



Town of Becket
Planning Board
557 Main Street
Becket, Massachusetts 01223
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Meeting Minutes for Public Hearing held December 13, 2017: To transfer approving authority from the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Planning Board

Board Members Present: Robert Ronzio, Gale LaBelle, Ann Krawet, Alvin Blake, and James Levy
Board Members Absent: Charles Andrews
Administrative Assistant: Jessica Perotti
Public Present: None

Call to Order

Robert Ronzio calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and introduces the members of the Board that are present as well as the Administrative Assistant. Mr. Ronzio reads the notice that was published in the Berkshire Eagle on November 21 and 28, 2017. Mr. Ronzio asks Jessica Perotti if any written correspondence was received regarding this public hearing. Ms. Perotti confirms no written correspondence was received. Mr. Ronzio opens the Public Hearing at 7:02 PM and asks for any input. There is none. Mr. Ronzio explains that the bylaw was written by the Planning Board and the intent, at the time, was to have the Planning Board oversee such operations. However, town council decided that because of the way it was worded, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) would be the controlling authority. Since this was never the intent, the Planning Board went back to change the bylaw with the intending language to be as such that the Planning Board will be the controlling authority of future large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations. Mr. Ronzio asks the Board for any discussion on the matter. Gale LaBelle says that she feels this bylaw will need to be further amended in the future but for now, to keep applicants from needing to go before two (2) boards, the bylaw is worded correctly. Mr. Ronzio agrees and states again that that was the original intent when the bylaw was first created. Alvin Blake further clarifies that the Board is aware that other changes need to be made to the bylaw but with the potential special town meeting in January, the Board felt it was necessary to first get this change made to the bylaw to make things easier for upcoming applicants. Mr. Ronzio agrees and says that further amendments could potentially be done before the annual town meeting in May. Mr. Ronzio asks for any other further questions or comments. There are no further questions or comments. The Board doesn't feel any further discussion is necessary. Mr. Ronzio thanks all and closes the public hearing to public comment at 7:08 PM. Mr. Ronzio asks for a motion. Ann Krawet makes a **motion** to amend Section 6.6, Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations, of the Becket Zoning Bylaws, to change the words "Site Plan Approval Board" to "Planning Board" throughout the document. Ms. LaBelle **seconds the motion**. Mr. Ronzio asks Ms. Perotti to read back the motion. Ms. Perotti verifies the motion. Mr. Ronzio polls the Board for their votes as follows:

- James Levy – yea
- Alvin Blake – yea



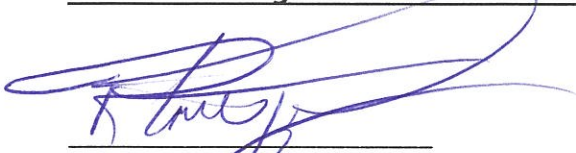
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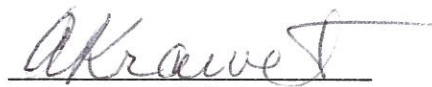
- Ann Krawet – yea
- Gale LaBelle – yea
- Robert Ronzio – yea

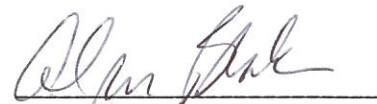
The **motion passes** with unanimous approval from the Board and the Public Hearing comes to a close at 7:10 PM.

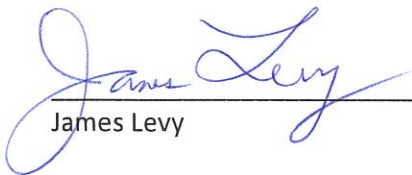
Public Hearing Minutes reviewed and approved on January 10, 2018 by:


Robert Ronzio, Chairman


Gale LaBelle, Vice Chairman


Ann Krawet, Clerk


Alvin Blake, Clerk Pro Tem


James Levy