

Becket Board of Health Meeting  
Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am  
557 Main Street, Becket Ma 01223

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

Board of Health Members absent: None.

Public present: Colleen O'Conner, Robert Ronzio, Mike and Bonney Falk, Dan Lovett.

Meeting called to order at 10:04 am.

Ms. LaBelle opens the meeting stating the date and time. Ms. LaBelle advises that there are agendas on the table for anyone who wants them.

Ms. LaBelle reads from the Board of Health's opening remarks, 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 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 time as a majority can be achieved. 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 anyone in the audience if they are going to make a video or audio recording of this meeting; Mr. Robert Ronzio advises that he will be making an audio recording.

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 them.

Ms. LaBelle advises that everyone in attendance should understand that the public 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 Meeting Minutes from May 21st, 2014- Board members read and review minutes as presented. Mr. Lerner makes some minor changes. Mr. Lerner

makes a motion to approve minutes as amended, Laurie seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Public Input- Mr. Mike Falk introduces himself to the Board and explains that the reason he is in attendance is because he recently failed Title V and that he has since hired Peter Franz to come in and prepare a plan, he further states that he will need a permit from the Board. Board members review plans as presented; Ms. Burgwardt states that this is a new system that will be going into the existing reserve area. Ms. LaBelle reads aloud a letter received from Mr. Franz, explaining the proposed project. Mr. Lerner ask Mr. Falk if it is a whole new system, Mr. Falk advises that the tank will remain, however all else is new. Ms. Colleen O'Conner asks Mr. Falk what his acreage is; Mike advises that he has two lots that combines are 4.8 acres.

Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve the Falk's request, pending Mr. Scott Kryznik's approval of the plans submitted, Ms. LaBelle seconds motion; Unanimous Approval. Ms. LaBelle explains to the Falks that she will be in touch as soon as she speaks with Mr. Kryznik.

Mr. Robert Ronzio states his name for the Board and reads from 105CMR44. Mr. Ronzio advises that the Board of Health is responsible for posting signs, not t he individual. Mr. Lerner passes around an example sign as drawn up and he states that he will go ahead and contact all beach owners and make sure that they have all the information that they need. Additionally, Board members discuss what information is mandatory and must be displayed on the sign.

Mr. Dan Lovett from Hill Engineering is present to represent Camp Watitoh and advises that he has an update. Mr. Lovett goes on to explain that Mr. Scott Kryznik has reviewed the plans and has found two things that need to be changed. Mr. Lovett explains that Scott would like to see the grease-trap updated as well as he brought up the issue that this is in a nitrogen-sensitive area. Mr. Lovett advises that historically, Mr. Paul Netupski will ask for relief from this, thus needing a variance. Mr. Lovett states that they will need a Title V variance as well. Lastly, Mr. Lovett explains that the new plan has been updated to reflect such. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to grant (2) variances pending written confirmation from Scott K. for the approval, Ms. Burgwardt seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Mr. Lerner advises that Scott will need to be specific in his written confirmation. Ms. O'Conner asks why the existing well has to be there, Mr. Lovett explains that eventually they do want to put in another well but for now, it's just not affordable.

At this time, Mr. Ronzio explains that he would like discuss four properties that are located in Sherwood Forest that are in dire need of attention from the Board of Health. Properties are as follows: (1) Sir Galahad Drive; the Tomm property, (2) Arrow Lane; this property is located on the cul-de-sac and the Town may have already scheduled a demolition, (3) Mystic Isle Way / Sherwood Drive; roof on house has caved in, (4) 305 Sherwood Drive; Mr. Ronzio advises that this is a foundation that has now been inhabited.

Mr. Lerner states that these properties are “attractive nuisances” and that the Board really needs to begin moving on this so that these dangerous properties can be condemned. Mr. Lerner reports that the Building Inspector is already making progress, and has given each of these four owners a 30-day notice. Mr. Lerner asks Chairperson, Gale LaBelle to please speak with legal counsel on this very important matter; Ms. Labelle agree to do so. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to table this discussion until Ms. LaBelle is able to seek a legal opinion and at that time further discussion may be held; Ms. Burgwardt seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Mr. Tom Austin from Camp Greylock, 1516 Main Street, explains that he is present because Camp Greylock needs to have a beach permit as well as have their inspection before the campers begin to arrive on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Ms. LaBelle writes out a beach permit and advises that Ms. Burgwardt will schedule his inspection for this week.

Ms. Colleen O’Conner explains to Ms. LaBelle the Zone 1 Requirement. She further states that giving someone a water variance is not helping anyone or doing anyone a favor. Colleen also reminds members of the board of the clump of four houses that exist on Main Street, detailing some of the water problems that they are having. Colleen asks the Board to please take a stand on this and not allow any more water variances in the Town. Board members discuss different options to include developing a water commission.

Mr. Ronzio again brings up the issues ongoing with 9 Needle Lane, requesting that Ms. Burgwardt research the documents as previously requested. Mr. Ronzio reminds Board members that he wants to know if there are any other wells within 100 feet of the septic system, and if so he would like to see a document stating such.

Laurel’s Report- Ms. Burgwardt briefs everyone present on her last two weeks of activity:

May 20<sup>th</sup>- 74 Lyman Street; witnessed perc test.  
43 Dawn Drive; checked a septic system

May 22<sup>nd</sup>- 48 Osceola Drive; checked on a septic.

May 26<sup>th</sup>- 81 Peterson Road; witnessed a Title V.

May 28<sup>th</sup>- 62 Highland Ave; witnessed a perc test.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>- 384 Alan-A-Dale Drive; witnessed a Title V.  
21 Lady Lucille Drive; witnessed a Title V.

Old Business-

Review and informal discussion-Public Health Services offered and as presented by Laura Kitross- Ms LaBelle advises that she has talked with a representative from PorchLight Services and expects that they will be sending her a proposal in the near future.

Mr. Lerner makes a motion stating that if the Board of Health does not hear from Porch Light by June 18<sup>th</sup> , then the Board of Health will enter into contract with the Berkshire Health Alliance, Ms. Burgwardt seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Mr. Ronzio updates the Board of Health on a situation on the corner of Kyle Lane and King Richard Drive, stating that this is yet another residence that desperately needs to be looked at by Board of Health members. Mr. Ronzio explains that he was made aware of this residence when Ms. Fitzsimmons had called him on the phone and asked him to please come and look at the house, stating that the door was left open and they weren't sure if there were any children inside. Mr. Ronzio further advises that he went ahead and called the Becket Police Department on his arrival and they came and looked around. Mr. Ronzio further explains that they will continue to investigate.

Lastly, Mr. Ronzio informs Board members that they had much success from the 10-day Emergency permit they had acquired, reporting that they had caught three beaver.

Any other business to come before the Board- Ms. LaBelle and Ms. Burgwardt briefly discuss upcoming inspections and the scheduling of Camp Inspections.

Correspondence- Read and reviewed

Budget- Board members briefly discuss

Adjournment- Mr. Lerner makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion; Meeting is adjourned at 11:52 pm.

Schedule next meeting for June 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Heather Hunt

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