

**Town of Becket
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
May 18, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall
557 Main Street, Becket**

Attendees:

Board of Selectmen: Jeanne Pryor, Chairperson; William Elovirta, Vice Chairperson; 1

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

Others: Adele Levine, Arlene Adler, Adam Fine (Attorney For Ipswich Pharmaceutical), Colleen O'Connor, Rita Furlong (Parks & Recreation Committee Chairperson); Jeremy Dunn (WiredWest Delegate), Nicole Ledoux, Deb Toomey, Maddy Elovirta (Parks & Recreation Committee Member), Tina Lavasseur (Parks & Recreation Committee Member), Julia W. Kay-Grace, Robb Grace, Ann Krawet, Joseph McCarthy (Ipswich Pharmaceutical)

Call to Order

Jeanne called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. 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. Beverly for the Board of Selectmen indicated that she was recording the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairperson led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Bill moved to approve the meeting minutes of 04/13/2016. Jeanne seconded. Motion carried.

Joseph McCarthy to discuss the possibility of Ipswich Pharmaceutical Associates' to apply for permitting to operate a Registered Marijuana Dispensary in Becket.

Joseph McCarthy and his attorney Adam Fine gave a presentation and fielded questions on Ipswich Pharmaceutical's consideration to apply to the town for permission to operate a cultivation and processing facility of medical marijuana in Becket. Mr. McCarthy stated that before he invests substantial time and expense involved with applying, he would like to ask the BOS for a letter of support/non-objection. Areas of discussion included:

- This business operation in Becket would be cultivation/processing only (NOT dispensary).
- The maximum square footage of the facility would be 100,000 square feet (2 acres).
- Their intention is to purchase the property located at 255 Yokum Pond Road from Mr. Garrity
- The structures would be at least 600 feet from the road.
- They need to meet with the Police Chief to discuss security. They stated that they would allow the Police Chief to pre-approve their employees working in Becket.
- Water and drainage needs

- This business classification falls under farming manufacturing
- The design of the greenhouse will prevent viewing the marijuana from outdoors.
- The greenhouse is constructed from secure materials (unbreakable glass).
- They would sign an agreement waiving Chapter 61A rights.
- They have not approached abutters and will follow the required notification process relating to applications
- They will e-mail Ed designs of the greenhouse.

Rita Furlong, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee – Discussion and possible vote on Beach Permits

Rita Furlong, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee, discussed the Town's Beach Permit Policy with the BOS. Rita and Bill indicated that many residents lodged complaints about competing with out of town residents for use of the beach despite the town's policy stating that it is for Becket/Washington residents only. Rita and Tina Lavasseur stated that because of space limitations, it is fair to allow access only to Washington and Becket residents who through their property tax pay for the upkeep of the beach. The discussion included whether to continue to use transfer station stickers or only beach stickers, the cost for the beach stickers, temporary beach stickers, who may or may not purchase beach permits (residents, renters, property owners, visitors, adjacent communities, camp personnel, Jacob's Pillow Personnel, exceptions, volunteer divers), expiration of beach sticker, enforcement through the police department, if the beach sticker may be transferable to other vehicles, hiring a gate keeper, parking designated for car top boats, and signs at the beach.

Rita stated that employing a gate keeper at the beach is a responsibility that the Parks & Recreation Department is not able to manage.

Because the beach is for Becket & Washington residents only, the BOS will direct the police to monitor vehicles at the beach to ensure that they have stickers and to ticket those that don't. The Board of Selectmen will continue discussion on the beach policy.

Transfer Station Bag Sticker Design

The BOS provided input on the design and wording of the new Transfer Station Bag Sticker. "Becket Transfer Station – 238 Washington St." will be moved to the top, "Max weight" will be omitted, and "also" will replace the word "too." Bill moved to accept the new Transfer Station Bag Sticker Design with the modifications discussed, seconded by Jeanne. Motion carried.

Discussion for continuing services for Porchlight VNA/Home Care in FY2017

This BOS tabled this item for the 6/1/2016 meeting.

Planning Board – Notification and request for comments on applications:

Special Permit: Heather Anello for property located 3235 Main Street - change in venue for Becket General Store (originally located 30 Washington St.)

