

Becket Planning Board
Unapproved Meeting Minutes
January 8th, 2014

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

Planning Board Members Absent: Beth VanNess.

Members of the public present: Jeanne Pryor.

Meeting opens at: 7: 04 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 dispenses with the reading of the Open Meeting Law, as requested.

Approval of December 11th, 2013 Meeting Minutes- Mr. Schlanger makes a motion to approve the December meeting minutes as presented, Ms. Krawet seconds motion; December meeting minutes are approved as presented.

Public Participation- None at this time.

Old Business

Medical Marijuana-Review and Update- Mr. Bob Ronzio advises that he still has some work left to do while reviewing the draft of the bylaw. He further advises that he will go ahead and put the rest of the information together and have it ready for the board to review and discuss at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Board members present agree that is a very good idea and will be ready for the discussion next month.

Continuation of Review- Small Wind Turbine Bylaw-Ann Krawet to present: Ms. Krawet hands

Out copies of her “Small Wind Turbine Bylaw-Suggested Modifications” for all to review. Ms. Krawet briefly reviews with planning board members present, answering questions as they present themselves.

Additionally, Ms. Krawet passes out a checklist along with additional permitting information. Ms. Krawet asks that everyone please read and review all information given to them and be ready to discuss at the February meeting. Ms. Krawet reminds members that they need to make sure to modify the current bylaw to ensure that the bylaw will protect the residents of Becket to the fullest extent.

Ms. Krawet reports that her and Ms. VanNess recently went to a meeting that dealt with these kind of issues. The meeting was sponsored by BRPC and entitled, “Site Plan Review”. She advises that the attorney presenting at the meeting, stressed and emphasized that *specifics* need to be written into the bylaw.

New Business

Board members to receive a new application for upcoming February public hearing at 311 Old Pond Road, Map 210 Lot 56-

Board members receive all information(application, maps, etc) submitted in the application request for a special permit for 311 Old Pond Road.

Any other business to come before the board- Ms. Krawet asks how the board feels about taking the time to set up a hearing for the medical marijuana bylaw. Ms. Krawet advises that it is very important that the board makes time to set up the hearing. Ms. Jeanne Pryor suggests to the board that they will more than likely want to plan for the Annual meeting in May, as opposed to the Special Town Meeting that will be held in February. Ms. Pryor explains that there probably is not enough time at this point to get everything done by February, Board members agree and plan for May.

Correspondence- Read and Reviewed.

Budget-Read and Reviewed. Board members briefly discuss.

Mr. Howard Lerner makes a motion to adjourn, Ms. LaBelle seconds motion; Meeting is adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Schedule next meeting for Wednesday February 12th, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hunt

Administrative Assistant

Signed _____ Date _____
Robert Ronzio

Signed _____ Date _____
Howard Lerner

Signed _____ Date _____
Ann Krawet

Signed _____ Date _____
Gale LaBelle

Signed _____ Date _____
Martin Schlanger