

Becket Planning Board
Approved Meeting Minutes
October 9th , 2013

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

Planning Board Members Absent: Gale LaBelle.

Members of the public present: None

Meeting opens at: 7: 09 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.

Mr. Ronzio informs all present of the Open Meeting Law, as he reads it aloud.

Approval of September 11th , 2013 Meeting Minutes- Mr. Schlanger makes a motion to approve the August meeting minutes as presented, Mr. Lerner seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Public Participation- None

New Business- Board to appoint Mr. Robert Ronzio to BRPC.

Mr. Howard Lerner makes a motion to appoint Mr. Ronzio to the BRPC , Mr. Schlanger seconds the motion; Unanimous Approval. Secretary passes around appointment slip for planning board members to sign.

Planning Board to draft Rules and Regulations for SPGA pursuant to and in accordance with section 9.3.7 Town of Becket Zoning Bylaws.

Mr. Ronzio presents the fee structure/schedule he has prepared for planning board members to review. Planning Board members discuss the Establishment of Special Accounts and the deposit of funds. Ms. Krawet asks if the Town of Becket's fees are comparable to the fees charged in other towns. Mr. Ronzio advises that the fees were set back in 2006 and that they are not looking to change any of the amounts. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to make a correction to change line two in the table, reading "Subdivision-preliminary" to "Subdivision- definitive" , Ms. Krawet seconds motion, Unanimous Approval.

SPGA Procedures for Applications- Mr. Ronzio presents document, explaining there are very few changes to this document. He further explains that some old verbiage is changed, as well as the removal of specific names; mostly of past public officials that were individually named. Board members review changes made and briefly discuss. Mr. Howard Lerner makes a motion to approve the document as amended, Ms. Krawet seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Rules and Regulations for the Special permit Granting Authority- Mr. Ronzio presents document as prepared. Mr. Ronzio advises Planning Board members that he has gone over the document with George Roberts, Town Clerk. Planning Board members read and review, making minor changes. Mr. Howard Lerner makes a motion to approve rules and regulations as amended, Ms. VanNess seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Planning Board to Review Draft letter to Mr. Conboy- Planning Board members read and review letter drafted by chairperson to be sent to Mr. Conboy, via first class mail, in regards to a gas station proposal. Board members make some minor changes to letter as presented. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to approve the letter as amended, Ms. VanNess seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Old Business- Recommendations from the Large Wind Turbine Sub-Committee- Ms. Ann Krawet reports.

Ms. Krawet hands out copies that she has prepared to each of the planning board members present. Ms. Krawet gives a brief update on the sub-committee's progress and reads aloud the official motion approved at the sub-committee's meeting on October 7th, 2013.

Ms. Krawet reads aloud: Mr. Robert Gross makes the motion that the Committee recommends to the Planning Board that they accept the changes to the Large Wind Energy System bylaw as presented. Secondly the Committee recommends that a moratorium on Large Wind Turbine permits be put in place pending the findings of the recently appointed State Committee studying Wind Turbines. The committee further recommends that the Planning Board presents both recommendations at the next Town Meeting.

Ms. Wallington seconds motion as presented. Ms. Krawet polls Committee for a vote; Unanimous Approval.

Mr. Schlanger presents Ms. Krawet with a few questions regarding the proposal of the moratorium. Planning Board members briefly discuss.

Planning board members also discuss having color copies of the revisions made so that the review will be a bit easier. Mr. Ronzio suggests using strike-outs as well so that a comparison between the current bylaw and the proposed bylaw can be easily made. Ms. Krawet advises she

will go to Staples and make new copies as requested; Ms. Hunt says she will mail them out as soon as she receives them from Ms. Krawet. Planning Board members would have time to review and be ready to discuss at the next meeting scheduled for November 13th.

Correspondence- Read and Reviewed.

Budget-Read and Reviewed.

Any other business to come before the Board- None.

Mr. Robert Ronzio makes a motion to adjourn, Ms. VanNess seconds motion; Meeting is adjourned at 8:50.

Schedule next meeting for Wednesday November 13th, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hunt
Administrative Assistant

Signed _____ Date _____
Robert Ronzio

Signed _____ Date _____
Howard Lerner

Signed _____ Date _____
Beth VanNess

Signed _____ Date _____
Martin Schlanger

Signed _____ Date _____
Ann Krawet