

Becket Board of Health Meeting  
Wednesday, August 6th, 2014  
Town Hall, 557 Main Street, Becket Ma.01223

Board Members present: Gale LaBelle, Howard Lerner, Laurel Burgwardt.

Board Members absent: None

Public Present: Colleen O'Conner, Laura Kitross, Karen Karlberg, Scott Krzanik, Jeanne Pryor.

Meeting is opened at 10:01 am.

Ms. LaBelle opens the meeting at 10:01 stating the date and time. Ms. LaBelle advises that there are agendas on the table for anyone who wants them. Ms. LaBelle advises that this meeting is being held in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws regarding Public Health and the Department of Environmental Protection as well as the bylaws of 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 usual cases the Rule of Necessity may be invoked to reach a decision.

Ms. LaBelle goes on to introduce the board members present. Ms. LaBelle explains the Open Meeting Law, MGL c. 30A subsection 20, and asks if anyone in the audience is going to make an audio or video recording of this meeting; Mr. Robert Ronzio advises that he will be making an audio recording.

Lastly, Ms. LaBelle advises the public present that it is the intention of the board to proceed with the posted agenda in the order in which the items are listed, and again reminds all present that agendas are available for anyone who wants one. Ms. LaBelle advises that everyone has the right to attend this meeting and observe the board as it deliberates but the public does not have the right to speak out or participate as they see fit.

Approval of June 18th Meeting Minutes- Ms. LaBelle advises that they will table the approval of the minutes until the end of the meeting.

Public Input- Ms. Colleen O' Conner states that for the record, the depth of her property is 120 feet.

Mr. Ronzio advises Board of Health members that he would like to have some clarification on the Title V requirements. He further states that the property located on 743 Main Street has no septic system, only an outhouse. Health Agent, Mr. Krzanik explains that whatever a property has for a septic system needs to be inspected and that outhouses are no longer acceptable and are generally not up to today's standards. Mr. Ronzio further advises that there is no well on the property either. Mr. Krzanik explains that if a property is being sold to a son or daughter, then you don't need an inspection. All other circumstances require a Title V. Mr. Krzanik also advises that an inspection can be up to 2 years before or up to 6 months after the sale of the property. Mr. Ronzio confirms to the Health Agent that he has already done the research and that the property was not sold to a family member. Mr. Krzanik then confirms that the current owner is responsible for this.

Mr. Ronzio suggests that the Board of Health should start requesting a list of all recent sales from the assessors, further explaining that this would allow them to stay current and to make sure that inspections are being done. Ms. Jeanne Pryor asks if this issue can be solved if the Board of Health had a policy requiring family members to also have an inspection. Mr. Lerner states that the local Board can put more stringent guidelines in place than the state which may help solve this issue.

Mr. Ronzio advises the Board members present that he had submitted a letter to the Building Inspector regarding a property located at 35 Dragon Way. He further explains that he is not satisfied with the response from the Building Inspector and you are not allowed to park a trailer and live in for any length of time. Mr. Ronzio questions whether or not a Title V has ever been done at the property. Ms. LaBelle states that she has called to speak with the owner and has also advised him that he must have current plates on the trailer. Lastly Mr. Ronzio informs the Board that there is also a shed on the property and it appears that it may be in violation of the set backs.

Mr. Ronzio also advises Board of Health members present that there is another issue at the property located at 94 Sir Gallahad Drive. He further explains that the property used to be owned by the Toms and now it is owned by the Town. He states that it definitely needs to be boarded up and condemned.

Ms. Laura Kitross from the Berkshire Health Alliance explains that the Alliance would like to have a better understanding regarding a work schedule for Scott.

Board members briefly discuss. Board members present also discuss the fee schedule and how fees are being charged. Ms. Kitross reminds all present that Scott does not collect fees, rather is paid hourly.

Ms. Kitross also reminds board members that they really need to put standard procedures in affect. Board members discuss and agree that they will be putting procedures in place.

