



**Town of Becket
Board of Health
557 Main Street
Becket, Massachusetts 01223
Phone (413) 623-8934 Ext. 22**

Board of Health/Selectman November 2nd, 2016 Minutes

Board of Health Members Present: Gale LaBelle, Laurel Burgwardt, David Krawet and Charlie Kaniecki

Board of Selectman Present: Bill Elovirta, Nicole LaDue and Jeanne Pryor

Public Present: Robert Ronzio, Coleen O'Conner

Ms. LaBelle opens the meeting at 10:00 AM in accordance with Massachusetts General Law regarding public health and explaining the rules of the meeting. The Selectman also read their opening statement explaining their rules of the meeting.

Joint Meeting: Abandoned Housing Initiative

Attorney General's Office:

1. Julie and Kerry Kuna
2. Julie advises no cost other than Agents time
3. Help towns with code enforcement and receivership if necessary
4. Deal with abandoned unoccupied properties
5. Law applies to vacant and unoccupied properties
6. Statutory Regs: court can appoint a receiver
7. Property where there are significant code violations can be rehabbed
8. Municipalities decide on properties to be recognized
9. Process: letters/petitions/photos/reports to be collected
10. Demand letter to be sent to all parties of interest
11. Towns can refer or recommend a list of contractors that may be interested in becoming a receiver
12. Receiver is paid when property sells- Town taxes and services come first
13. Free legal advice

Charlie advises when specific property is being discussed, an executive session should be considered. Each one will be case by case.



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Questions from the Boards:

Ms. Pryor asks if this only applies to the Sanitary Code or also the Building Code. It is stated both can be addressed. Ms. Pryor states the town is working on a vacant property By-law.

Robert Ronzio discussed that the Planning Board may have input of importance regarding nonconforming lots. Many of the properties don't have a bank involved at all- the owner can be the only one involved.

Colleen O'Conner asks the staff of attorneys if there are any options for homeowners. There was grant money years ago and they are not sure any money is left from the grant.

Mr. Krawet makes a motion for a court order be issued for 676 Main St- some repairs need to be done to bring it up to code. Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes. Mr. Krawet makes a motion to move forward with AG's program at 676 Main St. Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Selectman: Ms. Pryor makes a motion to move forward with the AG program with receivership to 676 Main St. Ms. LaDue seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

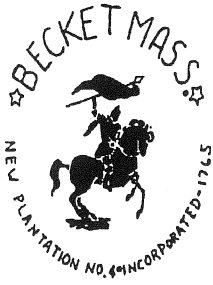
Ms. Burgwardt makes a motion that Mr. Kaniecki- Health Agent, work with the AG office on all future properties. Mr. Krawet seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Ms. Pryor makes a motion that Mr. Kaniecki work with the AG office on all future properties. Ms. LaDue seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Ms. Pryor makes a motion to adjourn their meeting. Ms. LaDue seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes. Selectman meeting is adjourned at 11:05 AM.

BOH: Reports from the Health Agent

1. 208 King Richard Drive: witnessed a Title V
2. 612 Main St: Witnessed a Title V
3. Letters sent- need witness.



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General Store update: Mr. Kaniecki spoke with Heather Annello about grease traps, perc tests that she needs a menu, floor plan, indoor grease trap and be up to date with required plumbing code.

Benton Hill: Mr. Kaniecki advises that cars need to be removed my December. Ms. Burgwardt makes a motion for Mr. Kaniecki to take action if no compliance is met at December's inspection. Mr. Krawet seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Budget read and reviewed.

Updates from the Health Agent:

1. Food Code Changing
2. Recreational Camp Code changing
3. DPH is losing more personnel.

Review of October Minutes tabled until next meeting.

Next meeting is set for December 7th, 2016

Ms. Burgwardt makes a motion to adjourn. Mr. Krawet seconds the motion. All in favor.
Meeting is adjourned at 12:02 PM.

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