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Becket Board of Health Meeting
Wednesday, January 6, 2016
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'Connor, Herbert Dickson, Ed Gibson, Robert Ronzio.

Meeting is opened at 10:00 am.

Ms. LaBelle opens the meeting at 10:00 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 makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented, Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion; Mr. Lerner abstains. The minutes are approved as presented.

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

Ms. LaBelle brings everyone present up to date, explaining that there is a new septic system scheduled to go in and it is only 93 feet away from the existing well. Ms. LaBelle advises that she has tried to get in touch with the Mt. Grove Association and has been unsuccessful thus far. Board members discuss sending a certified letter with a sign-off to the Association. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to continue the public hearing, Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion, the public hearing will be continued.

Plans to be reviewed by the Board- Board of Health members briefly review plans they have received since the last meeting, to include: 26 Paw Lane (passed), 73 Green Brook Lane (passed), 121 Fireside Lane (passed), 381 Leonhardt Road (passed), 44 Maid Marion (passed), 31 Bow North (passed), 340 Pill Drive (passed), 116 Otis Road (passed), 22 Robin Hood Lane (fail), 54 Lancelot Lane (new plans submitted), Partridge Lane Map 413 Lot 130 (new plans submitted).

Ms. LaBelle presents a well permit application for 189 East Shore Drive. Ms. LaBelle advises BOH members that they will need to schedule a site visit to the property. Ms. O' Connor asks if a BOH member always goes to the property to site a well; Ms. LaBelle briefly explains the process to Ms. O'Connor.

Public Input- Mr. Dan Bruno from the Mt. Grove Association introduces himself to the Board members present. He briefly explains that he is in attendance on behalf of the Association. He further explains that the clubhouse that they have in their Community is used very infrequently and the water is primarily used for making ice and also used in the bathrooms. He explains that they are considered to be a PWS, however they usually have only 5 to 6 people per day and that the state mandates that you when you have 25 people a day is when you are considered a PWS. Mr. Bruno explains that the water testing has become quite expensive and that they are asking to cut down on the frequency of the tests. Ms. LaBelle gives Mr. Bruno a contact at the State Department as well as suggesting that they may want to consider getting a water cooler and buying ice.

Mr. Herb Dickson, asks the Board of Health what the status of 334 Winter Drive is; Ms. LaBelle advises that they have not yet heard back from the Attorney. Ms. Burgwardt states that the DEP has recommended that they make the property a year round home as opposed to having a 6 month only restriction.

Board of Health members discuss the change in the Tight Tank Rules and Regulations. Mr. Lerner suggests that the Board of Health should consider holding a public hearing to see how the public feels about this very important topic.

Old Business- Mr. Lerner asks if the Board has heard anything on the draft letters to be sent to those residents not in compliance. Ms. LaBelle advises that they have not yet heard anything from the attorneys.

New Business- Ms. LaBelle advises that the Becket Spring was tested and that coliform was detected. She advises that it was posted and taken care of. Mr. Ronzio states that bleaching the water is only a temporary fix and that they need to find the root of the problem so that it does not reoccur.

Correspondence- Read and Reviewed.

Any other Business to come before the Board- Ms. LaBelle advises that she is in the process of putting together a presentation called, "A matter of balance". She asks for input from the public and states that there will be no charge for the program.

Mr. Lerner makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion; Meeting is adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Budget- Read and Reviewed.

Schedule next meeting for February 3, 2016 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Hunt

Gale LaBelle

Date

Laurel Burgwardt

Date

Howard Lerner

Date