

Becket Board of Health Meeting
Wednesday, March 4th, 2015
Town Hall, 557 Main Street, Becket Ma.01223

Board Members present: Gale LaBelle, Laurel Burgwardt.

Board Members absent: Howard Lerner

Public Present: Colleen O'Conner, David Bonney.

Meeting is opened at 10:18 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, hearing none, she moves the meeting ahead.

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 January 21st Meeting Minutes- Tabled until next meeting

Approval of February 18th Meeting Minutes- Ms. Burgwardt makes a motion to approve meeting minutes as presented, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion; Minutes are passed unanimously.

New Business-

Ms. LaBelle advises that on March 17th from 9:00 AM-12:00PM Mass DPH will be holding a Communication Drill. She further advises that we will need volunteers for training purposes.

250 East Shore Road- Board members briefly discuss an application received by the ZBA and passed along to the Board of Health for their review. Board members present read and review plans and discuss the current septic system in place. Ms. Burgwardt makes a motion to require the owners of 250 East Shore Road to have a new Title V Inspection done at the premises as well as have their water tested, with all results to go back to the Board of Health, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion; Motion is passed unanimously.

211 Maid Marion Lane- Ms. Burgwardt updates Board members, advising that the Title V Inspection is not yet complete.

76 Kyle Lane- Ms. LaBelle advises that bid packages for all future demolitions have been sent out. She explains that when the building Inspector receives them back, he will update her.

Public Input- Ms. O'Conner advises that the Brownfields issue at The Becket General Store is not a private issue and the Town needs to try and rectify the situation. Ms. LaBelle updates all present on the water testing that is taking place on Washington Street.

Ms. O'Conner reminds Board of Health members of the water issues that are present in North Becket. She explains that she has talked to a Mr. Jim Baumgartner and that he has advised her that the decision to allow her to tap into the PWS at the Becket Washington School would be up to the local Board of Health. Board members briefly discuss.

Budget- Read and reviewed.

Correspondence- Read and reviewed. Ms. Burgwardt advises the Board of a three day training class that deals with housing court. Board members briefly discuss.

Any other Business to come before the Board- Ms. LaBelle advises that Porchlight is going to be having some educational presentations coming up that may be of interest to the Board of Health.

Board members discuss the possibility of having a 5 member Board of Health as opposed to the current 3 member Board of Health. Board members discuss that it is something that would have to go before Town Meeting and could prove to be very costly. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to inquire and request an alternate Board member, Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion; the request to request an alternate member passes unanimously.

Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion. Meeting is adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Schedule next meeting for April 1st, 2015 at 10:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Hunt

Gale LaBelle

Date

Howard Lerner

Date