

Town of Becket
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
December 3rd, 2014

Board of Health members present: Gale LaBelle, Laurel Burgwardt, Howard Lerner.

Board of Health members absent: None

Public Present: Colleen O'Conner

Meeting called to order at 10:15 am.

Ms. LaBelle opens the meeting at 10:15, stating the date and the time. Ms. LaBelle advises that there are agendas on the table for anyone who wants one. Ms. LaBelle also states 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 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 received. In unusual 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 the meeting; the secretary states that she 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 would like one. Ms. LaBelle states that everyone has the right to attend this meeting and observe the Board as it deliberates, however the public does not have the right to speak out or participate as they see fit.

Approval of Minutes from previous meetings: Board members briefly discuss, acknowledging that they have quite a few sets of minutes that they need to read, review and approve. Ms. LaBelle suggests that the Board should consider scheduling an additional working meeting in order to catch up on the minute approval process. Ms. LaBelle suggests scheduling in an additional meeting for the

purpose of catching up the meeting minutes to be held on December 10th at 6:15 pm, Ms. Burgwardt and Mr. Lerner both agree that is a good day for a meeting; Ms. LaBelle asks the secretary to please post an agenda for a working meeting on December 10th at 6:15 pm.

Old Business:

Updates of on-premise visits /Inspections: Ms. LaBelle reports that she is currently working with two residents, both that are making good progress and being helped by services that Ms. LaBelle has acquired for them.

Ms. LaBelle also advises of a request, regarding CSX Railroads. She explains that she needed to send them a report, listing and showing all the private wells and septic systems that are within 200 ft. of the railroad. Ms. LaBelle advises that this has been done and that a report to CSX has been sent.

Ms. LaBelle also advises that WMECO has requested that they will need to review the vegetation maps in the Town.

At this time, Ms. Laurel Burgwardt reviews a report that she has prepared for the Board. Ms. Burgwardt reviews all inspections, percs and Title V's that she has been present for in the months of August, September, October and November, reviewing the details of each with Board members present.

Member of the public, Ms. Colleen O' Conner asks the Board members what happens when one of the stores in Becket has a well that fails. Ms. LaBelle advises that any failures at all must be legally posted. Ms. Burgwardt advises that she will try to have the report with her at the next Board of Health meeting.

Updates: Workshops and Training- Ms. Burgwardt explains that she has attended the Totally Title V training workshop in North Hampton, as well as a meeting in Great Barrington where Board of Health Rules and Regulations were discussed as well as Ebola.

Updates: Decommissioning of Wells- Ms. LaBelle advises that she has called Myer Well Drilling to inquire about this, however is still waiting for someone to get back to her.

Beaches 2014-2015- Ms. LaBelle advises that she has completed the 2014-2015 Beach Report. Ms. LaBelle further states that it has been submitted and is all set.

Public Input- Ms. O’Conner advises that the grease trap at the school was flooded. Ms. O’Conner explains that the next day she witnessed White Wolf come and pump 1000 gallons. The next morning she witnessed them back again as they pumped another 1000 gallons, and once again they came the following day to pump 1000 more. Ms. O’Conner asks the Board of Health if they have received any documentation for this specific incident as of yet; Ms. LaBelle informs Ms. O’Conner that she was unaware of the situation and that the Board of Health has not yet received any documentation. Ms. O’Conner states that she was very concerned as to the way the problem was taken care of.

Board members present discuss the office hours that should be held during the winter months, each member agreeing to have office hours as follows; Ms. LaBelle on Tuesday, Ms. Burgwardt on Friday and Mr. Lerner on Wednesday.

Budget- Read and reviewed

Correspondence- Read and reviewed

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

Schedule next meeting for January 21st, 2014 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Hunt

Gale LaBelle Date

Laurel Burgwardt Date

Howard Lerner Date