

**Becket Planning Board  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
October 8th, 2014**

Planning Board Members Present: Gale LaBelle ( Vice Chairperson) , Ann Krawet Martin Schlanger (Clerk) Beth VanNess (Clerk Pro Tem) Howard Lerner.

Planning Board Members Absent: Robert Ronzio ( Chairperson)

Members of the public present: None.

Meeting opens at: 7: 05 pm

Vice Chairperson , Ms. Gale LaBelle , in the absence of Chairperson Robert Ronzio, opens the meeting and announces that agendas are on the table for anyone who wants them. She 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. Ms. LaBelle 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 September 10th, 2014 Meeting Minutes- Board members briefly review and make minor changes as discussed. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended, Mr. Schlanger seconds the motion; Meeting minutes are Unanimously approved as amended.

Old Business- Board members briefly discuss the Large and Small Wind Turbine Bylaws. Ms. Krawet has a hand out prepared and printed out for each member. Ms. Krawet asks Board members to please read and review on their own time and hopefully be prepared for a future discussion. Ms. Krawet advises that the article contains information stating what is considered to be a safe distance for these Turbines to be located from homes and properties, explaining there have been new and recent studies and what was thought to be safe, may longer be. Ann advises that they will be discussing this very important issue at a future date.

Correspondence- All correspondence is read and reviewed. Board members read and discuss a meeting flyer/invitation for the BRPC Annual dinner meeting to be held on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Pittsfield Country Club, as well as a meeting flyer / invitation for the BRPC 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday dinner meeting to be held at Mazzeo's Restorante on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to allow 3-4 Planning Board members to attend the dinner meetings and the Planning Board will cover the cost. Ms. Krawet seconds the motion . Planning Board members briefly discuss. Mr.

Schlanger makes a motion to amend the motion on the table, stating that each member shall choose only one dinner meeting to attend as they are fairly expensive. Mr. Howard Lerner seconds the motion . Board members briefly discuss. Ms. Krawet explains that the determination of limiting board member attendance should depend upon the relevance of the topics to be discussed. Ms. Krawet amends the motion on the floor to include that both dinner meetings previously discussed ( October 16<sup>th</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup>) be paid for by the Planning Board for individuals who would like to attend both, Ms. VanNess seconds the motion. Ms. LaBelle polls the board for a vote:

Ms. LaBelle- In favor	Ms. VanNess- In favor	Ms. Krawet- In favor
Mr. Lerner- Abstains	Mr. Schlanger- Opposed	

Budget- Read and reviewed

Any other business to come before the Board- None

Schedule next meeting for Wednesday November 12th , 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hunt  
Administrative Assistant

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale LaBelle

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Martin Schlanger

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth VanNess

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Ann Krawet

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Howard Lerner