

**Becket Planning Board
Approved Meeting Minutes
April 9th, 2014**

Planning Board Members Present: Robert Ronzio (Chairperson), Gale Labelle (Vice-Chairperson) Martin Schlanger (Clerk) Beth VanNess (Clerk Pro Tem)

Planning Board Members Absent: Ann Krawet, Howard Lerner(Alternate).

Members of the public present: Jeanne Pryor

Meeting opens at: 7: 06 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 Requests to dispense with the remainder of the introduction, board members agree unanimously to dispense with the rest of the introduction as there is no one present at this time who is not familiar with that section of the MGL.

Approval of March 19th , 2014 Meeting Minutes- Chairman, Mr. Robert Ronzio advises that the approval of the March minutes will be tabled until the end of the meeting at which time Ms. VanNess will be present.

Public Participation- None

Old Business-

Medical Marijuana: Review and Update- Bob Ronzio to present- Mr. Ronzio states that he will give a brief report and update to Board members present. Mr. Ronzio begins by explaining that the State is currently in turmoil and advises that there are many obstacles that currently exist which are preventing anything from moving forward. Mr. Ronzio confirms that there are no approved applicants in Berkshire County at this time. Mr. Ronzio tables the discussion for now, advising that this will be discussed further when a full board is present. Board members present agree that this is a good idea and agree to table until a full board is present.

New Business- Board members briefly discuss the possibility of two new applications for Special permits; one for a “hot dog cart” on the Lee/Becket line and another for a private cemetery, location unknown.

Mr. Ronzio also informs the Board that the Met Tower up off of Captain Whitney Road has been dismantled and taken down. At this time, no further information is available.

Correspondence- Secretary confirms that all correspondence had been scanned and emailed to board members as it came in throughout the month. The secretary cites dated material and time sensitive deadlines for the reason they were sent along.

Budget- Read and reviewed. Board members see that they have spent approximately 61% of their allowed budget for the year, leaving just over \$2500 for the remaining three months.

Any other business to come before the Board- Mr. Ronzio briefly updates Board members on the Fortune v. the Town of Becket issue that was discussed at the last Planning Board meeting held on April 19th. Mr. Ronzio advises that Atty. Brian Winner went to court for a remand and that there will now be a re-presentation in front of the Planning Board once a new application for a Special Permit is filed. Mr. Ronzio advises that a new application can be expected as early as late May/early June. Ms. LaBelle ask if the applicants will have to go in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals as well; Mr. Ronzio explains that they will just need to come before Planning Board. Ms. LaBelle suggests that it may be a good idea to ask Atty. Winner to be present for the public hearing; Board members all agree.

Approval of Minutes from March 19th, 2014- Ms. VanNess makes a motion to approve the April 19th meeting minutes as presented; Ms. LaBelle seconds motion, Mr. Schlanger abstains . Meeting Minutes from April 19th are approved.

Schedule next meeting for Wednesday May 14th , 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hunt
Administrative Assistant

Signed_____ Date_____
Robert Ronzio

Signed_____ Date_____
Beth VanNess

Signed_____ Date_____
Martin Schlanger

Signed_____ Date_____
Gale LaBelle