Ms. Karen Karlberg introduces herself to the Board of Health members, explaining that she is in attendance at this meeting to question the Emergency Beaver Permit that was issued for 71 Bruce Roy Lane. Ms. Karlberg states that she wants to know what the process and procedure for issuing such permits are, further explaining that the damage being done is truly devastating and that property owners are not hiring the proper people, rather doing it all themselves. Ms. Karlberg states that there are people coming onto her property and that they do not have permission. Ms. Pryor asks if anyone has contacted the Conservation Commission, explaining that they too have regulations that need to be followed. Ms. LaBelle advises that she does communicate often with the Conservation Commission and she also assures Ms. Karlberg that she will be in contact with them again.

Mr. Ronzio advises Board of Health members that Yokum Pond definitely needs to have a “No swimming” sign at the boat launch area, stating that quite often there are confirmed swimmers in that area.

Next, Mr. Ronzio confirms that the Board is aware of the failed septic on Sir Walter Court, further explaining that their run-off goes right down toward their beach.

Ms. Laurel Burgwardt states that she does not have a formal report, however is prepared to brief everyone on the various situations.

Laurel Briefs all present:

62 Highland Drive- Disposal System/Title V- has been completed by Scott Kryznik.

48 Osceola Road- Title V done, Certificate of Compliance issued by Scott Kryznik.

Emergency Beaver Permits issued-

194 Robinwood West (issued), 71 Bruce Roy Lane (Gale advises she is waiting to hear from the Conservation Commission. Board members discuss and agree that they need to go and see the actual location prior to the issuing of the permit. Ms. Pryor requests that the Board give to her a draft of the Alliances Contract for review prior to this evening's Select board meeting.

New Business- Condemnation of Properties:

151 Lady of the Lake Court- Scott has gone to the premises, will follow up next week.

1568 Bancroft Road- Ms. LaBelle advises that the Building Inspector has gone to the property, Scott will follow up this week.

76 Kyle Lane- Ms. LaBelle advises this property will need to be revisited.

Water Testing Reports/ Beaches / Signage: Mr. Lerner and the Board members discuss ordering 30 metal signs. Ms. O'Conner explains that it is human feces that is continuing to contaminate the lakes and then leads to beach closures.

Mr. Lerner advises that most beach owner/operators have been extremely cooperative. He explains however, that with the two beaches on Yokum Pond, this is far from the case and advises that he was given a run-around for a very long time and that their cooperation was minimal.

Mr. Lerner briefly explains to the other Board of Health members about the new pass down log. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to use the current pass down log for all incoming phone calls, emails and any and all other forms of communications and should then be put into an alphabetical file. Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion and it is then unanimously passed.

Mr. Lerner makes a motion that all septic hauler reports need to be initialed, by a Board of health member, and then filed. Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion; motion is passed unanimously.

Chairperson to discuss working meeting/reorganization of procedures and protocol. Ms. LaBelle explains that there are many forms and documents that really need to be updated and organized. Ms. LaBelle advises that she will be creating an update of procedures for Title V Inspections, also reminding Board of Health members

that an application and the fee due must be submitted before anything is actually scheduled.

Board members continued to discuss Scott Kryzanik's hours. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion that from now through September 30<sup>th</sup>, Scott can be allowed to work 2 (3) hour days per week as the Health Agent from the Berkshire Health Alliance, Mr. Lerner seconds motion; motion is passed unanimously.

Board members briefly discuss Ms. Hunt's hours regarding the Board of Health. Members also discuss current fee schedules as well as property transfers from the assessor's office.

Ms. LaBelle reads aloud a letter received from the Mass Health Officers Association, explaining a violation of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. Ms. Burgwardt makes a motion that all three of the General Stores in Becket shall be required to take the Mass Tobacco Cessation and Prevention program, Mr. Lerner seconds the motion; Motion is unanimously approved.

Ms. LaBelle advises the next meeting will be scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

Review of Meeting Minutes will be tabled until next meeting.

12:57pm Mr. Lerner makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion, Meeting is adjourned at 12:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Hunt

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Gale LaBelle

Date

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Howard Lerner

Date

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Laurel Burgwardt

Date