

Becket Board of Health
Approved Minutes
Wednesday, March 5th , 2014

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

Board of Health Members Absent : Howard Lerner

Public Present: Colleen O' Connor, David St. Laurent; Benchmark Realty, Craig Tighe.

Meeting opens at: 10: 05 am

Ms. LaBelle calls the meeting to order at 10: 05 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 February 19th Meeting Minutes- Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to table the review and approval of the meeting minutes until the end of the meeting, Ms. Burgwardt seconds motion; Minutes are tabled.

Public Participation- Ms. O' Conner states that she is in attendance today for a couple of reasons but would like to be updated on the on going situation at the house on Green water Pond that she spoke of at the last two meetings. Ms. O' Conner states that she is aware that the Health Agent, Scott Krzanik, went to the location to have a look around. Ms. O' Conner asks Ms. LaBelle what his findings were. Ms. LaBelle explains that she is aware that Mr. Krzanik did go to the location, however she advises that she has not yet been advised of an out come. Ms. LaBelle assures Ms. O'Conner that she will be communicating with Scott and will report back with the results. Ms. O'Conner also advises that she would like to briefly speak on some of the other Towns in our area that have been implementing some water solutions that seem to be viable. Ms. O' Conner explains that Cumington is one such Town, further explaining that Community Wells and Community Septic Systems should be seriously looked into. Board of Health members briefly discuss.

Old Business- Update and Review for Camp Watitoh – Ms. LaBelle advises that there has been nothing new to report since the last Board of Health meeting and that everything should be going as planned.

New Business

Letter to the Selectmen, Re: Becket/Chester Spring- Ms. LaBelle reads aloud a letter that she had written and sent to the Town of Chester. Board members briefly discuss.

Update- Winter Drive-Tight tank inspection- Ms. LaBelle explains that she received a letter from the attorney representing the possible new buyer for this Winter Drive property. He states in the letter that his clients were unaware that there was an existing tight tank on the property, and therefore are no longer interested in buying the house.

Laurel to report: Laurel advises that she went and witnessed a perc test on Hamilton Road, Map 217 Lot 40.31, with Mr. Scott MacFarlane.

Beach Permits 2014 / Water Testing- Ms. LaBelle reports that she received a letter stating that three beaches (Becket Woods, Camp Lenox and Shawnee Shores) were not water tested over the summer last year. She further advises that she will be taking a closer look into all three situations and will report back to the Board with her findings.

Board members to discuss holding a public hearing to discuss new fee schedule- Board members discuss and agree that they need to set a date to hold a public fee to present the new fee schedule. Ms. LaBelle suggests that the Board will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday April 9th, 2014 and then schedule the public hearing on the following Wednesday April 16th. Ms. LaBelle explains that both meetings can be held at 10:00. Ms. Burgwardt states that this should work out fine and they should go ahead and get the suggested dates scheduled.

Correspondence- Correspondence is read and reviewed. Board members review two upcoming training sessions available to Board of Health members. Ms. Burgwardt advises that she is able and willing to attend both seminars as discussed. Ms. LaBelle instructs Ms. Burgwardt to make sure she gets signed up and registered so that she may attend.

Ms. LaBelle updates Board of Health members, reporting that the grant that the Board of Health applied for to help mainstream and computerize the office did not come through. She further advises that if there is another grant available next year, they will re-apply for it. Lastly, Ms. LaBelle briefs members of an Emergency Preparedness Seminar that she had attended.

Public Input- Mr. Craig Tighe advises that he is present so that he may get his installer's permit for the year. Ms. LaBelle issues permit as requested.

Mr. David St. Laurent from Benchmark Realty enters meeting. He states that he represents the new proposed buyer for the Leddo property on Woodmere Drive. He goes on to explain that they want to see a new 1500 gallon tank go in before they will purchase the home and that they want

to make certain that the Board of Health will sign off on the new system plans. Ms. LaBelle and Ms. Burgwardt review the plans as submitted by Mr. St. Laurent . After careful review, Ms. LaBelle and Ms. Burgwardt sign off on the plans.

Approval of February 19th Meeting Minutes (tabled from the beginning of the meeting) Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented, Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion; Unanimous Approval.

Ms. Burgwardt makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. LaBelle seconds motion, meeting is adjourned at 11:22 am.

Schedule next meeting for April 9th, 2014.

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Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hunt
Administrative Assistant

Signed _____ Date _____
Gale LaBelle

Signed _____ Date _____
Laurel Burgwardt