

**Becket Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 16th, 2013**

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

Board of Health Members Absent :Laurel Burgwardt.

Public Present: Bob Ronzio.

Meeting opens at: 10:23 am

Ms. LaBelle calls the meeting to order at 10:23 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 October 2nd , 2013 Meeting Minutes- Board members table the review and approval of October 2nd , 2013 meeting minutes until November 6th , 2013.

Public Input- Mr. Robert Ronzio advises Board of Health members that he has drafted an announcement that is going to be posted on the Town's Website. The announcement will be inviting the public to attend the November 13th Planning Board meeting to discuss the issue of Medical Marijuana.

Mr. Ronzio advises of a possible situation on Porcupine Court. He advises that there is a vacant lot on Porcupine Court, that used to have a trailer on it. He goes on to state that this weekend, he witnessed an individual bringing in another trailer, setting it up, and spending the entire weekend in it. Mr. Ronzio states that Sherwood Forest is not a campground and that he is going to write a letter to Mr. Bill Girard as well as to the Board of Health.

Lastly, Mr. Ronzio expresses concern for the Becket/Chester well, and asks why there weren't any notices put in place to identify the fact that there was ecoli found in the water. Board members briefly discuss.

Old Business-

Update and Review of Percolation test, Title V's Ms. Burgwardt to report:

Map 214 Lot 91.2 - Silver Shield Drive (Perc test) , Map 209 Lot 33- Benton Hill Road (checked on septic installation), Map 211 Lot 157 - 17 Birch Lane (Title V), Map 216 Lot 567-250 Wells Road (Perc test), Map 216 Lot 739- 15 Paw Lane (Perc test).

Ms. Burwardt was not present, therefore could not detail the report for Board of Health members present .

Mr. Howard Lerner states that he has done some research on the Robinson Property that was briefly discussed at the last Board of Health Meeting. He goes on to explain that it will not be possible for Mr. Robinson to have a tight tank at all, unless he has a current failing system . Mr. Lerner further explains that he did have a conversation with Mr. Robinson, asking for verification on where he received his information.

Mr. Lerner also advises that he spoke with an individual that stated that the Becket/Chester Spring is in fact considered to be a public water supply. Mr. Lerner explains that he is in the process of doing some more research and will get back to the board with an update by the November meeting. Mr. Ronzio advises Mr. Lerner to update the Town Administrator as to the progress that is being made.

Mr. Lerner advises the Board members present that he received a complaint, via a phone call, from a resident of Sherwood Forest. Mr. Lerner goes on to explain that this individual was complaining of an individual who resides on Dragon's Way who has pigs on her property. Mr. Lerner goes on to explain that the woman on the phone went on to say that the smell and the stench from the pigs is just horrible. Mr. Lerner also advises Ms. LaBelle that it was alluded to that there may also be septic issues at the residence as well. Mr. Lerner asks Ms. LaBelle to please stop by the property and to be sure to check out the septic system as well as the pigs on the property.

Mr. Lerner suggests that Ms. LaBelle contacts Scott K and makes sure that he updates his bills, etc.

Board members briefly discuss the fact that the Town could benefit from a bylaw that limits the number of pets that can be kept on a property. Board members agree to look into some of the animal bylaws that exist in other towns and discuss this topic further at a future meeting.

New Business-

Board of Health members briefly discuss having Ms. LaBelle communicate with Mr. Steve Robinson regarding his request for a tight tank. Ms. LaBelle advises that she will be in touch with him at her earliest convenience.

Systems Control- Establishing Protocol, Rules and Regulations Book- Mr. Lerner moves that Board of Health Members commit to going over the Rules and Regulations book at their next scheduled meeting. Mr. Ronzio suggests that maybe the Board should take one topic at a time, address it and go on from there, making it a less overwhelming task for all. Board members discuss and agree. Board members agree to read, review and be prepared to discuss *Procedures for obtaining a Sewage Disposal Works Construction Permit* at the November meeting.

Ms. LaBelle asks Board members if they would be interested in a Flu Clinic. Ms. LaBelle advises that the cost would be \$25 and that she will further look into getting more information if there was the interest to do so.

Correspondence- Ms. LaBelle reviews correspondence received with board members present. Ms. LaBelle reads aloud a letter, from the DEP , regarding the Becket-Washington School, advising that if anyone has questions or concerns regarding the letter, they can call or email Mr. Paul Netupski. Ms. LaBelle advises that she will be speaking with the Town Administrator concerning the school and would also like to get permission to seek the advice of legal counsel.

Budget- Read and Reviewed.

Any other business to come before the board- Ms. Labelle advises that Scott has reviewed and approved all plans and that she will be speaking with Scott to ask where the permits are.

Schedule next meeting for Wednesday November 6th , 2013.

11:37 am - Howard makes a motion to adjourn the meeting , Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion; Meeting is adjourned at 11:37 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hunt
Administrative Assistant

Signed _____ Date _____
Gale LaBelle

Signed _____ Date _____
Howard Lerner