

**Town of Becket  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
October 19, 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: Tom Gilbert, James Levy, Kristine Levy, and Heather Anello

**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)**

Jeanne moved to approve the minutes for the 10/5/2016 meeting. Nicole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**BOS to Vote to uphold annual Winter Parking Ban on town roads/streets, 11 p.m. till 7 a.m., Nov 15<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Nicole moved to approve the winter parking ban on town road and streets from 11 p.m. till 7 a.m., starting November 15, 2016 through April 15, 2017. Jeanne seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The BOS will announce the Winter Parking Ban on the town's website and Country Journal.

**Public Hearing on Becket General Store, Inc.'s application for a change of location of the All Alcoholic Package Goods Store License from 30 Washington Street to 3235 Main Street.**

At 7:05 p.m. Bill read the below listed public hearing notice and then announced that the Public Hearing was officially open:

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, c. 138 section 15A you are hereby notified of a Public Hearing on the application of Becket General Store, Inc. d/b/a Becket General Store to change the location of the All Alcoholic Package Goods Store license from 30 Washington Street, Becket, MA to 3235 Main Street, Becket, MA. The Becket Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on October 19, 2016, at 7:05 p.m. in Town Hall, 557 Main Street, Becket, MA 01223. Any person

interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated. If unable to attend, please submit comments in writing to the Becket Board of Selectmen for receipt before the date of the scheduled hearing.

Beverly indicated:

- Heather Anello had submitted all required paperwork in conjunction with the application.
- Becket Collector Ken Bilodeau advised that all property taxes were current for the proposed location of the business (3235 Main Street, Becket).
- The Building Inspector did not have any issues with the floor plans.
- The Notice of the Public Hearing appeared in the Berkshire Eagle on October 6, 2016 had been posted on the town's website and town bulletin board.
- The abutters were sent a public hearing notice. The application to the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission will contain a copy of the public hearing notice with attached certified mailing receipts.

Bill asked if anyone wished to comment. Kristine Levy stated that she wishes Heather Anello well. There were no other comments.

Heather Anello stated that when the renovations of 3235 Main Street are closer to completion, she will contact the town offices (Board of Health, Board of Selectmen) to coordinate the transfer of other licenses affiliated with the Becket General Store.

Jeanne moved to approve the Becket General Store, Inc.'s application for a change of location of its All Alcoholic Package Goods Store License from 30 Washington Street to 3235 Main Street. Nicole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bill closed the hearing at 7:10 p.m.

### **Town of Washington Vocational School Transportation Discussion**

Ed stated that he wanted to revisit and conclude a conversation that the BOS and he started regarding vocational transportation billing. The BOS had approved transporting a Washington student in the Becket van traveling to Smith Vocational School, and it was noted that Washington agreed to transport one of Becket's student to McCann. Bill had suggested that Washington and Becket not invoice each other and call it even. Ed explained that the cost of transportation to each of the schools differs, and the number of students impacts the cost. He stated that because Becket has designated Smith Vocational School as the preferred vocational school, it will be unlikely that after the student graduates from McCann, Becket students will go elsewhere unless Smith Vocational School does not offer the student's curriculum path. The Selectmen agreed that it makes sense and they authorized Ed to invoice the Town of Washington in the same manner in which he invoices the Town of Lee for vocational transportation reimbursement. Ed will calculate the student reimbursement cost by dividing the total cost of transportation by the total number of students.

### **Board to vote on Halloween Trick or Treating Date and Times**

At the recommendation of Ed who indicated that he consulted with Police Chief McDonough, Bill

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moved that Becket's Trick or Treat hours will occur on Monday, October 31, 2016, from 5 p.m. till 7 p.m. Nicole seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The BOS will announce the Trick or Treating date and times on the town's website and the Country Journal.

### **Discussion and Possible Appointment of the Planning Board Associate Member**

The Board of Selectmen discussed Al Blake and James Levy's appointment applications for the Planning Board Associate opening. The BOS indicated it is impressed with the background of both candidates. It was noted that Al Blake currently serves on the Zoning Board of Appeals as the Alternate member. The BOS expressed appreciation for Al Blake's willingness to be of additional service to the town. The Chair stated his reservation to appoint Al Blake as the Planning Board Associate based on a concern that he would need to recuse himself and not be in a position to fulfill his duties as the ZBA Alternate member on matters for which he had already participated through the Planning Board. Jeanne reminded members that both the Selectmen and Planning Board by majority vote may appoint an associate member.

