

**Town of Becket
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
August 17, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall
557 Main Street, Becket**

Attendees:

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

Staff: Ed Gibson, *Town Administrator*; Beverly Gilbert, *Recording Secretary*;
Nicole Miller, *Becket Police Dept.*

Others: Colleen O'Connor; John Barry, *Barry Architects, Inc.*

Call to Order

Bill called the meeting to order at 7 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)

Bill moved to approve the minutes for the 08/3/2016 meeting. Nicole seconded. Motion carried.

BOS to consider Cultural Council Appointments

The BOS reviewed appointment applications submitted by Barbara Craft-Reiss and Mary Manning Cohen. Bill moved to appoint Barbara Craft-Reiss and Mary Manning Cohen to the Cultural Council for a term effective 08/17/2016 through 06/30/2019. Nicole seconded. Motion carried.

Opening of Town Hall Alterations Bids & Possible Award

At 7:05 p.m., Chief Procurement Officer Ed Gibson opened and summarized the bids submitted for the Town Hall Alterations Project. Alternate #1 option includes a concrete pad at the rear of the building, and Alternate #2 option includes the installation of an electrical outlet by the front and rear doors to allow for future automatic door openers. Ed indicated that all three bidders submitted the required documents. It was noted that Sommer Electric did not acknowledge the Addendum (Bid Form A), and none of the bidders provided Spec Sheet & deviations. John Barry, from Barry Architects, Inc., will check references for the low bidder, Cornerstone Building Services, and confirm that they fully understand the scope of the project. The BOS's 8/24/2016 meeting agenda will include discussion and possible award of the Town Hall Alterations Bids.

Company	base bid	Alt 1	Alt 2	Total
Sommer Electric, Adams	\$49,800	\$20,280	\$4,200	\$74,280
Cornerstone BS, S. Hadley	\$41,313	\$16,600	\$2,508	\$60,421
Kurtz, Westfield	\$75,827	\$35,463	\$5,451	\$116,741

Nicole Miller re: Car Show Fund Raiser for Children’s Holiday Party

Becket Police Officer Nicole Miller requested the Selectmen’s support for a car show Becket-Washington fundraising event entitled, “Cops and Rodders” scheduled on 10/1/2016 (rain date 10/2/2016) in Washington Park. As stated in Nicole’s letter provided at tonight’s meeting, “The car show will raise funds for the Police Department to host a children’s holiday party in December to benefit the children of Becket and Washington.” On 8/8/2016, the Washington BOS indicated its support of this event and issued a permit to use the Washington Park for the Cops & Rodders fundraiser. Nicole provided a copy of a flyer for this event. Nicole advised that Heather (Anello) Spencer has agreed to cater the Car Show and will donate proceeds. Each car will pay an entrance fee. Spectators will have free admission and may purchase raffles for many prizes that will be donated. Nicole had contacted Patty Clemons who organized the annual Children’s Holiday Party (called Santa’s Elves) for many years. Patti is on-board with the Police Department’s intention to assume the responsibility of overseeing and planning the children’s holiday party starting this year. Patty had told Nicole she will continue organizing the Penny Social to raise funds for the children’s holiday party. The BOS indicated that Patty will need to submit moneys collected from the Penny Social to the Police Department. Because attendance at the party has seemed to outgrow the Becket Town Hall, Nicole will contact the YMCA Becket Chimney Corners Camp to request use of their Dining facilities for the Holiday Party. Nicole pointed out the scrutiny police officers face due to recent occurrences in our country. Nicole stated that in addition to bringing the community together for a great cause, the Car Show fundraiser is a way to connect the community and law enforcement to show unity and strength. Bill moved to support the Becket Police Association’s Cops & Rodders event and intention to take over the children’s holiday party. Nicole seconded. Motion carried.

BOS to vote to Award of Town Hall Roof Replacement Bid

Ed advised that WPI withdrew its bid on the basis that they miscalculated the figures for Alternate #1, attic insulation. The BOS agreed with Ed’s recommendation to not take action against WPI. Bill made a motion to award the bid for the Town Hall Roof and Alternate #1 to Laroche in the amount of \$60,500 on the condition that the architect approves the reference check and is comfortable after talking to Laroche that they understand the scope of the work. Nicole seconded. Motion carried.