Site Plan Review and Dimensional Special Permit: Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Inc. for new Dance Studio

Because the notification did not contain any details about the site plan layout and floor plan, the Board of Selectmen will convey to the Planning Board that until that information is provided, the BOS is not able to comment on the Special Permit Application submitted by Heather Anello for property located at 3235 Main Street – Change in venue for Becket General Store (originally located 30 Washington Street).

The BOS will hold comments until Ed receives Town Counsel's opinion on the Zoning Board of Appeals (erroneously listed on this agenda as Planning Board) Application for Site Plan Review and Dimensional Special Permit: Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Inc. for a new Dance Studio. Because one of the members of the ZBA, and the Building Inspector differ in their interpretation of the Dover Amendment, Ed had sought Town Counsel's guidance. The Building Inspector thinks the Dover Amendment exempts religious and educational facilities from zoning use restrictions, as well as setbacks/dimensions. Because of this, the Building Inspector is not certain ZBA review is required for this project. The ZBA member and Ed think the Dover Amendment exempts religious and educational facilities from zoning use restrictions but not setbacks/dimensional requirements. It was noted that the Highway Superintendent commented on drainage needs due to the proximity of an embankment. One member of the ZBA had expressed concern that the seven feet proximity of the proposed Dance Studio from the road would preclude the town from ever widening that portion of the road. Another possible concern is that the height of the building which would sit on an 8 or 10 foot embankment might change the character of the neighborhood.

Monthly Reports: Animal Control Officer

The BOS reviewed the Animal Control Officer's report for the month of April 2016.

Board of Selectmen's Comments and Announcements

The BOS asked that Ed remind the Town Clerk about the town's turnover policy, and to process any outstanding dog licenses.

Town Administrator's Report

The current status of the broadband signups for Becket as of May 18th this we are 89% of the way to our signup goal. We need seventy-eight more locations to reach our goal of a required 40% take rate.

MIIA Participation Credits: We have received notification that we are receiving \$4,361 in participation credits for our Property and Casualty lines of insurance from MIIA, the Insurance arm of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. These dividends are part of the \$2,500,000 in participation credits which may be used against our renewal invoices on July 1st.

Sherwood Forest Lake District Annual Meeting & Proxy: We have received notification of the Sherwood Forest Lake District Annual District Meeting and the Proxy material for the meeting. We received 65 Proxy letters from the District. In the past, the Town has not filled out the Proxy votes for the District Meetings. A discussion ensued in which the BOS advised that they will continue that practice.

RRG Real Estate Valuation Field Work: On May 12th and May 13th Regional Resource Group, our Assessing vendor, will have five teams of inspectors performing field work for Becket's triennial valuation certification with the State. They were able to complete a good portion of the Town but will have to return for several days intermittently to finish the valuation work. This field review is done entirely as a visual inspection from the street or driveway. The inspectors may take photographs but will not seek permission to perform an interior inspection.

Retiree Dental Insurance: Ed had located an Article from the August 19, 1980 Town Meeting which passed by vote which states, "Shall the Town pay one half the premium costs payable by a retired employee for group life insurance and for group general or blanket hospital, surgical,

medical, dental and other health insurance.” Ed had reviewed all the other Town Meetings minutes between then and now and he determined that they did not rescind that practice.

Westfield River Wild & Scenic Advisory Committee provided a suitcase display which the BOS approved for placement on top of the glass case adjacent to the meeting rooms in the Town Hall. The BOS had granted permission for this educational display to be housed in the Town Hall over a year ago.

Meetings: Ed will attend the Energy Committee meeting on 5/19/2016, and he will meet with Terry Smith from Mass. Fishing and Boating access on 5/25/2016. Terry will go over the beach signs.

Public Input

None.

Any other business to come before the Board

Bill commented on several Annual Town Meeting Articles:

- He wants to move forward on Article 30 of the Annual Town Meeting.
- Bill specified that he would like the recruitment for the full-time police officer to be conducted in-house before opening an outside search.
- The Fire Department Committee is reviewing specs for the fire truck that had been approved.
- He looks forward to the Town Hall ADA projects to commence.

