

**Becket Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 25th, 2013**

Board of Health Members Present: Laurel Burgwardt, Gale LaBelle, Howard Lerner.

Board of Health Members Absent : None.

Public Present: Beth VanNess, Jeanne Pryor, Colleen O' Conner, Bob Ronzio.

Meeting opens at: 10:07 am

Ms. LaBelle calls the meeting to order at 10:07 am and announces that agendas are on the table for anyone who wants one. She advises that this meeting is being held in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws regarding public health and safety , regulations of the Department of Public health and the department of Environmental Protection as well as the By-Laws of the Town of Becket. All decisions require approval of a majority of the quorum of the Board of Health members present. Motions ending in a tie will not be acted upon until such a time as a majority can be achieved. In unusual cases, the rule of necessity may be invoked to reach a decision. Ms. LaBelle further advises that it is her responsibility under the open meeting law, to ask if anyone is making a video or audio recording of the meeting, Heather Hunt advises Ms. LaBelle that she is making an audio recording. Ms. LaBelle introduces herself as well as the other members of the Board to all present.

Review and Approval of July 31st , 2013 Meeting Minutes- Board members review meeting minutes as presented, Mr. Lerner makes three small changes, explaining each to all board members present, members unanimously agree to go with Mr. Lerner's changes. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended, Ms. Burgwardt seconds motion; Meeting minutes are unanimously approved.

Review and Approval of August 28th, 2013 Meeting Minutes- Board members review meeting minutes as presented, Mr. Lerner makes some minor changes, advising board members what they are. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve meeting minutes as amended, Ms. Burgwardt seconds motion; Meeting minutes are unanimously approved.

Review and Approval of September 11th 2013 Meeting Minutes- Board members briefly review meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Lerner makes some small changes, again advising board members of what they are, board members unanimously agree. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve meeting minutes as amended, Ms. Burgwardt seconds motion; Meeting Minutes are unanimously approved.

Public Input- Ms. Beth VanNess asks that the map and lot numbers please be added to percolation tests that appear on the agenda. Map and lot numbers are briefly discussed, all agree that it is important to do and to be consistent.

Old Business-

Ms. LaBelle advises that Scott K. along with Laurel Burgwardt and Kathy Vsetecka from the Conservation Commission have gone out to the 63 West Becket Road location and found everything to be fine.

Ms. LaBelle further reports that there has been a complaint, along with photographs submitted of four individuals, in that same area that are breaching a beaver dam. Ms. Burgwardt advises that they need to send the DEP a letter of response.

Becket/Chester Update- Mr. Robert Ronzio asks Ms. LaBelle what exactly is going on with the Becket/Chester Spring, advising that we need to figure out who actually owns the property and whether or not the Town of Becket should even be involved. Ms. LaBelle advises that the Town of Chester is unaware of any agreement that they would have with the Town of Becket. Ms. LaBelle states that she has had conversations with the Town Administrator and he is going to speak with the selectmen about this very important issue. Ms. Colleen O'Connor advises that it is a PWS and that it needs to be water tested regardless of who pays for it. Ms. Pryor states that she has an old report and that she is going to share it with the Town Administrator and hopefully it will help them figure things out.

Ms. LaBelle reports that the Board of Health is following up with any and all complaints that they have received in the past couple of weeks. Gale advises that Ms. Burgwardt as well as Mr. Girard, Building Inspector, have been to all locations that they received a complaint for. Ms. LaBelle also advises of a problem that recently happened down on 9 Sir Walter Drive, she explains that there was apparently a problem with a septic tank being damaged during the construction of a deck project. Ms. LaBelle confirms that at this point the homeowners have been notified. Ms. Burgwardt reminds the board that they need to write the owner a letter advising that a perk test needs to be done, Board agrees.

Ms. Burgwardt briefly reviews her calendar and report with all present. Ms. Burgwardt submits the following report:

(All witnessed)

Two empty lots- Map 214 lot 93- Sherwood Greens, perc test, and also empty lot on Main Street Map 414 Lot 27- also a perc test.

Map 211 Lot 34- 304 South Cove-Title V

Map 418 Lot 2- 199 Bancroft Road- Title V

Map 210 lot 33- 1725 Main Street- Tight Tank

Map 216 Lot 355- 31 Old Cottage Road- Title V

Map 210 Lot 49- Main Street- Perk test.

Mr. Lerner asks if the permit applications, etc. can be put on line, advising that may be easier for most people. Ms. LaBelle agrees and advises that they are currently trying to do that.

Ms. Collen O'Connor explains that the Board of Health needs to have full disclosure, and address, map and lot consistently need to be provided.

New Business- Ms. LaBelle advises that they have received five new septic applications. Ms. LaBelle also advises that they have received a letter of non-compliance concerning the water at Camp Watitoh. She further advises that prior to opening next year in the Spring, they will need to go and do an inspection.

Ms. Burgwardt advises that she took the Title V and Soil Evaluator class and that it was very informative and that she learned a lot.

Correspondence- Ms. Burgwardt briefly goes over the new Title V and septic plans received. Ms. Burgwardt advises that Scott will need to read and review before they can be acted on.

Budget- Read and Reviewed.

Any other business to come before the board- Ms. Burgwardt advises that she will be at the school on September 27th for an inspection.

Schedule next meeting for Wednesday October 2nd , 2013.

11:16 am - Howard makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Laurie seconds motion, meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hunt
Administrative Assistant

Signed _____ Date _____
Gale LaBelle

Signed _____ Date _____
Laurel Burgwardt

Signed _____ Date _____
Howard Lerner