

**Town of Becket
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
May 3, 2017
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*
Kristopher McDonough, *Police Chief*, Matthew Virginia, *Police Officer*

Others: Donna Mulholland, Sean Mulholland, Susan Dworkin, Frank Avalue Jr.,
Bob Gross, Jeremy Dunn, Rob Logan, Chris Lynch, Dan Kelly, Tami Scott,
Bob Scott, Michael Lavery, Jeff Piemont, and Meredyth Babcock

1. Call to Order

Bill called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 noted that the Board of Selectmen was recording the meeting.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairperson led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Continuation of Public Hearing on the application of Melissa Spagnuolo-Avalle D/B/A THE OLDE VILLAGE MARKET for a new Wine & Malt Off Premise Alcoholic Beverages License for premises located at 30 Washington Street, Becket, MA 01223.

Jeanne moved that the Board approve the application of Melissa Spagnuolo-Avalle D/B/A The Olde Village Market for a new Wine and Malt off-premises Alcoholic Beverages License at 30 Washington Street and further that, upon approval of the application by the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, such license shall be issued provided that the applicant submits to the Board of Selectmen copies of all other approved local permits or licenses required to operate the establishment. The Board of Selectmen have held a public hearing and found that under Section 16C of Chapter 138 of the Mass. General Laws that there are no objections to the operation at this location being within 500 feet of a church and school and therefore their premises are not detrimental to the educational of spiritual activities of said church. The applicant directly mailed the Becket Federated Church and the Becket/Washington School C/O the Central Berkshire Regional School District which operates the school (certified return receipt requested) and neither the church nor school had objections to the operation of a Wine and Malt off-premise Alcoholic Beverages License at this location.

Bill invited comments. No one remarked.

Bill seconded Jeanne's motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeanne moved to close the public hearing. Nicole seconded. At 7:06 p.m., Bill announced that the public hearing was concluded.

5. Board to review minutes of previous meeting(s)

Jeanne moved to approve the minutes for the April 19, 2017 and April 20, 2017 meetings. Bill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Memorial Day Parade and Service

The BOS asked Beverly to contact Bill Mullholland to confirm the format of this year's Memorial Day Parade and to arrange to publicize it in the County Journal and on the town website.

4. Public Hearing on the application for a Change of Manager and Transfer of an Annual On-Premises All Alcoholic Restaurant for an establishment located at 71 Chester Road, Becket, MA 01223 from Loretta M. Murray d/b/a Uncle Larry's Tavern (Manager: Loretta M. Murray) to Papa Bob's, LLC (Proposed Manager: Robert Joseph Scott).

At 7:10 p.m., Bill read the Public Hearing Notice:

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, c. 138, §15A you are hereby notified of a Public Hearing on the application for a Change of Manager and Transfer of an Annual On-Premises All Alcoholic Restaurant License for an establishment located at 71 Chester Road, Becket, MA 01223 (Assessor's Map 414, Lot 38) from Loretta M. Murray d/b/a Uncle Larry's Tavern (Manager: Loretta M. Murray) to Papa Bob's, LLC (Proposed Manager: Robert Joseph Scott). The Becket Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on May 3, 2017 at 7:10 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.

Attorney Dan Kelly spoke in support of the aforementioned application. He indicated that Tami Scott who has over thirty years' experience working in the restaurant & saloon industry will be invaluable to Papa Bob's.

Bill asked if there were any comments or questions. Rob Logan, 18 Blackfoot Way, inquired if permits to expand the restaurant and parking lot were part of tonight's approval process. Attorney Kelly indicated that there are no current applications for expansion. Tami indicated that in the future the restaurant may apply to expand the inside. Rob asked about the potential for expansion of the parking lot. Bill indicated that restaurant expansion would need to go before the Building Inspector (potentially the Planning Board) and the BOS (if it impacted the premises where alcoholic beverages are served) but the BOS would not be involved with expansion of the parking lot. They replied that the restaurant will open as is. The license will allow the sale of liquor from 8 a.m. till 2 p.m. daily. Rob inquired about entertainment. The BOS advised that Papa Bob's would need to apply separately for an entertainment license.

Nicole moved that the Board approve the application of Papa Bob's LLC for a transfer of an on-premises All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License at 71 Chester Street and a change of Manager to Robert Joseph Scott and further that, upon approval of the application by the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, such license shall be issued provided that the applicant submits to the Board of Selectmen copies of all other approved local permits or licenses required to operate the restaurant. Jeanne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeanne moved to close the public hearing. Nicole seconded. Motion carried unanimously. At 7:20 p.m., Bill announced that the public hearing was concluded.

6. Police Chief's announcement that Michael Hunt will graduate from the Police Academy on May 5, 2017, and BOS to vote on Town Administrator's Recommendation to appoint Michael Hunt Full-time Police Officer

Ed conveyed Chief McDonough's message that Michael Hunt will graduate from the Police Academy on May 5th. Chief McDonough had reported that Mr. Hunt had done an excellent job of 26 weeks of rigorous training, and he is ready to settle into the full-time employ of the town. Bill moved to accept the Town Administrator's recommendation to appoint Michael Hunt as Full-time Police Officer with an hourly pay rate of \$23.92 effective May 7 through June 30, 2017. Nicole seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The BOS signed a letter to congratulate Michael Hunt.