Jeanne asked that the Code of Conduct Policy be distributed to volunteers, employees and committee/board members.

Jeanne discussed the Sherwood Forest Road Maintenance District’s opt-out policy, and that it is important for the SFRMD to provide a copy of the opt-out letter signed by the property owner, and a copy of the SFRMD’s minutes reflecting the votes of approval for the opt-outs to the Town (Assessors, Tax Collectors and Town Clerks need to be notified). Jeanne may attend SFRMD’s annual meeting, and may bring opt-out coordination with the Town under the Wells Road Opt-out agenda item.

In response to Jeanne’s follow-up re: the Ambulance Department’s report of residences lacking house numbers, Ed will bring this concern to the Building Inspector’s attention for enforcement of the town’s bylaw.

Last Mile Project MBI’s New Implementation Framework

- **Vote to submit Point of Contact for the Implementation Liaison of MBI (Deadline 5/20/2016)**
- **Review information in MBI’s profile for the Town of Becket – and vote to submit any comments, or discrepancies to MBI’s Implementation Liaison (request to receive by 5/27/2016)**
 - a. Jeremy Dunn discussed recent WiredWest meetings, and the Last Mile Project MBI’s New Implementation Framework with the BOS. Jeremy stated that he would like to be present when the BOS meets with MBI’s Bill Ennen, MBI’s Implementation Liaison.

Ed will contact MBI to inquire about the format for comments on MBI’s profile for the Town of Becket. Jeanne moved to appoint Ed Gibson as the Point of Contact, and that Jeremy Dunn be the

Alternate Point of Contact for the Implementation Liaison of MBI. Bill seconded. Motion carried. Some areas of concern discussed at tonight's meeting include Mitchell Road, Camp Lenox, McNerney, and Dimmock Road.

Review Correspondence

5/6/2016, Central Berkshire Regional School District re: Election of School Committee Members

Board of Selectmen intends to go into Executive Session under MGL c. 30A, section 21 (a) (2) for discussion & possible vote on the following matters on the basis that an open meeting may have a detrimental impact of the public body on the litigating and bargaining positions of the Town Administrator's Employment Contract and 3) Approval and possible release of Executive Session Minutes dated 5/4/2016 , 4/6/2016, 12/4/2013

At 9:26, Jeanne moved to enter into Executive Session under MGL c. 30A, section 21 (a) (2) for discussion & possible vote on the following matters on the basis that an open meeting may have a detrimental impact of the public body on the litigating and bargaining positions of the Town Administrator's Employment Contract and 3) Approval and possible release of Executive Session Minutes dated 5/4/2016 , 4/6/2016, 12/4/2013. Bill seconded. Roll call vote: Jeanne – aye and Bill – aye. At 9:26, the BOS went into Executive Session.

Return to open session

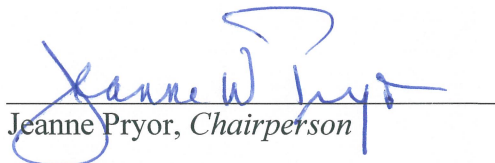
At 9:36 p.m., the BOS returned to open session.

Selectmen to adjourn meeting

Bill moved to adjourn, seconded by Jeanne. Motion carried. Jeanne adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Reviewed Payroll/Expense Warrants.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Gilbert, Secretary


Jeanne Pryor, Chairperson

Documents discussed at this meeting:

MBI Last Mile Town Profile for Becket - April 2016

Katie Stoico email dated 5/12/2016 re: Town Point of Contact for MBI Implementation Liaison
Zoning Board of Appeals Notification re: application for Site Plan Review and Dimensional
Special Permit Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Inc.

Planning Board Notification for Special Permit from Heather Anello for property located at 3235
Main Street

Animal Control Officer April 2016 Report

Draft Trash Sticker Design

Ipswich Pharmaceutical Associates, Inc. Presentation to the BOS dated 05/18/16

Office of Fishing and Boating Access letter dated 07/10/2006, and copy of rules and regulations
governing the use of public access facilities

CBRS D letter re School Committee Election

Town Administrator's Report