

Becket Board of Health Meeting
Sunday, October 19th, 2014
Town Hall, 557 Main Street, Becket Ma.01223

Board Members present: Gale LaBelle, Howard Lerner.

Board Members absent: Laurel Burgwardt

Public Present: Colleen O'Conner, Robert Ronzio.

Meeting is opened at 10:00 am.

Ms. LaBelle opens the meeting at 10:10 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.

Public Input- Ms. Colleen O'Conner asks about the septic system at a property location on Main Street that is in the process of an "as-is" sale. Ms. O'Conner expresses concern.

Mr. Robert Ronzio asks Board of Health members about a well on Arrow Lane, he advises that the well is still not capped and he states he would like to know what is going on. Ms. LaBelle advises that she will call Myers well drilling and then report back to the Board.

Ms. LaBelle updates Board members on 76 Kyle Lane, advising that the covers have been cemented.

Board members discuss an ongoing issue with a resident who lives in a trailer in Sherwood Forest. Board members briefly discuss, expressing concern over the possible improper disposal of feces. Resident does not have any special permits or permission to live in said trailer on property.

Board members briefly discuss the recent water testing failure at the Town Hall. Mr. Lerner explains that there was once again a communication break down between the Town and Housatonic Basin. Board members discuss ways to better ensure proper future communications.

Ms. LaBelle updates Board members on an ongoing issue on Quarry Road. Ms. LaBelle advises that perc test has been done and plans for the septic system have been submitted by Peter Franz. Ms. LaBelle also advises that she has made the Building Inspector aware of other possible code violations.

Board of Health members discuss a pending issue on Lancelot Lane, advising that the septic system may have been put in only 90 feet from the well. Members discuss whether or not a variance was issued.

Board members discuss a pending issue with trailers parked on lots, specifically in Sherwood Forest that are apparently not registered.

Board members discuss a letter written to Ms. Burgwardt from the Board of Selectmen and further discuss the correspondence sent back.

Approval of Plans:

1. Map 211 Lot 34- 304 South Cove Drive. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve plans as submitted; Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion, Unanimous Approval.
2. 567 King Richard Drive, property of Mr. Charles Hacker. Board members briefly review plans as submitted. Ms. LaBelle advises that the septic failed and the property owners need to go through the Conservation Commission.

Ms. LaBelle advises that a perc test has been conducted at the property. Needs a new system.

3. Surriner Road, Map 412 Lot 29.1. Ms. LaBelle advises that this is a new construction. Mr. Lerner advises that there are some pending issues and that they will need to review with Scott K. or with the Conservation Commission first. New placement of well and septic discussed.
4. 141 South Cove Drive, Mr. Lerner advises that Scott has reviewed the plans as submitted. Board members discuss the fact that a new tank was put in as well as other components. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve the plans and approved as presented, Ms. LaBelle seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.
5. 40 Williams Road- Title V failure. Property in need of a new septic system.
6. 338 Jacobs Ladder Road- Title V failure. Property in need of a new septic system.
7. 894 Moberg Road- Title V failed, needs new system.
8. 732 Main Street, Map 212 Lot 22. Title V failure.
9. 2089 Jacobs Ladder Road, Septic System Construction permit approved by Health Agent. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve the plans as submitted, Ms. LaBelle seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.
10. 245 George Carter Road- Septic system is in need of repair. Board members discuss and agree that they still need some more information. Plans tabled until next scheduled meeting.
11. Goodwin Road, Map 210 Lot 2401 – Title V failed. New septic plan is ok, owner needs Conservation Commission Approval. Plans held until the next scheduled meeting.
12. 1247 Main Street- Title V passed, no action required.
13. 193 Long Bow Lane West, Map 213 Lot 75. Repair, replace septic system. Failed Title V. Conservation and Health Agent have approved new plans. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve plans, pending Laurel's signature, Gale seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.
14. 136 Carter Road – Title V failed. New septic system approved by Scott K. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve plans, pending Ms. Burgwardt's signature, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion; Unanimous Approval.
15. 297 George Carter Road, Map 204 Lot 20. Ms. LaBelle advises that there is a new septic design that has already been approved by Scott pending Laurel's signature. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve the plans, as reviewed and approved by Scott, Ms. LaBelle seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

16. South Cove Road, Map 211 Lot 62. Ms. LaBelle advises that the Board of Health just received the plans for a new on-site construction permit, further advising that they will now need to be reviewed by Scott.

Old Business- None

New Business-

1. Board members present discuss 105 CMR 445.033, letter dated October 10th stating that Boards of Health are required to send in their beach monitoring reports by October 31st.
2. Beaver Permits- Board members discuss form to be sent to Mike Callahan of Beaver Solutions, new forms to be down loaded as well as forms that need Conservation Commission sign-off as well.

Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve Emergency Beaver Permit for 748 Hamilton Road, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion; motion passes unanimously. Howard makes a motion to approve the structural format, Ms. LaBelle seconds motion, motion passes Unanimously.

3. Mileage Reimbursements submitted, Board members decide to hold off due to some discrepancies.
4. Annual Board of Health Meeting/Berkshire Health Alliance; speaker on Ebola. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to allow Ms. LaBelle to attend the annual meeting, and to be paid for by the Town, Ms. LaBelle seconds motion. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to allow Ms. Burgwardt to also attend the meeting, Mr. Lerner does not second the motion; the motion does not pass.

Any other business to come before the board- Board members briefly discuss some of the abandoned and distressed properties around town.

Board members discuss a resident obtaining a new transfer station permit that had been previously denied.

Mr. Lerner makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. LaBelle seconds motion. Meeting is adjourned at 11:58 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Hunt

Gale LaBelle

Date

Howard Lerner

Date