

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Becket Board of Health  
Date: Wednesday September 16, 2015  
Time: 10:00 AM  
Location: Becket Town Hall

**Board Members present-** Gale LaBelle, Laurel Burgwardt (Arrives at 10:45 am), Howard Lerner.

**Board members absent-** None

**Public present-** Bob Ronzio, Fred Patenaude, Martin Schlanger.

**Meeting is opened at:** 10:11 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. Ms. LaBelle asks if anyone is making a recording of the meeting; Mr. Bob Ronzio states that he is recording the meeting.

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

**Public Input-** Member of the public, Mr. Fred Patenaude introduces himself to the Board members present, stating that he resides at 53 Brook Lane and that he is in attendance to request a septic upgrade at such property, further explaining that 10 people share a common well at this property located behind the Shaw Pond Club. Ms. LaBelle apologizes to Mr. Patenaude explaining that she was unaware of any such public hearing and that Mr. Peter Franz did not notify her. She advises Mr. Patenaude that she would speak with Mr. Franz and then get back to him, advising him of a scheduled hearing date.

**Old Business- Continued discussion; Should a BOH member be required to witness all Title V inspections.** Ms. LaBelle reads aloud a document (BOH 1998) stating that the BOH witness fee is \$25, thus confirming the fact that a BOH witness should be present. Mr. Ronzio states that she is reading from an old rules and regs book and that much of that has now been superseded by State Law.

**Continued discussion- properties not in Compliance:**

**208 Sherwood Drive-** Mr. Lerner advises that a few months ago, he spoke to the owner of this property, advising him that two years plus have gone by and that he needs to bring the septic system up to compliance immediately. Mr. Ronzio further advises that the lake is being polluted and this system needs to be brought up to compliance. Mr. Lerner advises the Chairman Ms.

LaBelle that she needs to sign the letter as he cannot due to a conflict of interest.

**132 Mystic Isle Way-** letter of violation again discussed.

**61 Porcupine Court-**letter of violation again discussed.

**422 Bonney Rigg Hill Road-** BOH members discuss the fact that there is still not a letter of compliance for this new system and that the owner is waiting for it. Ms. Burgwardt advises that she will go to Craig Willis and get his signature as required on the Certificate.

**New Business- Becket General Store-**Ms. LaBelle advises that Becket General Store showed traces of ecoli in their last water test. She further explains that they have been put under a boil water mandate and that the bathrooms have been closed. Ms. Burgwardt states that they really should not be serving food at all until this situation has been rectified. BOH members agree that it is fine for the store to stay open for business, however food shall not be prepared. Ms. Burgwardt makes a motion to stop all food from being prepared, effective immediately , under their current boil water mandate, until documentation can be provided to the BOH stating that the problem has been taken care of, Mr. Lerner seconds the motion; Unanimous Approval.

**Health Alliance Contract-** Ms. LaBelle advises that the BRPC meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled, subsequently she will have to wait for the next meeting for the Board to review the amended contract.

**Public Input-** Mr. Ronzio advises the BOH to think about adopting new restrictions on tobacco, further explaining that new tobacco policies are being enforced in many towns and that Becket really needs to get on board with this.

At this time, Mr. Ronzio also presents BOH members with Abandonment of Septic Systems- 310 CMR: Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Ronzio advises that he has brought this up to the board previously and that so far to date, nothing has been done. He advises that the three properties that have been recently demolished; Kyle Lane, Arrow Lane and Mystic Isle Way all have septic systems that need to be pumped and crushed.

**334 Winter Drive-** Mr. Ronzio states that there is a tight tank located at this property and that there is no documentation of a Title V or a perc test for this location. Mr. Ronzio states that this tight tank has been put in illegally and that something needs to be done. Ms. Burgwardt informs Mr. Ronzio that the Health agent has already been involved with this issue and has had communication with the sellers of such property.

**PWS discussion- BOH** members briefly discuss PWS's in Town. Mr. Lerner makes a motion that any testing agency for any PWS needs to notify the Becket Board of Health, speaking with an individual (not just leaving a message) as well as all such water supply owners who will also be responsible immediately. Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion and adds to the motion, stating all PWS locations that serve food cannot serve any food at all or prepared drinks until further testing shows clean results. Mr. Lerner seconds the addition of the amendment, Ms. LaBelle calls for a vote; Unanimous Approval.

**BOH members receive In-Town-Notification for upcoming Planning Board Permit-** BOH members review a sign application submitted to the Planning Board on behalf of the YMCA. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion that going forward, the BOH will provide a timely response for any upcoming projects that the BOH is being notified of, Mr. Lerner seconds the motion; Unanimous Approval.

**Budget-**Read and Reviewed

**Correspondence-** Read and Reviewed

**Any other Business to come before the Board-** Mr. Ronzio informs BOH members that at 201 Lancelot Lane there is a pipe that needs to be checked out by the BOH, further stating that there is a foundation drain pipe that needs to be looked at for contamination. Ms. Burgwardt advises she will be speaking to Mr. Bill Allen on this topic and will report back to the Board.

Mr. Lerner then makes a motion to hold an additional meeting on September 21st at 8:30 am for the sole purpose of approving plans approved by Scott and submitted to Ms. LaBelle on September 17th, Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion; Unanimous Approval.

**Budget-** Read and Reviewed.

Mr. Lerner makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion; meeting is adjourned at 1:00 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