. Robinson. After careful review, John and Laurel decide that they will call Mr. Jay Mustain and ask him about specific time limits that they have questions and concerns about. Board members agree that a new Title V should be done so that the two year time period could start. He advises Lonna to call Ms. Erin Kirchner and request an updated Title V. The Mass DPH was called, requesting some advice and information.

Map 407 Lot 59- Board members receive back the Leddo property plans that were sent back to Jay Mustain for clarification. John advises board members that the variance in question was removed from the plans. John makes a motion to approve the plans as amended, Laurel seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Map 205 Lot 77, 2089 Jacob's Ladder Road (continued from earlier) John makes a motion to approve the upgrade of the system to be done from now until March 2015, unless a break-out occurs, then replacement would need to be immediate, Laurel seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Map 213 Lot 105, 105 Trail Circle- Members visited the site, and have referred it to the Conservation Commission, new plans to be submitted.

132 Dawn Drive- Laurel advises that she went and witnessed the Title V, it passed pending a water test. Laurel tells board members that the Title V and the water test will be sent to the Board of Health.

Map 204 Lot 43, 80 Beaver Brook Road- Laurel advises that she witnessed the Title V, and that a water test is also required.

Map 204 Lot 43- A Becket resident called the Board of Health requesting information on the water at this property. The concerned resident explains that they have been told that there has been constant water issues, to include flooding on this property. Laurel adds that a water test was also required with this Title V.

Public Spring- as of April 25, need to find a new company. Ginger advises that Mr. Joe Kellogg, Interim Town Administrator has found a new company.

Map 213 Lot 20, 1246 Jacob's Ladder Road, John advises board that Mr. LaForest had been in this morning and he is looking for a certificate of compliance.

Map 217 Lot 43, 163 Wells Road- Laurel advises that she witnessed the passing Title V.

Correspondence- Members read and review.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013- John makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Laurel seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - John makes a motion to approve meeting minutes as presented, Laurel seconds motion; Unanimous approval.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013- John makes a motion to approve meeting minutes as presented, Laurel seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013- No quorum was present, a meeting was not held on this day.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013- Laurel makes a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from March 6<sup>th</sup> as presented, John seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013- A correction to the spelling of the last name of Mr. Dyre is made, Laurel makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended, John seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

John makes a motion to adjourn the meeting; Laurel seconds motion; Meeting is adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Schedule next meeting for April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @ 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hunt  
Administrative Assistant

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Ginger Conner

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Laurel Burgwardt

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
John Amato