

**Town of Becket
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
August 3, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall
557 Main Street, Becket**

Attendees:

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

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

Others: Gale Labelle, Alison Dixon, Laurel Burgwardt; Tim Eagles (Architect from EDM), & Colleen O'Connor

Call to Order

Bill called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. He stated that the meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Meeting Law and Guidelines for the Becket Board of Selectmen Meetings.

Bill 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.

Board to review minutes of previous meeting(s)

Jeanne moved to approve the minutes for the 07/20/2016 meeting. Nicole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Opening of Town Hall Roof Replacement Bids & Board to take them under Consideration for Award

At 7:05 p.m., Chief Procurement Officer Ed Gibson opened and summarized the bids submitted for the Town Hall Roof Replacement Project. Bill made a motion that the Town Hall Roof Replacement project include the alternate #1 option for additional attic insulation. Jeanne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Company	Base Bid	Alternate #1	Total
• Larochelle Construction, Holyoke	\$41,250	\$19,250	\$ 60,500
• Titan Roofing Inc., Springfield	\$84,600	\$18,500	\$103,100
• Meadows Construction, Newberry	\$56,000	\$21,000	\$ 77,000
• WPI, Webster	\$44,000	\$10,000	\$ 54,000

Ed indicated that all bidders submitted the required documents. The BOS took the bids under advisement. Mr. Tim Eagles, Architect from EDM, will review the bid documents and check the references of the two low bidders, WPI and Larochelle.

Election Worker Appointments

The BOS reviewed the Town Clerk's recommendations for Election Workers appointments. Jeanne moved to appoint Candace Cahgalan (Unenrolled) and Michael Womack (Unenrolled) Election Workers for a term beginning 8/3/2016 through 8/14/2017. Bill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeanne moved to appoint Charles Francis, Meredyth Babcock, Beth VanNess, Eva Bonney, Julia Kay-Grace, Ann Krawet, Barbara Winters, Martin Winters, and Patricia Clemons, all who are registered Democrats, Election Workers for a term beginning 8/3/2016 through 8/14/2017. Bill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeanne moved to appoint Gale LaBelle (Republican), Steven LaBelle (Republican), Adrienne Metcalf (Unenrolled), Jerome Schwartzbach (Unenrolled), Charles Garman (Unenrolled), Priscilla McEwen (Unenrolled), Alvin Blake (Unenrolled), Ruth Rosenthal (Unenrolled), Katherine Hoak (Democrat), and Joan Moylan (Democrat) Election Workers for a term beginning 8/3/2016 through 8/14/2017. Bill seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Colleen O'Connor stated that Katherine Hoak is Unenrolled. Jeanne made a motion to ask the Town Clerk if Katherine Hoak is registered as a Democrat or Unenrolled. Bill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports: TBA

The BOS reviewed the monthly reports of the Ambulance Department, and Building Inspector.

Planning Board's Request to review and comment on Application for a Special Permit submitted by Michael and Susan Pease relating to Property located on 11 Big Bass Lane (Map 413, Lot 53.1)

Ed reported on his discussion with the Building Inspector concerning the above named Special Permit application. The parcel existed prior to the 2008 bylaw change and meets all the zoning bylaw special permit requirements. In this case, the shared driveway is mandatory. Planning Board Member Gale Labelle indicated that other than what is proposed in the Special Permit application, the rear lot may not be subdivided any further. The BOS will send the Planning Board a letter to advise that it has no objections to the Special Permit application submitted by Michael and Susan Pease relating on Property located on 11 Big Bass Lane (Map 413, Lot 53.1).

Massachusetts Dept. of Transportation re: Bridge Inspections Reports

- Surriner Rd. / Mtn Pasture Brook
- Yokum Pond Rd. / Yokum Brook
- Quarry Road/Cushman Brook

The BOS and Town Administrator reviewed state bridge inspection reports for Surriner, Yokum Pond and Quarry Roads, all which passed.

