

**Becket Planning Board
Approved Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 6th, 2013**

Planning Board Members Present: Robert Ronzio (Chairperson), Gale LaBelle, Howard Lerner (Alternate), Martin Schlanger (Clerk), Ann Krawet, Beth VanNess (Asst. Clerk).

Planning Board Members Absent: None.

Members of the public present: Patrick McClogan

Meeting opens at: 7: 05 pm

Chairperson , Robert Ronzio, opens the meeting and announces that agendas are on the table for anyone who wants them. He advises that the meeting is being held in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A and the By-laws of the Town of Becket. A decision to issue a special permit requires a minimum of four positive votes from a five member board. The board has 90 days to make a decision after the close of a public hearing and 14 days to file paperwork with the Town Clerk once a decision is made. Any Appeals of decisions can be made only to the court and must be made pursuant to Section 17, MGL 40A as amended, and must be filed within 20 days after the date of filing of the decision with the Town Clerk. Mr. Ronzio asks if there is anyone who is going to make a video or an audio recording of the meeting; no recordings are announced. Lastly Mr. Ronzio informs everyone present that no person shall address this meeting without the permission of the chair and that all people, at the request of the chair shall be silent. Mr. Ronzio advises all present that it is the intention of this board to proceed with the posted agenda in the order in which they are listed, and again reminds everyone that agendas are on the table for anyone who wants one.

Approval of April 10th , 2013 Meeting Minutes- Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented , Ms. VanNess seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Form A- Taconic Land Services, property owned by Mary Winn, 643 Quarry Road.

Mr. McClogan presents the plans that he has prepared to Planning Board members present. Board members briefly review plans, advising that each of the lots have plenty acreage and frontage. Mr. McClogan shows that the lot with the house located on it has 4.66 acres, the first additional lot has 2.29 acres, and the second lot has 3.47 acres. Mr. Ronzio asks Mr. McClogan about the easement shown on the plan. Mr. McClogan advises that he believes the easement is there in order to access the piece of town property above.

Mr. Ronzio polls the board for a vote:

Ann Krawet- Approve
Gale LaBelle- Approve
Martin Schlanger-Approve
Robert Ronzio-Approve

Beth VanNess- Beth voluntarily recuses herself.

Public Participation- None

Budget- Read and reviewed

Correspondence- Read and reviewed- Attorney General's Notice; Town of Stockbridge- Board members discuss.

Old Business- Medical Marijuana.

Mr. Ronzio advises board members that he has emailed the CMR released by the state today. Board members discuss some of the issues that they expect could arise. Ms. LaBelle informs the board that Towns are not make their own bylaws, that will be governed by the state. Mr. Ronzio explains that at this point, it looks like there will be a total of 30 dispensaries in the state, three of which will be in Berkshire County.

New Business- Land Use Reform, Bill # 1859 "Act Promoting Sustainable Communities" Mr. Ronzio briefly explains to the Board members present that this is a new bill on Legislative reform and that will be sending the information via email to all Planning Board members.

Ms. Krawet explains to the Board that she has contacted Brian Domina and that he has agreed to provide the updated maps that they have requested for a cost of no more than twenty dollars.

Board members briefly review the progress that the Large Wind Turbine Sub-Committee has made, Ms. Krawet addresses questions and concerns. Board members discuss the Wind Turbine by the Quarry and the fact that it is fairly close to Sherwood Forest . It is noted that the residents that live in that area have not really ever complained about the sights and sounds of it. Ms. Krawet makes a motion to allow Planning Board Chairman, Mr. Robert Ronzio the authority to call the Town Attorney to see whether a prohibition on large wind turbines will survive a challenge in court, the motion is seconded by Gale LaBelle, Unanimous Approval.

Ms. Krawet also notes that the Large Wind Turbine Sub-Committee is in need of a secretary to take notes, etc. at remaining future meetings. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to have Ms. Heather Hunt attend meetings, taking notes, ect. as needed per request of the Chairperson, Ms. VanNess seconds motion, Mr. Schlanger abstains, all others vote to approve. Motion is passed.

8:05 pm. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. LaBelle seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

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Schedule next meeting for Wednesday, June 12th, 2013.

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Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hunt
Administrative Assistant

Signed _____ Date _____
Robert Ronzio

Signed _____ Date _____
Gale LaBelle

Signed _____ Date _____
Howard Lerner

Signed _____ Date _____
Beth VanNess

Signed _____ Date _____
Ann Krawet