

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Becket Board of Health  
Date: Wednesday September 9th, 2015  
Time: 10:00 AM  
Location: Becket Town Hall

**Board Members present-** Gale LaBelle, Laurel Burgwardt, Howard Lerner.

**Board members absent-** None

**Public present-** Bob Ronzio, Colleen O'Conner, George Roberts, Craig Tighe.

**Meeting is opened at:** 10:10 am.

Ms. LaBelle opens the meeting, welcoming all present. Ms. LaBelle reads aloud a document that she has prepared, stating future goals for the Board of Health. She further states the rules of conduct and how the Board conducts their meeting.

**Approval of previous meeting minutes-** Tabled until the next meeting.

**Old Business- Continued Review: Title V Inspector/ Board of Health member to be present-** Mr. Lerner states that there is not currently a rule or regulation stating that a BOH member must be present to witness a Title V and in fact all the BOH member is actually doing is making sure that the Title V Inspector is present. Ms. Burgwardt states the importance of a BOH member's presence, stating different situations that have occurred to back her statement. Ms. O'Conner states that there definitely is some benefit to being so cautious, explaining that there have been way too many issues in the past. Mr. Lerner advises that problems will exist whether or not a BOH member is present. Ms. O'Conner suggests that the Board should seek a professional's opinion, such as Charlie Kinecki. Mr. Ronzio adds that the taxpayers do not feel that it is fair that they have to pay a \$150 witness fee, further advising the Board should seek Town Counsel's opinion. Mr. Lerner advises that this topic be tabled until a time when a public hearing on fee schedules can be held, Ms. Burgwardt and Ms. LaBelle agree.

**Contract with the Berkshire Health Alliance-** Ms. LaBelle advises that the contract that she sent out to the Alliance has been mailed back to her in error. She further explains that she will hand deliver it herself to the Alliance at the beginning of next week. BOH members discuss having a representative from the Alliance attend the next Board meeting and at that time present an amended contract.

**New Business- Beaver Permit-** Ms. LaBelle advises that an emergency beaver permit that was approved by the Conservation Commission and mailed out to a home owner in Becket Estates has been mailed back to her in error. Ms. LaBelle states that the permit expired on September

8th.

Ms. LaBelle advises of a recent incident where a town resident had a disease in their bowel. Ms. LaBelle explains that Campobacteriosis can be caused by either bad water or by bad food. She further explains that Ms. Burgwardt had gone to the property and taken a water sample to bring down to Premier Water Testing. Ms. LaBelle advises that the water test came back clean, however Ms. Burgwardt had to pay the cost of the test out of pocket. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to fully reimburse Ms. Burgwardt for the water test and further to pass the costs along to the tenant that occupies the property, Mr. Lerner seconds the motion, Ms. Burgwardt abstains from voting, Ms. LaBelle and Mr. Lerner vote to approve; motion passes.

**Plans to be reviewed and approved by the BOH:**

707 Benton Hill Road, Sir Walter Road (Map 219 Lot 13), 33 Lady Lucille and 25 Will Scarlet Drive. Ms. LaBelle explains to all present that Mr. Scott Krzanik has reviewed and recommends approval all plans as submitted. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve all plans previously approved by Scott and confirmed by Ms. LaBelle, Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion; Discussion: Mr. Ronzio informs the BOH members that at 33 Lady Lucille, the work has to go underneath the road. Mr. Ronzio further reads aloud the MGL that states what the regulations and restrictions are. Mr. Lerner withdraws his former motion. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve 707 Benton Hill Road, Sir Walter Road and 25 Will Scarlet Drive, Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion, Ms. LaBelle calls for a vote: Mr. Lerner abstains from voting, Ms. LaBelle and Ms. Burgwardt vote to approve; motion passes.

BOH members discuss 33 Lady Lucille Drive. A conditional order of Approval is discussed. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve 33 Lady Lucille Drive with the condition that the home owner knows that they are responsible for the pipe, any maintenance of the pipe, also the owner must notify the SFLD and the SFRD as to the location of the pipe in the case that any damage is caused to the pipe during road maintenance of any kind, the pipe need be clearly marked with pin markers. Laurel seconds the motion, Ms, Labelle calls for a vote: Mr. Lerner abstains, Ms. Burgwardt and Ms. LaBelle vote to approve. The motion passes.