Conservation Commission Enforcement Order for 0 Mecum Way (Aka Town Beach)

Ed discussed the Conservation Commission Enforcement Order for 0 Mecum Way (aka town Beach). Ed explained that the enforcement order is beneficial to the town because it will allow the town to remove gravel and stones from the beach without the need to file additional paperwork which would ordinarily be required in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act if it were the Town who initiated this activity. In response to the enforcement order, stone and gravel will be removed by hand prior to Labor Day, and tools such as rakes will be used to continue the removal process after Labor Day. Removal of stone and gravel by hand will not require the Town to close

the beach. When tools such as rakes are used, the beach must be closed until raking ceases and a water test reflects acceptable bacteria limits.

BOS to consider joining National Joint Powers Alliance Purchasing Group

At the suggestion of the Town Administrator, Bill moved to join the National Joint Powers Alliance Purchasing group. Nicole seconded. Motion carried. One of the advantages of joining this group is that it will allow for more competitive pricing on the upcoming playground equipment purchase and installation at the Town Park.

Monthly Reports: Dog Officer, Police Department and others TBA

The BOS reviewed the July reports of the Dog (Animal Control) Officer and the Police Department.

Board of Selectmen's Comments and Announcements

Bill reported that the Becket Fire Dept. challenged the Otis Fire Department to a baseball game on Sept. 9th in the ballfield adjacent to the Becket Town Hall. Ed advised that the Fire Dept. should submit a facilities use request form to his office to reserve the ballfield. Bill stated that Maddy Elovirta had conveyed to the other members of the Fire Dept. that alcoholic beverages are not permitted at this event. Bill stated that permission to use the ballfield should specify that no alcoholic beverages are allowed,

Bill contacted Michelle Raymer to advise that the BOS had received a citizen's complaint relating to drinking alcoholic beverages at the Becket Washington Fair, and the Becket Washington Community Partnership may wish to discuss this at their meeting scheduled on 8/29.

Town Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator reported on topics including upcoming Highway Dept. Loader Replacement; status of the Wade Inn Road reclamation work and paving project; Quarry Road and Gould Road Parking Regulations and Quarry Update; upcoming Bonny Rigg Hill Road Culvert Replacement Bid; Municipal Inspection Vehicle (Used); Collectors Massachusetts Dept. of Revenue sponsored training this week at UMASS, Town Secretary's attendance at Massachusetts ABCC Liquor License application Workshop in Westfield, Ballfield Scoreboard Replacement, Fire Station #1 Window Replacement, Otis Road Conservation Enforcement Order, Vocational School Transportation, and meetings.

Blue Ribbon Support on "Entering Becket" Signs: Maria Thomas who is the wife of State Trooper Randy Thomas, with the approval of Police Chief McDonough, placed blue ribbons on the "Entering Becket" Highway signs to show support to our law enforcement officers throughout the State. The Thomas family resides in Becket.

Public Input

Colleen O'Connor suggested that public restroom facility septic systems are not designed to handle large crowds and this should be considered when planning events. She also reported that she sighted feces with toilet paper at the Buckley Dunton Lake. She expressed concern about blue/green algae at this lake. To protect the lake which is a valuable community resource, she asked if the BOS would arrange to install a portable toilet there. Bill advised that the DCR has

responsibility for the Buckley Dunton Lake. Although not optimistic that the request will be granted, the BOS will ask the DCR via letter if they would place an eco-can at the Buckley Dunton Lake.

Any other business to come before the Board

None

Review Correspondence

- TBA

None

Selectmen to Adjourn Meeting.

Nicole moved to adjourn. Bill seconded. At 8:16 p.m., Bill adjourned the meeting.

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: Police Department, Animal Control Officer

Bid documents from Kurtz Inc., Cornerstone Building Services, and Sommer Electric

Conservation Commission Enforcement Order for 0 Mecum Way (Aka Town Beach)

Appointment Applications from Barbara Craft-Reiss and Mary Manning Cohen

Letter from Nicole Miller, Becket Police Dept.

Flyer re: Cops and Rodders Event from Nicole Miller, Becket Police Dept.