

Planning Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 13, 2016 7:00 pm  
Becket Town Hall- 557 Main Street

**Planning Board Members present:** Robert Ronzio; Chairman, Gale LaBelle, Ann Krawet, Howard Lerner.

**Planning Board members absent:** None

**Public present:** Joseph McCarthy, Liz McCarthy, George and Deborah Bruneau, David Macomber, Mark and Karen Karlberg.

**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. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to dispense with the rest of the procedural reading, Ms. Krawet seconds the motion, Unanimous Approval. Chairperson, Mr. Ronzio moves the meeting forward.

**Approval of March 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes-** Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented, Ms. Krawet seconds the motion; Unanimous Approval.

**Public Input-** Mr. David Macomber of 42 Bracken Lane, introduces himself to the Board, advising that he has interest in starting a firearms sales business. He further explains that he would serve as a middle man, checking distributors and having all merchandise shipped to the house. Mr. Macomber states that the only time that the

buyer would need to physically come to the house is when they need to fill out paperwork. Mr. Macomber states that he will not be doing any internet advertising and will only be selling to a select few people. Mr. Macomber also advises that he will be speaking to the Chief of Police.

Joseph McCarthy-Ipswich Pharmaceuticals- Medical Marijuana Cultivation- Mr. McCarthy introduces himself to the Planning Board members, explaining that he has a retail license in Ipswich Massachusetts and is classified as a “light Industrial” business. He briefly explains his business plan to the Board, advising that property would be guarded and secured twenty four hours a day. Mr. McCarthy advises that he plans on employing ten individuals, 5 of which would be Becket residents. He further explains that they would have 16 harvests a year, and a new cycle every 12 weeks, one armored car load would be sent out every two weeks. Mr. McCarthy reviews six possible locations that may be considered for a proposed location, parcels ranging from 6.6 acres to 35 acres. Ms. Karlberg advises Mr. McCarthy that the Town of Becket currently does not have high speed internet and that he may want to take that under consideration. Mr. McCarthy explains that everything is preliminary at this point and that he will keep the Planning Board informed of any progress or updates.

**New Business-** Ms. Ann Krawet presents Planning Board members with a draft of a driveway Bylaw that she has drafted. This has been previously discussed with Planning Board members, members read and review the draft with Ms. Krawet, making minor changes and amendments along the way.

**Any other business to come before the Board-**None

**Correspondence-** Read and Reviewed.

**Budget-**Read and Reviewed

**Adjournment-** Mr. Lerner makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion, Meeting is adjourned at 9:00 PM.

**Schedule next meeting for May 11th, 2016.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Hunt, Planning Board Administrative Assistant

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**Robert Ronzio**

**Date**

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**Howard Lerner**

**Date**

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**Gale LaBelle**

**Date**

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**Ann Krawet**

**Date**