BOH members to Review:

63 Moberg- Ms. LaBelle advises that this needs to be reviewed by Scott.

53 Fox Hollow- Ms. LaBelle advises that this has been reviewed and recommends approval by Scott. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve the plans as submitted, Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion, Unanimous Approval.

593 Woodmere Road- Ms. LaBelle advises this has passed Title V.

224 Friar Tuck Drive- Ms. Burgwardt advises that this has passed Title V.

590 Yokum Pond Road- Ms. Burgwardt advises that this has passed Title V.

102 Long Bow Lane East- Ms. Burgwardt advises that this has passed Title V.

325 Friar Tuck- Ms. Burgwardt advises that this has passed Title V.

151 Black Arrow Way- Ms. Burgwardt explains that this property has not passed a percolation test and that the owner wishes to sell the property to an abutter.

132 Mystic Isle Way- Ms. Burgwardt advises that this property has failed Title V, due to a cracked tank and a D box that could not be located. Mr. Lerner advises that people have been there as recent as this weekend. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion that a letter be sent to the owners of the property, stating that they cannot stay at their property until the system is brought up to compliance. Laurel seconds the motion, Ms. LaBelle calls for a vote; Mr. Lerner abstains, Ms. Burgwardt and Ms. LaBelle vote to approve, motion is passes.

Mr. George Roberts states that he has a question regarding 189 Prince John Drive. He explains that the property owner is currently a ZBA applicant, looking to add a large 2 bedroom addition to the existing home. Mr. Roberts advises that currently there has not been a Title V report located. Ms. Burgwardt makes a motion stating a Title V is required for the Board of Health for the property located at 189 Prince John Drive and that the BOH will notify the ZBA when the Title V is filed with the Town of Becket, Mr. Lerner seconds the motion; Unanimous Approval. Board to send certified letter to property owner with a copy to the ZBA as well.

450 Mc Nerney Road- Ms. LaBelle advises that this property is owned by Ms. Burgwardt and that Ms. Burgwardt voluntarily wants to make sure that the system is compliant and up to date. Ms. LaBelle presents the perc test as well as the plans designed by Mr. Peter Franz. Ms. LaBelle advises that she is sending it off for Scott to review.

62 Algeria Road- Ms. LaBelle advises that this property recently had a failed Title V and that the owners are in a hurry to have Scott review their new plans as submitted.

Map 216 Lot 410-Cortez-Greig residence- Ms. Burgwardt makes a motion that a letter be sent to the owners of the property, stating that they may not occupy their property until the system is in compliance, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion, Mr. Lerner abstains. Motion passes.

Map 216 Lot 731- BOH members discuss the Sayward property and the fact that it is not in compliance. BOH memebtrs agree to send a certified letter to owners. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to send the owners a certified letter stating that the property is not in compliance and that it needs to have a passing Title V before it is occupied, Laurels seconds the motion. Ms. LaBelle calls for a vote, Mr. Lerner abstains, Ms. Burgwardt and Ms. LaBelle vote to approve, motion is passed.

**Budget-** Read and Reviewed.

**Training and classes-** Ms. Burgwardt advises that the upcoming training class to be held on the Cape is coming up and that she would like to attend. She advises that the cost for this training is \$475. BOH members discuss the conference and what it has to offer. Mr. Lerner advises that he would like to see the itinerary. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion allowing Ms. Burgwardt to attend the training at the Cape, at the Town's expense, however Ms. Burgwardt is not to put in for any

mileage reimbursement as that she will have to pay for on her own, Mr. Lerner seconds the motion, Ms. Burgwardt abstains, motion is passed.

Mr. Lerner makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion; meeting is adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Hunt, Administrative Assistant

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Gale LaBelle

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Laurel Burgwardt

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Howard Lerner