

Town of Becket
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
June 4, 2015
9:30 AM
Town Hall,
557 Main Street, Becket

Attendees:

Board of Selectmen: Jeanne Pryor, *Chair* & William "Bill" Elovirta, *Vice Chair*

Staff: Ed Gibson, *Town Administrator* & Beverly Gilbert, *Recording Secretary*

Others: Paul Moran & Peter Valinski from Tighe & Bond, Colleen O'Connor

Call to Order

Jeanne called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM. She stated that the meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Meeting Law and Guidelines for the Becket Board of Selectmen Meetings.

Paul Moran (P.E. Project Engineer), Tighe & Bond re: review of the "Draft" Water Feasibility Study.

Paul and Peter gave an overview and discussed in great detail Tighe and Bond's Draft Water Feasibility Study with the BOS and Town Administrator. The purpose of the study is to analyze feasibility of the development of a municipal water system in Becket. Paul and Peter presented on two service areas being considered within the Town of Becket. The primary areas of concern are North Becket Village, and the Sherwood Forest Neighborhood. The North Service Area is comprised of primarily the North Becket Village, and the expansion to the nearby densely developed roads. The South Service Area is comprised primarily of the Sherwood Forest neighborhood, and also expansion to the nearby neighborhoods of Sherwood Greens, Becket Woods, Bonny Rigg Hill Road and Main Street. They discussed: alternatives for water supply sources to serve each service area and the consideration given to interconnections with surrounding communities, new surface water supplies and new groundwater supplies, the process and estimated costs/possible funding sources; and options to consider for lowering the cost per service if the town pursues developing a municipal water supply in the North and/or South Service areas.

The BOS authorized Tighe and Bond to submit the Water Feasibility Study report to Rural Development which provided the majority of the funding for the report. Jeanne and Bill indicated they did not recommend any changes to the draft report as it was comprehensive and well written.

The BOS agreed on future steps:

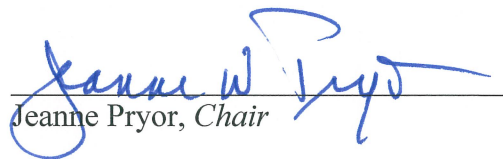
- Meet with the Planning Board to discuss zoning bylaws review on parcel acreage size. It may be appropriate to reduce acreage requirements in some areas as denser housing areas

would help to lower per service costs. Fixed costs of the municipal water supply infrastructure could be shared amongst a larger number of homes resulting in per home cost reduction.

- Schedule public advisory meetings regarding a possible water project/costs/benefits/necessity
- Review funding and phases/timeframes of a municipal water project
- Develop a Capital Plan for town meeting
- Share information and explain the need for this project to the public. Obtain feedback from residents.
- Schedule a BOS meeting with the Fire Department in April 2016. The BOS would recommend that the water supply project include fire protection.
- Schedule a BOS meeting with the Board of Health in April 2016
- Explore funding options with Commonwealth of Massachusetts agencies, dignitaries, and the Massachusetts Municipal Association
- Consider a hybrid (water project for the north and septic project for the south) approach if the town does not receive a Community Development Block grant for the town's septic system project.

The BOS and Town Administrator thanked the engineers. The meeting ended at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Gilbert, Secretary


Jeanne Pryor, *Chair*

Documents discussed at this meeting:

Tighe and Bond Draft Becket Water Master Plan dated 2/12/15