

Becket Board of Health Meeting  
Wednesday, April 1st, 2015  
Town Hall, 557 Main Street, Becket Ma.01223

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

Board Members absent: None

Public Present: Colleen O'Conner, Robert Ronzio, Beth VanNess, Mary Canty, Bob Linden, Tim McGinnis.

Meeting is opened at 10:05 am.

Ms. LaBelle opens the meeting at 10:05 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 March 4th Meeting Minutes- Mr. Lerner makes a motion to table the approval of the meeting minutes until the next meeting, Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion; Unanimous Approval. Meeting minutes are tabled until next meeting.

209-211 East Shore Drive, property owned by Mary Canty and Robert Linden: Mr. Tim McGinnis introduces himself to the Board of Health members, stating that he has been working with the property owners at 209 and 211 East Shore Road. Mr. McGinnis presents the Board with plans for their review. He advises that Mary and Bob own two lots, each with a small cottage and that the combined lot size is approximately 1500 square feet. He further states that if the Board of Health gives their approval, that would allow the owners to put in a state of the art system. He further explains that they will also need a variance, as they will only have a 3 ft. separation as opposed to the required 4 ft. separation. Mr. McGinnis states that currently both of the existing cottages are sharing a septic system and that neither one has a well. Mr. McGinnis advises that the proposed house is now smaller and further away from the water as well. Mr. Ronzio asks what the road frontage is; Mr. McGinnis states that there is 65 feet road frontage. Ms. O'Conner states that she is concerned that if this proposal is approved, it may not allow the neighbors of the abutting property to ever be able to put in a well. Ms. Canty states that they are truly trying to be as considerate as possible of all the neighbors, further advising that she has had conversation with each of them.

Mr. Lerner makes a motion to schedule a public hearing for 209 and 211 East Shore Drive on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at noon. Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion, Unanimous Approval. The secretary agrees to schedule and post the hearing notice as well as sending certified letters to each of the direct abutters and the applicant.

261 Old Pond Road- Mr. Jim Lahey advises that he is doing work at the property and has submitted plans for the installation of a tank and pump, he explains that it is considered a repair. Mr. Lahey further advises that the existing line was going through the neighbor's property, however he was able to fix the problem during the demolition process. Ms. LaBelle advises that she will submit the plans to Mr. Scott Krzanik for his review. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve the plan submitted, contingent on Scott's approval and Foresight Land Service's completion of the work, Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion, Unanimous Approval.

Board members to approve plans submitted: 266 Tyne Road, 74 Bow South Road, 732 Main Street, 414-416 Hamilton Road (new construction). Ms. LaBelle confirms that all fees have been paid for and that Health Agent has reviewed and approved all of the plans as submitted. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve the plans, Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion, plans are approved unanimously.

Educational Offerings- April 16<sup>th</sup> 2015- Dinner and a meeting to follow. Ms. Laurel Burgwardt states that she would like to attend this. Mr. Lerner makes a

motion to allow Ms. Burgwardt the dinner meeting at the cost of \$35, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion; Unanimous Approval.

Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>- Meeting and Dinner at the Blue Bonnet, from 8:00am-3:45 pm. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to allow Both Ms. LaBelle and Ms. Burgwardt to attend the dinner/meeting at a total cost of \$32, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion, Unanimous Approval.

Old Business- None

Public Input- Ms. Beth VanNess advises that she has a house under contract on Porcupine Court and that the buyers did some research, Ms. VanNess had to advise the new owners that a new septic system must be put in. Ms. VanNess explains that she has looked in the file for the certificate of compliance, however there does not seem to be one available.

Ms. O'Conner briefs the Board of Health of a possible bylaw that would allow the Board of Selectmen to issue fines to property owners that abandon their property, do not mow their lawns, pick up their garbage, etc. Ms. O'Conner asks the Board of Health not to support such a policy. Board of Health members briefly discuss.

Budget- Read and Reviewed

Correspondence- Read and Reviewed

Mr. Lerner makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion. Meeting is adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Schedule next meeting for April 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon .

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Hunt

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Gale LaBelle

Date

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Laurel Burgwardt

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Howard Lerner

Date