

Planning Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 14, 2015 7:00 pm
Becket Town Hall- 557 Main Street

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

Planning Board members absent: Howard Lerner, Beth VanNess; Clerk.

Public present: Steve Turner

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. He 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. LaBelle seconds the motion, Unanimous Approval. Chairperson, Mr. Ronzio moves the meeting forward.

Approval of September 9th 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.

Special Permit Public Hearing for Steve Turner, YMCA. Applicant requests old sign to be replaced with new sign-

7:10 PM- Chairman, Bob Ronzio confirms with the secretary that all fees and reimbursements have been made. Chairman, Bob Ronzio opens the public hearing and explains to the applicant that there is a four man board present. He further explains that a special permit approval requires 4 out of 5 positive votes, or in the

case that a four man board is present, then all four members would have to vote positive. Mr. Ronzio gives Mr. Turner the option to defer the hearing to the next month where a 5 man board can be present. Mr. Turner advises that he is fine with the four man Board currently present and begins his presentation. Mr. Turner explains that the old sign is made of vinyl and is tired and worn. He explains that they would like to replace the sign with a new wood carved sign that would measure 8ft. wide by 2 ft. high. He further explains that the sign will be 38 feet off of Route 8 and 26 feet off of YMCA Road. Mr. Ronzio reads aloud a letter written by the Select board, stating that they did not have any issues with the sign replacement. Next, Mr. Ronzio reads aloud a letter written by the Conservation Commission, stating that they do not have any issues with the sign permit either.

Under Section 5.1.2 #10 Mr. Ronzio polls the Board for a vote:

Martin Schlanger- Approve

Ann Krawet- Approve

Gale LaBelle- Approve

Robert Ronzio- Approve

Mr. Ronzio advises the applicant that the special permit has been unanimously granted.

Old Business- Planning Board Fee Schedule- tabled until the next meeting.

New Business- Mr. Ronzio advises Board members that he had recently received a phone call, inquiring about a location within the Town of Becket for a distribution and a cultivation center. Board members briefly discuss. Board members remember that some time ago, they had begun work on drafting a Medical Marijuana Bylaw and that it may be time to revisit that and move forward with a completed bylaw. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion that the Planning Board should send a letter to the Select Board , making them aware that the topic of Medical Marijuana has again come to the attention of the Board, Mr. Lerner seconds the motion; Unanimous Approval.

Appointing a Representative to the CPC- Mr. Martin Schlanger makes a motion to nominate Mr. Robert Ronzio as the representative to the CPC. Mr. Ronzio accepts the nomination, Ms. Krawet seconds the nomination; Unanimous Approval. Mr. Ronzio will be the CPC Representative.

BRPC Representative- Mr. Ronzio briefly explains to the Board members that Ms. Ann Krawet has resigned her alternate delegate position with Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, leaving an open position that will need to be filled. Mr. Schlanger nominates Ms. LaBelle to serve as the alternate delegate to BRPC, Ms. LaBelle accepts the nomination. Ms. Krawet seconds the nomination, Mr. Ronzio polls the board for a vote; Unanimous Approval.

Correspondence- Read and Reviewed

Budget-Read and Reviewed

Adjournment- Ms. Krawet makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Schlanger seconds the motion; Unanimous Approval. The meeting is adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Schedule next meeting for November 18th, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Hunt, Planning Board Administrative Assistant

Robert Ronzio Date

Martin Schlanger

Gale LaBelle Date

Ann Krawet Date