Board of Selectmen's Comments and Announcements

Jeanne advised that she is no longer a member of the Municipal Planning Organization (MPO) and she does not wish to serve as the Town's MPO representative for another two year term. Bill may consider serving as the Town's MPO.

Nicole followed-up with whether the BOS is authorized to act as the Town's Municipal Light Plant Commissioner. Ed advised that Town Counsel is researching.

Bill attended a Board of Health meeting today and was impressed by Health Agent Charlie Kaniecki's knowledge and expertise.

Town Administrator's Report

Town Hall ADA Improvement Project: The bids have been advertised and the bid packages are currently available. On 8/17, bids will be accepted until 4 p.m. and opened 7 p.m. at the BOS meeting. The pre-bid walkthrough occurred on 7/28.

Berkshire County Educational Task Force: The legislature in both branches voted to override the Governor's veto and keep \$150,000 in the Fiscal Year 2017 budget to help perform the work related to this Task Force's project.

Wade Inn Road: The reclamation work on Wade Inn Road continues to progress. Warner Brothers, LLC will perform the actual finish paving next week, weather permitting.

Quarry Road and Gould Road: The no-parking regulations for the portions of Gould Road and Quarry Road which were approved at the 7/20 meeting are being advertised in tomorrow's County Journal and Pittsfield Gazette. The regulations will go into effect on August 5th. The no-parking regulation has been posted on the Town Bulletin Board and website since 7/28. Ed provided an update on signage.

Bonny Rigg Hill Culvert Replacement: The bids have been advertised for the Bonny Rigg Hill Culvert Replacement Project and are scheduled to be opened at the 8/24 Special Meeting of the BOS at 7 p.m. While the permit application is on the Conservation Commission's agenda for 8/9, the Public Hearing will have to be held over until their September meeting as they have to wait 30 days after the National Heritage comments to close the Public Hearing.

Wells Road: Chris Bouchard and Ed are scheduled to take the layout we have for Sherwood Forest and the roads in the District and go to Wells Road on Friday to match the road right of way to the location of the group of mailboxes for the use by the Sherwood Forest residents.

Fire Station #1: Allegrone will start the foundation repairs to Fire Station #1 in the next two to four weeks. Before work commences, they will notify us of the start date.

Ambulance: The air conditioning system in the ambulance has been repaired and it is back in service.

Meetings: Tomorrow, Ed will attend the Broadband Ad Hoc Committee, and Finance Committee meeting. 8/11 he will attend the Berkshire Managers Association meeting in Hinsdale.

Bill inquired about the windows at Fire Station #1: Ed replied that once the foundation work is done and sills repaired, ECS will write a remediation program which may be used to create a windows bid. All testing has been done. There are no PCBs but some of the windows have

asbestos on the glazing and some of the windows have asbestos in the caulk around them. Bill said he would like to see the new windows installed before winter.

Town Hall Exterior Decking and Railings

After viewing color samples, the BOS confirmed their choice of bronze for the balusters.

Public Input

Gale LaBelle, Chairperson of the Board of Health, discussed the protocol the water testing company is expected to follow for notifying the Town about any failed water tests that would require the Board of Health to close the Town Beach. In addition, the water testing company should follow a protocol to notify the town when a re-test deems it safe to re-open the Town Beach after a closing. Ed reported that he contacted and reiterated the protocol of notification to Housatonic Basin. If Housatonic Basin is not able to directly reach a Board of Health member the Town Administrator or Town Secretary should be contacted. Neither the Town Administrator nor Town Secretary was contacted last week. Gale stated that much to her regret, the beach remained closed during the weekend because she did not receive a specific voice message on Friday from Housatonic Basin advising that the water sample at the town beach passed the test.

Gale Labelle and Alison Dixon discussed upcoming plans to rake and remove stones at the Center Pond Town Beach. Raking the bottom of the lake will most likely stir bacteria that had settled and cause a temporary increase in bacteria levels. Because of this, after raking and removal of stones occur, the town will need to close the beach until a water testing reflects that acceptable bacteria limits return. Ed and Bill stated that closing the beach for this project should not be scheduled until after Labor Day. Jeanne suggested that the Parks & Recreation Department should be consulted. Bill stated that he believes the Parks & Recreation is fine with waiting until after Labor Day.

