

Planning Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 9th, 2015 7:00 pm  
Becket Town Hall- 557 Main Street

**Planning Board Members present:** Robert Ronzio; Chairman, Gale LaBelle; Vice Chairman, Martin Schlanger; Clerk, Beth VanNess; Clerk Pro Tem, Ann Krawet.

**Planning Board members absent:** Howard Lerner.

**Public present:** None

**Meeting Opens at:** 7:05 pm

Chairperson, Mr. Robert Ronzio, opens the meeting and announces that meeting agendas are on the table for anyone who would like one. She advises that the meeting is being held in accordance with Massachusetts General Law 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 after the close of the public hearing to make a decision and 14 days to file the paperwork with the Town Clerk, once the decision has been made. Any Appeals of decisions can be made only to the court and must be 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 anyone will be making a recording of the meeting, the secretary confirms that she will be recording for the Planning Board. Mr. Schlanger makes a motion to dispense with the rest of the procedural reading, Ms. VanNess seconds the motion, Unanimous Approval. Chairperson, Mr. Ronzio moves the meeting forward.

**Approval of July 8th Meeting Minutes-** Mr. Schlanger makes a motion to approve the July 8th meeting minutes as presented, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion, Minutes are unanimously approved.

**Old Business-**

**Board to discuss possible fee schedule changes -** Planning Board members discuss some of the current fees that are currently being charged for different services provided. Board members review printed material and handouts that have been prepared by Mr. Ronzio for the sake of research and comparison. Board members read and review applications from the Town of Dalton, Chicopee and

Needham. Board members review their current Form A application. Board members agree that the application is solid, however they decide that adding a cover letter as well as a checklist would be beneficial.

### **New Business:**

**Informational packets for new application from the YMCA. Applicant requests a permit for sign replacement.** Board members receive a new application submitted by Steve Turner from the YMCA. Board members review application and schedule public hearing for Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Informal discussion- Air BNB's-** Mr. Ronzio briefly speaks on this newly popular way for people to rent their homes; either by the room or by the entire house. Board members briefly discuss some of the issues that may arise, such as cost, insurance and liability.

**Informal discussion- Wired West-** Mr. Ronzio briefs Board members on the Town of Otis and the fact that they recently pulled out of Wired West , further explaining what their future plan is and why it is being put in place.

**Informal discussion-Otis Wind Tower-** Board members present discuss the pending tower to be built, stating that it will be 420 feet high. The vote at the Town Meeting was 189 to 92 (in favor of the tower). Board members briefly discuss the pros and cons of the wind tower for the Town.

Ann Krawet briefly brings up a topic she would like to see discussed further at a future meeting regarding horses and stables. Board members agree to discuss it at a later date.

Ms. VanNess makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Krawet seconds the motion; motion is adjourned at 8:15 PM.

**Correspondence-** Read and Reviewed

**Budget-**Read and Reviewed

**Schedule next meeting for October 14th, 2015.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Hunt, Planning Board Administrative Assistant

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Robert Ronzio

Date

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Martin Schlanger

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Beth VanNess

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Gale LaBelle

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Ann Krawet

Date