

Becket Board of Health Meeting
Wednesday, November 5th, 2014
Town Hall, 557 Main Street, Becket Ma.01223

Board Members present: Gale LaBelle, Howard Lerner.

Board Members absent: Laurel Burgwardt

Public Present: Jeanne Pryor, Colleen O'Conner, Robert Ronzio, Craig Willis.

Meeting is opened at 10:08 am.

Ms. LaBelle opens the meeting at 10:08 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 October 19th Meeting Minutes- Mr. Lerner makes a motion to table the approval of the October 19th Meeting Minutes until the next meeting, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion; Minutes are tabled until the December meeting.

Public Participation- Ms. Colleen O'Conner explains that back in the month of July, the Town Hall's well was in violation. Ms. O'Conner further advises that the

notice was improperly posted, as a notice was posted only inside the bathrooms and on the Community Billboard. Ms. O'Conner further states that in Chapter 40CFR 141.31D, it clearly states exactly what must be disclosed in the Notice and where it should have been posted. Ms. O'Conner states that instead it was unfair to only notify a select few, rather than to inform the public equally. Lastly Ms. O'Conner states that this was a blatant violation .

Mr. Lerner advises that he has talked with the people at Housatonic Basin and has explained to them what protocol needs to be.

Mr. Ronzio asks Ms. LaBelle if the well that they had previously talked about on Arrow Lane had been capped yet. Ms. LaBelle explains that this has not yet been done.

Mr. Ronzio also asks about the trailer on Dragon Way. Ms. LaBelle states that she had been to the location to check out the trailer and confirms that it does have new plates on it.

Old Business- Ms. LaBelle confirms that she has talked with Veteran's Affairs as well as Elder Services in trying to move forward in helping some of the previously discussed situations and some pending solutions. Mr. Lerner reminds everyone present that their interest should be with public health rather than individual health.

Ms. LaBelle advises that she had made a subsequent visit to Quarry Road where they had previously had a complaint. She advises that when she arrived she only saw a bunch of wild turkeys running around outside in the yard and that there was also a barn on the property with some chickens living inside. Mr. Lerner advises that this is a code violation because there is not yet a primary structure on the property, therefore an accessory building is not allowed.

Ms. LaBelle gives a brief update, advising that the cafeteria in the Elementary school is due for an inspection.

Training / Workshop Updates- Ms, LaBelle advises that she has attended two training sessions on Ebola and has learned a lot. Ms. LaBelle further reports that she will be attending the Selectman's meeting tonight to share some of the information that she had learned. Mr. Ronzio explains that there has been a new study out that shows that the Ebola virus can stay alive for as long as 90 days as opposed to the 21 days originally thought. Ms. LaBelle goes on to read aloud a letter that she received on this topic from the Becket Ambulance Department.

Ms. LaBelle also states that she had attended a Title V workshop that was presented by Scott Kryzanik.

Board members briefly discuss the decommissioning of wells.

Demolition Updates- Mr. Lerner questions as to what progress has been made regarding the Kyle Lane property? Ms. LaBelle advises that they have received a letter from the building inspector, and that cement has been put over the septic system.

Beaches 2014-2015- Ms. Labelle presents the report to be turned into the state.

Mr. Craig Willis asks if the Board has had a chance to approve plans submitted for 567 King Richard Drive. Ms. LaBelle advises Mr. Willis that the plan has been approved and that they will prepare the paperwork today.

Ms. LaBelle briefly discusses the current and on going beaver problem that Camp Lenox is having.

Member of the public, Mrs. Judy Chanai from Century 21, advises that they have a house that is ready to close, however they are waiting for the Title V Inspection. Judy advises that the house is located at 312 Long Bow Lane East.

Ms. Jeanne Pryor passes out a document, dated October 30th, 2014, called, "Ebola Checklist for local Boards of Health."

Ms. LaBelle reads aloud a list of plans that have recently been submitted that are approved by Scott and have also been paid in full. Ms. Pryor asks Board members where the paper trail for each of the plans is submitted, also asking to see the sign-off sheet and the appropriate supporting documents. Ms. Pryor reminds board members that a form for each inspection must be completed and signed.

In response, Ms. LaBelle presents Form #1, #2, #3, briefly explaining when each of the documents gets signed off on and who is responsible for each. Mr. Lerner asks if it is necessary for the individual witnessing the perc test to be there for so many hours. Board members present briefly discuss. Mr. Lerner makes a motion that from November 5th, 2014 and forward the Board of Health member only needs to be present long enough to make sure that all required individuals (appropriate professionals) are present, after the confirmation of such, the Board of Health member may leave the property. Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion and calls for

further discussion. Ms. Labelle states that she feels like the Board of health member does need to be present for the whole process. Mr. Lerner agrees to table the motion in order to research as well as speak with the Town Administrator, Selectmen, and any other individual in order to gather input and information, before bringing this subject back up for discussion at a future meeting. Board members agree and the discussion is tabled for a future meeting.

Ms. LaBelle advises that she has a list of 23 plans, dated November 23rd to be approved. Ms. LaBelle further advises that all of the plans have been approved by Scott Kryznik and have also been paid in full. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve all 23 plans as presented by Ms. LaBelle, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion; motion passes unanimously.

Any other business to come before the board- Mr. Ronzio advises Board members of a house that is on the corner of Mystic Isle Way and Sherwood Drive. He advises that this house is collapsing and needs to be condemned. Mr. Ronzio goes on to explain what a serious situation this is and that it needs to be taken care of in a timely fashion, stating that the Board of Health needs to protect the Public Health.

Budget- Read and reviewed.

Correspondence- Read and reviewed.

11:55 am- Mr. Lerner makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion. Meeting is adjourned at 11:55 am.

Schedule next meeting for December 3rd , 2014 at 10:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Hunt

Gale LaBelle

Date

Howard Lerner

Date