

**Town of Becket
Board of Selectmen's Working Meeting
December 23, 2015
3:30 p.m.
Town Hall
557 Main Street, Becket**

Attendees:

Board of Selectmen: Jeanne Pryor *Chairperson*; William Elovirta, *Vice Chairperson*;

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

Call to Order

Jeanne called the meeting to order at 3:34 PM. She stated that the meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Meeting Law and Guidelines for the Becket Board of Selectmen Meetings.

Jeanne asked if anyone was recording the meeting. The Board of Selectmen was recording the meeting.

Discussion to review and vote to sign letter of documentation to MBI re: Last Mile Program Policy of July 30, 2015

Jeanne indicated that WiredWest Delegate Jeremy Dunn advised that in order for MBI to include the Town of Becket in the pole survey, he recommended that the BOS send the Director of MBI a letter affirming the town's intention to move forward as part of the MBI regional network build with a certified copy of the 5/9/2015 Town Meeting vote and a certified copy of the 5/16/2015 Town Election vote. Bill moved to send to MBI's Director, a letter of intent to participate in the MBI regional network build with the certified copy of the ATM and Election votes, seconded by Jeanne. Motion carried.

Any other business to come before the Board

Transfer Station: Bill inquired about the status of implementing the new cash policy at the Transfer Station. Ed provided an update: Christopher Bouchard and he are developing a poster for distribution at the Transfer Station and the town's website, and they are finalizing arrangements for the stores to sell bag stickers.

ZBA Ray Michanczyk's Application for a variance for Property Located at 133 Mystic Isle Way: The BOS reviewed and discussed comments in the letter Ed and Beverly drafted. The BOS and Town Administrator indicated they think it is important for the ZBA to follow their own rules about documentation required. The BOS stated they do not think it is out of line to require the applicant to submit a plot plan (even if the applicant must hire an engineer or architect to produce one) when applying for a variance. They directed Beverly to send the letter to the ZBA.

Ambulance Department: Ed advised that due to a coolant leak, the ambulance will not operate over the weekend, or possibly several weeks if the head gasket needs replacement. County Ambulance, and the Town of Otis will provide ambulance coverage. Until the ambulance is


restored, the Becket Ambulance crew will continue to respond to calls via the Fire Department Cruiser (and meet the outside ambulance agency).

Broadband: Jeanne reported on her meeting today at the Town Hall with WiredWest Delegate Jeremy Dunn and Alternate Delegate Bob Gross. They had advised that at last week's WiredWest meeting, WiredWest put together a negotiations team to communicate with MBI. In order to help promote a better understanding to MBI and member towns, Jeremy, Bob and another WiredWest delegate are working on writing about specific equipment ownership models/costs and perhaps each town may be permitted to select an option. In order to develop the models, Jim Draw will provide his technical expertise concerning the equipment (cable wires, hubs, etc. and what is involved with sharing/not sharing). They anticipate creating three models: completely separate ownership (most expensive to town, duplication of some equipment), some shared ownership (middle of the road costs to towns, some equipment may be shared to avoid duplication) and complete shared ownership (likely to be least expensive to towns). The negotiation team will seek more precise information from MBI relating to any concerns. In order to reach the 40% take rate, Jeremy and Bob will organize and train a list of individuals who have offered to help. This group will plan informational/signup sessions in the spring.

Adjournment of Meeting

Bill moved to adjourn, seconded by Jeanne. Motion carried unanimously. At 4:01 p.m., Jeanne adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Gilbert, Secretary



William Elovirta, *Vice Chairperson*

Documents discussed at this meeting:

12/23/2015 letter to MBI with certified votes

12/21/2015 letter to ZBA re: Ray Michanczyk's Application for a variance