

**Becket Planning Board
Unapproved Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2014**

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

Planning Board Members Absent: Beth VanNess (Clerk Pro Tem)

Members of the public present: None.

Meeting opens at: 7: 05 pm

Chairperson , Mr. 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 November 19th Meeting Minutes- Board members briefly review meeting minutes as presented. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Ms. Krawet seconds motion ; Unanimous Approval.

Public Hearing Continuation- Large Wind and Small Wind Energy Systems – Board members begin by reviewing the Large Wind Turbine bylaw and some of the revisions previously made at the previous public hearing. Mr. Ronzio advises Board members that a short introduction paragraph will need to be drafted to be presented along with the bylaw at the Annual Town Meeting.

Ms. Krawet questions whether or not low frequency has been addressed adequately and suggests that something additional be added under the Noise Regulations. Ms. Krawet goes on to further explain why she feels that this is important and she presents two additional informational studies that she has recently received to the Board members for their review. Ms. Krawet emphasizes the importance of these studies, advising that this important matter needs to be taken under consideration.

Ms. Krawet makes a motion to add to the first paragraph under Noise Regulations, *Nor create a health hazard from the emanation of low frequency/infrastructure noise.* Mr. Ronzio asks if there is a second to the motion on the floor, hearing none, the motion fails.

Board members continue to discuss the proposed consideration. Mr. Lerner states that this is a Board of Health matter and should not be discussed or decided by the Planning Board.

Ms. Krawet makes a motion to add to provision # 8 Noise Regulations , *Nor create excessive emminations of low frequency/infrasound noise*, Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion and asks board for further discussion. Board members discuss further, Mr. Ronzio polls the board for a vote, the motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Martin Schlanger makes a motion that the December 17th version of the bylaw changes shall be the final draft, with no further changes to be made, Mr. Lerner seconds the motion, Ms. Krawet votes no; against the motion. Mr. Ronzio, Mr. Lerner and Ms. LaBelle all vote to approve; Motion is approved.

Mr. Ronzio advises that at this time he would like to continue the public hearing for the Large Wind and Small Wind turbines to January 14th, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Old Business- None

New Business- Mr. Ronzio discusses future projects with board members present. He advises that there has been some recent interest in the dark skies bylaws and some new information as well. Board members discuss, considering this to be a future bylaw topic.

Ms. Krawet also states that she has been thinking about the setbacks that the Town has put in place for driveways, however she advises that at this time we do not have any bylaw in place to actually deal with this issue. Board members briefly discuss the issue and encourage Ms. Krawet to work on drafting a rough copy, that they could read and review and give it consideration at the next Planning Board Meeting. Ms. Krawet says that she will do so and report back at the January meeting.

Correspondence- All correspondence is read and reviewed

Budget- Read and reviewed

Any other business to come before the Board- Board members briefly discuss the proposed pipeline that may be coming to Berkshire County.

8:30 PM- Mr. Lerner makes a motion to adjourn the meeting , Ms. Krawet seconds the motion; Meeting is adjourned .

Schedule next meeting for Wednesday January 14th, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hunt
Administrative Assistant

Signed _____ Date _____
Robert Ronzio

Signed _____ Date _____
Martin Schlanger

Signed _____ Date _____
Gale LaBelle

Signed _____ Date _____
Ann Krawet

Signed _____ Date _____
Howard Lerner