

Becket Board of Health Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES
Wednesday, November 18th, 2015
Town Hall, 557 Main Street, Becket Ma.01223

Board Members present: Gale LaBelle, Howard Lerner.

Board Members absent: Laurel Burgwardt

Public Present: Herbert Dickson, Jacqueline Noss, Colleen O'Connor, Ed Gibson, Justin Davis.

Meeting is opened at 10:01 am.

Ms. LaBelle opens the meeting at 10:01 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, Ms. Heather Hunt states she is recording the meeting.

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 Previous Meeting Minutes- Ms. LaBelle advises that this will be tabled until December 2nd when a full Board can be present.

Public Hearing- Charles and Elizabeth Riiska, 43 Brook Lane. Map 205 Lot 26.

Ms. LaBelle advises that a site visit to the property must be done. Mr. Lerner agrees and states that he will let Ms. LaBelle know when a good time to meet will be.

189 Prince John Drive- Ms. LaBelle advises that this property received a conditional pass on their most recent Title V. She advises a site visit may be necessary here as well.

Old Business- 334 Winter Drive-Ms. Jacqueline Noss provides Ms. LaBelle with a document stating that the tank at 334 Winter Drive has been pumped. Ms. LaBelle thanks Ms. Noss for the documents and briefly goes over the history, creating a timeline for 334 Winter Drive for those present. Ms. LaBelle advises that there is a tight tank restriction that only allows for a 6 month residence. Ms. Noss disagrees, stating that her Attorney has advised her that no such restriction exists and that she is able to stay at the property whenever she wants to. Mr. Lerner states that the Town's Attorney has been consulted and that the BOH is awaiting a response. Mr. Lerner further states that State Law must be followed. Ms. LaBelle that pending letters have been sent to the Town Attorney as well as the Health Agent. Mr. Lerner states that this matter needs to be taken very **seriously** and a time line needs to be put in place.

Public Input- Mr. Justin Davis enters the meeting, presenting Ms. LaBelle with an application for an Installer's permit for 250 East Shore Drive. Ms. LaBelle advises that there is a check, which pays in full and that she will mail the permit out to the Installer later today.

Ms. O'Connor states that she had an unusual situation on Friday October 23rd. She explains that while she was washing dishes, she noticed that the water was getting warmer and warmer. She spoke with Mr. Jim Baumgartner that advised her that this is boiler-run off water. She spoke with him, as he advised that the old well at the Becket School needs to be capped. Ms. O'Connor asks the Board of Health members to please address the issues at the school that were never addressed. Board members briefly discuss.

Mr. Lerner makes a motion to adjourn, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Schedule next meeting for November 25th 2015 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Hunt

Gale LaBelle

Date

Howard Lerner

Date