Laurel Burgwardt stated that she does not agree with this year's more zealous approach to beach permitting enforcement.

Any other business to come before the Board

Bev had received a call from Roberta Goldman, Chairman of Arts Lottery Council, who inquired if the town allows non-residents to serve on the Arts Lottery Council. Discussion ensued in which it was stated that the town's bylaws do not specify a residency requirement to define members on the Arts Lottery Council. Bill stated that generally he prefers to appoint town residents on town committees/boards. Jeanne stated that she would not preclude an outside resident who may help promote programming for the benefit of the town from serving on the Arts Lottery Committee. Nicole stated that she would consider a non-resident to serve on the Arts Lottery Council. Ed will review the state regulations regarding residency requirements of the Arts Lottery Council. Ed conveyed that Roberta asked the BOS to let her know if they have any recommendations for prospective members for the Arts Lottery Council.

The Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on Ipswich Pharmaceutical's request that the Board of Selectmen issue a letter of support or non-opposition in order for Ipswich Pharmaceutical Associates to consider applying to the Town to operate a Registered Marijuana Dispensary (**Cultivation Only**) on Yokum Pond Road (Assessors' Map 409, Lots 30 &

30.1 totaling 26.66 acres) per 105 CMR 725.100. The Becket Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on August 24th, at 7:05 p.m. in Town Hall. A Public Hearing notice will be published in the Berkshire Eagle and sent to a list of abutters. The BOS reviewed and agreed to Ed's suggested listing of abutters he marked on the assessors map.

The BOS signed a letter to George Litourneau to acknowledge his twenty years of service on the Ambulance Squad.

The BOS reviewed and approved posting the Broadband Update to the Becket Website that Jeanne had crafted. The BOS will also submit the update to the Country Journal as a news item.

Laurel Burgwardt stated that overall, she thought the Brouhaha was well-done and she wanted to alert the BOS that she observed that the Athenaeum fund raising event did not contain beer drinking to a delineated area. She saw some people walking around the Brouhaha with beer that they had purchased from the library's beer garden. Bill suggested that she report this to the Becket Washington Fair Committee. The BOS/Town Administrator will look into the matter, and will consider this report for any future beer permit requests from the licensee involved, as well as beer permit requests in conjunction with future town fairs.

Review Correspondence

- None

Board of Selectmen intends to go into Executive Session under MGL c. 30A, section 21 (a) (3) for:

- **Discussion and possible vote on litigation strategy with respect to the litigation re: Cooper vs. Town of Becket Land Sale if the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the Town**
- **Approval of Executive Session Minutes: 07/06/2016.**

Board to adjourn Executive Session. Board will not return to Open Session.

At 8:45 p.m., Jeanne moved to enter Executive Session under MGL c. 30A, section 21 (a) (3) for:

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- Approval of Executive Session Minutes: 07/06/2016.

Further, the Board will not return to Open Session. Bill seconded. Roll call: Bill voted yes, Jeanne voted yes and Nicole voted yes. At 8:46 p.m., the Board entered Executive Session.

Reviewed Payroll/Expense Warrants.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Gilbert, Secretary



William Elovirta, Chairperson

Documents discussed at this meeting:

Town Administrator's Report

July 2016 Departmental Reports: Ambulance, Building Inspector

Becket Broadband Update – July 2016 (Jeanne Pryor)

Email from Town Clerk dated 8/1/2016

Bid documents from Larochelle Construction, Holyoke; Titan Roofing Inc., Springfield;
Meadows Construction, Newberry; and WPI, Webster

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Abutters listing and map for property located at Yokum Pond Road (Assessors' Map 409, Lots 30
& 30.1 totaling 26.66 acres

Letter to George Litourneau