7. Broadband recommendation from Ad Hoc Group – Discussion

Bill Elovirta handed Broadband Ad Hoc Committee member Jeremy Dunn a list of his questions relating to the town's broadband project. A discussion ensued about whether the town should build a fiber optic (high speed broadband) or a cable network. Jeanne indicated that these are two separate products and her objective is to consider a long-term option for the town which voted for high speed broadband. The BOS will hold a working meeting to discuss in more detail the Broadband Ad Hoc Group's recommendation to bring fiber-to-the home broadband to Becket. Chris Lynch of Matrix Design Group asked if he may deliver a presentation to the BOS during the upcoming working meeting.

8. Town Hall HVAC Study

Ed and the BOS discussed an updated draft (dated 04/21/2017) Schematic Design Report by Edm for Becket Town Hall HVAC Upgrades. Ed advised that the cost is projected at \$156,000 (the town had approved \$140,000 for this project). The BOS agreed that the upstairs hallways, which become rather hot, should be air conditioned. Ed will ask the engineering firm to clarify some of the coding and equipment appearing on the plans, as well as the pricing for air conditioning the hallways.

9. MIIA Health Insurance Rates for FY 2018

Bill moved to accept the MIIA Health Insurance Rates for FY18. Jeanne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Dept. of Environmental Protection letter (with report and compliance plan enclosed) dated 4/24/2017 re: the Route 20 Spring

Ed indicated that the DEP sent a letter to advise that the town will be required to close the Route 20 Spring. The DEP will provide instructions as to how it must be shut down. Ed will send the Town of Chester a copy of the letter.

12. Planning Board notification of Public Hearing on the Special Permit application from Borrego Solar Systems Inc. for property located at Tanglewood Circle

The BOS reviewed the Special Permit Application from Borrego Solar System Inc. for property located at Tanglewood Circle. The Board has no objections to the 7 foot high fence.

13. Interdepartmental Transfer – Police Department

Jeanne moved to approve an inter-departmental transfer in the amount of \$5,256.00 from the Police Department salary account to the Police Department expense account to cover Police Academy related expenses including tuition, equipment for the cadet, uniforms, & mileage reimbursement. This transfer includes a shortfall in the amount of \$375 to equip new cruiser Ford Taurus with a Mobile Data Terminal. Nicole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

14. BOS to sign Certificate of Service

The Board of Selectmen signed a certificate of service they will present to long-term Moderator Bruce Garlow at the Annual Town Meeting.

15. Monthly or Quarterly Reports: to be announced

The BOS reviewed the Police Department's (March and April) and the Building Inspector's Report.

Jeanne inquired if someone wanted to know if there were break-ins on a certain street, whether this is information that the Police Department Police Dept. may disclose. Bill replied yes although the specifics might not be divulged.

16. Board of Selectmen's Comments and Announcements

Bill indicated that through Ed's contacts at West Springfield, the Fire Department received a used set of Jaws of Life now housed in Fire Station 1, on Rescue #4. On behalf of himself and the BOS, Ed will send a letter of appreciation to West Springfield.

Nicole inquired about the status of the vehicle the town loaned to the Town of Tolland. Ed advised that Tolland returned the truck and it will be auctioned in July.

17. Town Administrator's Report

The topics of the Town Administrator's report included the Playground Project, Auditors (are in Town Hall this week performing the on-site field work for FY2016 Financial records), Baby Town Meeting, Town Hall Projects Update, Bonny Rigg Culvert, and upcoming meetings.

18. Public Input

Meredyth Babcock discussed the Route 20 Spring with the BOS.

Per Michael Lavery's inquiry, Bill advised that the BOS sent letters (in March) to the State Representative and the State Senator to inquire with MassDOT about the possibility of exploring the addition of car-only exit/entrance to I-90 in the Becket vicinity. Meredyth asked if the BOS may consider that there is some concern within the community that a new exit/entrance in the Becket vicinity would lead to additional traffic on McNerney Road which may become part of a well-traveled route to Pittsfield.

19. Any other business to come before the Board

There were no items discussed under this agenda item.

20. Review Correspondence:


- **Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. re: CSX Transportation Inc.'s 2017 Yearly Operational Plan for Right-of-Way Management.**

21. Board of Selectmen to adjourn the meeting

Jeanne moved to adjourn. Nicole seconded. Motion carried. At 9:23 p.m., Bill adjourned the meeting.

Reviewed Payroll/Expense Warrants.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Gilbert, Secretary



William Elovirta, Chairperson

Documents discussed at this meeting:

- Application of Melissa Spagnuolo-Avalle D/B/A THE OLDE VILLAGE MARKET for a new Wine & Malt Off Premise Alcoholic Beverages License for premises located at 30 Washington Street, Becket, MA 01223
- Application for Change of Manager and Transfer of an Annual On-Premises All Alcoholic Restaurant for an establishment located at 71 Chester Road, Becket, MA 01223 from Loretta M. Murray d/b/a Uncle Larry's Tavern (Manager: Loretta M. Murray) to Papa Bob's, LLC (Proposed Manager: Robert Joseph Scott).
- Meeting minutes - April 19, 2017 and April 20, 2017 meetings
- Police Chief's memo dated 04/24/2017 re: Michael Hunt
- BOS letter dated 05/03/2017 to Michael Hunt
- Request for Inter-Departmental Transfer form dated 05/03/2017 (Police Dept. Salaries to Police Dept. Expense)
- Building Inspector's April 2017 Report

- Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. re: CSX Transportation Inc.'s 2017 Yearly Operational Plan for Right-of-Way Management.
- Certificate of Service to Bruce Garlow
- Planning Board notification of Public Hearing on the Special Permit application from Borrego Solar Systems Inc. for property located at Tanglewood Circle
- MIIA Health Insurance Rates for FY 2018
- 04/21/2017 Schematic Design Report by Edm for Becket Town Hall HVAC Upgrades
- Memorial Day Parade Information
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