

**DRAFT**  
Becket Board of Health Meeting  
Wednesday, November 25th, 2016  
Town Hall, 557 Main Street, Becket Ma.01223

Board Members present: Gale LaBelle, Howard Lerner.

Board Members absent: Laurel Burgwardt

Public Present: Colleen O'Connor, Ed Gibson, Steve LaBelle

Meeting is opened at 10:48 am.

Ms. LaBelle opens the meeting at 10:48 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 2<sup>nd</sup> when a full Board can be present.

**Public Hearing- Charles and Elizabeth Riiska, 43 Brook Lane. Map 205 Lot 26.** Ms. LaBelle advises that the Board of Health had a site visit at this location at 10:00 AM. Ms. LaBelle advises that the property owners need a variance, as they are 93 feet from the well and 4 feet from the road. Ms. LaBelle explains that there are ten people that share the well. Mr. Lerner advises that the abutters should be contacted and that all ten of the individuals should have to sign off on the variance. Ms. O'Connor states that it is considered a public-private water supply. Ms. LaBelle also adds that she would like to see a water test done before the BOH signs off on anything. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to grant the requested approval for 43 Brook Lane, as long as initial water testing is done now and monthly testing to follow, also for all ten users to sign-off (in writing) as well as the owners of the Road (Road District) also sign-off on it, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion; Unanimous Approval. Mr. Lerner amends the motion to include also the contingency that the Health Agent must sign off as well, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion; Amended motion is unanimously approved.

**Plans to be reviewed by the Board:**

**189 Prince John Drive:** Ms. LaBelle reads aloud comments that the Health agent had made for everyone to hear. She makes a motion that the BOH approves the Title V, etc. however they want to make sure that a passing water test is submitted, Mr. Lerner seconds the motion; Unanimous Approval.

**308 Old Pond Road:** Ms. LaBelle reads aloud comments that the Health Agent had made regarding 308 Old Pond Drive. Ms. LaBelle advises that the pump needs to be replaced, as it is tilted. Mr. Lerner asks if it has been 2 years since anyone at all has been there, how then it could be properly evaluated. Ms. LaBelle advises that she will look into it and ask the Title V Inspector and they will revisit this property at the next meeting.

**34 Western Ave:** Ms. LaBelle advises that this is a new septic system, she further advises there is a 1 foot ground water variance. Ms. LaBelle states that she will contact the Engineer and speak with the Health Agent as well. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to continue until the next Board of Health meeting, Mr. Lerner seconds the motion; Unanimous Approval.

**1838 Main Street:** Ms. LaBelle presents plans created by White Engineering. She advises that the installer is looking for a 25% reduction. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to continue until next month, Mr. Lerner seconds the motion; Unanimous Approval.

**337 Prince John Drive-** Ms. LaBelle advises that this property is also requesting a 25% reduction as well as a 65 foot separation to the well. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to discuss this property at a future meeting, Mr. Lerner seconds the motion, and the property will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Sir Walter Road- Map 219 Lot 13-** Ms. LaBelle advises that this property has already been approved (by Scott K), however it needs a deed restriction. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve pending the filing of the deed restriction, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion; Unanimous approval.

**44 Maid Marion-** Ms. LaBelle advises that the Title V passes.

**381 Leonhardt Road-** Ms. LaBelle advises that the Title V passes.

**22 Robin Hood Lane-** Continued until next meeting.

**2232 Jacob's Ladder Road-** Continued until the next meeting.

**Budget-** Read and Reviewed

**Public Input-** None

**Old Business-** Mr. Lerner asks what the current situation is with the Health Agent. Ms. LaBelle explains that Scott is no longer performing Health Agent duties. She further states that Mr. Jeff Kennedy will be assisting the Board by looking at plans when needed. Mr. Lerner expresses concern, stating that he feels that the Board needs a soil evaluator. Board members discuss the hiring of a Health Agent in the future. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion that Ms. Burgwardt can only witness Title V's and that a soil evaluator is required to conduct perc tests and that this individual must represent the Town of Becket Board of Health, Mr. Lerner does not second the motion. Ms. LaBelle agrees to research further and bring more information to the table before any decisions are made.

Mr. Lerner makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion; Meeting is adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Schedule next meeting for December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Heather Hunt

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Gale LaBelle

Date

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Howard Lerner

Date