

**Becket Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> , 2014**

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

Board of Health Members Absent : None

Public Present: Daniel Lovett, Bart Margheim, Scott Krzanik; Berkshire Health Alliance, Colleen O' Connor.

Meeting opens at: 10: 14 am

Ms. LaBelle calls the meeting to order at 10: 14 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 January 29th Meeting Minutes- Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to table the review and approval of the meeting minutes until the end of the meeting, Mr. Lerner seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Public Participation- None at this time.

Old Business- Update and Review for Camp Watitoh – Hill Engineering to report: Mr. Daniel Lovett approaches the Board of Health members and introduces himself as well as Mr. Bart Margheim, new owner at Camp Watitoh. Mr. Lovett explains to the board that the camp is very anxious to find out if the Board of Health is going to give them the full 2 years they have requested to complete their project proposal. Mr. Margheim briefly explains some of the water issues that the Camp has recently had experienced, briefly speaking on the water testing and also showing a consent order from the DEP. Ms. O' Conner asks if the seasonal high ground water could have possibly caused the well failure. Mr. Lovett explains that the well never tested positively for bacteria, rather it was solely one faucet located in the kitchen. Scott advises board members that the two years that the Camp is asking for is allowed by code. Mr. Margheim further advises that they plan on not needing the entire two years and hope to break ground by September.

Mr. Lovett takes a moment to explain the problem of seasonal high ground water to the board members and ensures them that has been the problem all along ,and that there have not been any reports of break-outs. Mr. Margheim states that the camp season is a total of 9 weeks long and that the children are there for 50 days.

Laurel reminds Board of Health members that the camp will also have to have an inspection before the children arrive, as well as another inspection before the second group of children arrive.

Mr. Margheim confirms that the Housatonic Basin has been doing their beach and water testing and that last summer all their tests came out fine, there was no e coli or bacteria found.

Mr. Krzanik reminds board of health members that they can do inspections as frequently as they would like to in order to feel comfortable with the project.

Mr. Margheim explains that there is already an existing pipe running under the highway and that they have every reason to believe that they will be granted a permit from the DEP.

Board of Health members briefly discuss as the Chairperson polls the board for a vote:

A motion is made to allow the Becket Board of Health to grant Camp Watitoh up to two years to bring all septic systems on the property fully into compliance with Title V regulations, on or before January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The following Conditions must be met:

1. Broken D Box cover in the farmhouse needs to be fixed before Camp Session 2014.
2. Cover to be replaced in Cesspit in the cottage before Camp Session 2014.

Gale LaBelle- I vote to approve as long as the (2) conditions stated above are met.

Laurel Burgwardt-I approve per State Title V Regulations.

Howard Lerner- I vote to approve this, as it appears to be in compliance with State Title V regulations.

New Business- Systems Control, Establishing Protocol- Review of Rules and Regulations-  
Tabled until further notice.

Any other Business to come before the Board-

Ms. Colleen O'Conner advises Health Agent, Scott Krzanik, of an issue that has been ongoing and is troubling to her. Ms. O'Conner briefly explains of a situation at a home on Green Water Pond that was newly purchased. She gives Scott a little background of the property, briefly explaining that it is a non-conforming structure on a non-conforming lot and is not possible that it can be at least 50 feet from the water. Ms. O'Conner states that she and her lawyer agree that the property could not have possibly passed a Title V Inspection. Ms. O'Conner states that her concern is really for the new owner, fearing that they will have no recourse.

Ms. O'Conner advises Scott that Joe Wilkinson passed the system and Laurel witnessed it. Lastly, Ms. O'Conner states that it is the job of the Board of Health to protect the health and well-being of all Becket residents.

Ms. LaBelle requests that Scott look into this situation and report back to the Board .

Ms. LaBelle advises Board members present that they will need to schedule a Public Hearing to legally update and adjust the current fee schedule as they have in the past. Board members briefly discuss. Mr. Howard Lerner makes a motion to allow Ms, Heather Hunt to research the public hearing process, along with the Town Clerk, to specify the needs and the requirements for a Public Hearing in order to uphold the fee changes implemented by the Board of Health in May. Ms. LaBelle seconds motion; motion is passed.

Continued-Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 29<sup>th</sup>- Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 29<sup>th</sup>, Ms. LaBelle seconds motion, Ms. Burgwardt abstains due to her absence. The January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes are approved.

Correspondence- Read and Reviewed

Budget- Read and Reviewed

Schedule next meeting for Wednesday March 5th, 2014.

11:45 am –Mr. Lerner makes a motion to adjourn the meeting , Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion; Meeting is adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hunt  
Administrative Assistant

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale LaBelle

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Howard Lerner