Bill moved to recommend to the Planning Board to appoint James Levy Planning Board Associate for a term to end 06/30/2017. Nicole seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The BOS will send a letter to the Planning Board. After the Planning Board responds, the BOS will be in a position to send communications to Mr. Levy and Mr. Blake.

The BOS thanked Mr. Levy for his presence at tonight's meeting.

### **Monthly Reports: Police Department and others TBA**

The BOS reviewed the reports of the Police and Fire Departments.

### **Board of Selectmen's Comments and Announcements**

Jeanne indicated that she gave the Board of Health a copy of the recently approved Article 17, Section 22 bylaw concerning wells as approved by the Attorney General (listed under mail of note) because this bylaw may impact the Board of Health's proposed Well Regulations.

### **Town Administrator's Report**

Ed reported and discussed Town Hall Alterations (He has asked the architect to obtain a quote from Cornerstone to add a front and back automatic door opening as a change order), Town Hall Roof Replacement Project, Becket Energy Committee Informational Session (It was a successful and well-attended event), Bony Rigg Hill Road Culvert Replacement (Ed will call his contacts in Washington D.C. on behalf of the town because the Army Corps of Engineers did not discuss this project at its September meeting, and the Highway Superintendent advised that he is not certain the state will allow for second extension of the project completion deadline which is 06/30/2017, Community Software Consortium CAMA Conversion (The BOS will have a possible vote re: CAMA conversion at its 11/2/2016 meeting), Municipal Modernization Bill Special Speed Limit Regulation, the Assessor Clerk Position, and upcoming meetings

The BOS will consider Ed's recommendation that when the town fills the assessor's position, it will be a good time to consider changing the Assessors and Treasurers office hours to 8:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. so that all Town Hall offices will have uniform hours.

The BOS will have a working meeting on 11/3/2016 at 10 a.m. for a possible vote to award of the electricity bid.

The BOS 11/2/2016 agenda will include the Bid Opening and possible award of the 2017 Fire Rescue Pumper.

### **Public Input**

None

### **Any other business to come before the Board**

Jeanne asked that the BOS include possible vote to adopt a Street Acceptance Policy on the 11/2/2016 meeting agenda.

Bill reported that the Fire Chief had contacted him to advise that last night the ambulance was out of service. A discussion ensued. Ed will talk to the Ambulance Director to ascertain what had transpired, and he will convey the BOS's expectation that barring extenuating circumstances (including if the ambulance rig is down for repairs) the town should have "24 by 7" ambulance coverage.

Jeanne inquired about what was happening with multi-town shared ambulance services. Bill advised that Representative Smitty Pignatelli has not rescheduled a meeting with the towns and Southern Berkshire Ambulance that had originally been scheduled approximately three months ago.

### **Review Correspondence: TBA**

The BOS reviewed the below correspondence:

- Commonwealth of Massachusetts Housing Court Dept. Western Division, Agreed Order of the Parties dated 10/19/2016 case #16CV934
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation letter dated 10/17/2016 notification of Bureau of Forestry Forest Cutting Plan – Yokum Pond Road. The Conservation Commission was also sent this letter.
- The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General letter dated 10/17/2016 re: Case 8101 – Notification of approval of Articles 27 and 28 from the Becket May 14, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

### **Board of Selectmen intends to go into Executive Session under MGL c. 30A:**

**section 21 (a) (6) for discussion & possible vote to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property at 21 Maple Street if the chair declares that an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body, and**

### **Approval of Executive Session Minutes: 10/05/2016**

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

Bill moved for the Board of Selectmen to go into Executive Session under MGL c. 30A: section 21 (a) (6) for discussion & possible vote to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property at 21 Maple Street as the chair declares that an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body, and for the Approval of

Executive Session Minutes for 10/05/2016. He further proposed that the Board will not return to Open Session. Jeanne seconded. Roll call vote: Jeanne – aye, Nicole – aye, and Bill aye. At 8:05 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session.

**Reviewed Payroll/Expense Warrants.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Gilbert, Secretary

  
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William Elovirta, Chairperson

**Documents discussed at this meeting:**

Appointment Application – Alvin Blake for Planning Board Associate

Appointment Application – James Levy for Planning Board Associate

Town Administrator's Report

Letter from Massachusetts Office of Information Technology dated 10/17/2016 re: CAMA Conversion

Letter from MassDOT dated 10/17/2016 re: Guidance – Change of Speed Limit Regulations

Police Department September Report

Becket Volunteer Fire Department September Report

Becket General Store, Inc.'s application, and town's documents for a change of location of the All

Alcoholic Package Goods Store License from 30 Washington Street to 3235 Main Street

Correspondence – Listed above