

**Town of Becket  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
May 1, 2019  
7:00 p.m.  
Town Hall  
557 Main Street, Becket**

**Attendees**

**Board of Selectmen:** William Elovirta, *Chairperson*; Michael Lavery, *Vice Chairperson*

**Staff:** William Caldwell, *Town Administrator*; Beverly Gilbert, *Administrative Assistant*;

**Others:** Bob Gross, *Becket MLP Manager*; Morgan J. Moss, *Camp Lenox, Inc.*

**1. Call to order**

Bill E. called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. He specified that the BOS was recording the meeting.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Bill E. led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Michael moved to approve the minutes for the following meetings: 4-10-19 (Joint Finance Committee-BOS), 4-17-19 and 4-29-19 (Mini Town Meeting-Meet the Candidates Night). Bill seconded. Motion carried.

**4. 7:05 p.m. – Public Hearing on the Application of Camp Lenox, Inc. d/b/a Camp Lenox, Inc. for a new Seasonal All Alcoholic Beverage Restaurant License for Camp Lenox, Inc.’s Dining Hall and Lodge Buildings located in Becket (Assessor’s Property Identification: Map 205, Lot 73).**

At 7:05 p.m. Bill read the public hearing notice for the above captioned, and he opened the public hearing. Beverly indicated that she did not receive any comments or communication re: the proposed application. Morgan Moss, the proposed Manager named on the license application, fielded questions. He indicated that Camp Lenox, Inc. rents its facilities before and after the camp season, they would like to offer alcoholic beverages as part of their service, and they will not serve alcoholic beverages while the camp is in session. No one present had additional questions or comments. Michael moved to approve Camp Lenox, Inc.’s application for a new Seasonal All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License for Camp Lenox’s Inc.’s Dining Hall and Lodge Buildings (Becket Assessor’s Property Identification: Map 205, Lot 73) for operation May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 20<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. Bill seconded. Motion carried. Bill closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

**5. Review and possible approval of Wild Honey Pie, LLC’s One-Day Wine & Beer License applications (three total submitted) to operate in conjunction with the Music Festival located at Camp Becket on May 25, 26 & 27, 2019**

The BOS reviewed the above captioned license applications. The Police Chief had reviewed them and had specified that police detail is not required for this event. The applications included TIPS (Training and Intervention Procedures for Servers of Alcohol) certificates. Michael moved to grant One Day Wine & Beer Licenses to Wild Honey Pie, LLC’s to operate as submitted in their applications on May 25, 26, & 27, 2019 at Camp Lenox, Inc. (The agenda item erroneously listed Camp Becket.) subject to payment of the license applications fees in the amount of \$75. Bill seconded. Motion carried.

## 6. Broadband Update

MLP Manager Bob Gross provided an update. State Broadband Liaison Bill Ennen sent Bob Gross an e-mail stating that in addition to fronting the Town 75% of additional make-ready funding from the contingency fund, Bill Ennen will propose to give the town the third tranche of funding. Bill Ennen projects that the incremental need is \$500,000 and the Town would receive 75% of that, \$375,000, and the third tranche is over \$400,000. The expectation is the town will have adequate funding in free cash and stabilization to cover expenses until the state provides the funding. The Town must submit paperwork to the Bill Ennen by the end of May. It is expected that state payment to the town will occur six to eight weeks after the state receives the paperwork. Bob has arranged for a conference call with DLS, UniBank and Town officials to discuss short-term borrowing options: Bob Gross recommends that in case there is a problem or delay with receiving the state's funding, the Town will have the mechanisms in place so that it may assume a 60-day note (for FY19 expenses that would be repaid in FY20).

Bill Ennen suggested that the Town promptly pay make-ready invoices to Eversource which is planning to replace poles in Washington because when they have completed work in Washington, if Becket is current with its account, Eversource's select replacing poles in Becket for its next project. Bob Gross discussed expediting payment of Eversource's invoices.

The BOS signed an agreement with Comcast to provide broadband service to seven residences. Comcast will invoice the town for \$15,000. After the agreement is fully signed, Bob Gross will forward an electronic copy to Town Counsel. Next week Bob Gross will send letters to the seven residences who will be offered Comcast. The letters will indicate the cost for the service, specific to their premises. The letter will indicate that they will be eligible for the same subsidy as offered to other Becket residences, after the fact, when the town determines the amount.

Bob has not heard any recent news from Becket Woods. He sent a communication to Howard Buxbaum to suggest they consider voting on the possibility of installing short poles at the Annual Meeting scheduled on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

The design is nearly completed.

Per Bill E.'s suggestion, the Broadband Ad hoc Group will determine if they would like to provide a Broadband update at the Annual Town Meeting: a hold may be placed at the FY20 Operating Budget WiredWest line item.

## 7. Ambulance Department Detail pay rates, and EMT Field Training pay rates.

Bill E. moved to approve the Ambulance Director's recommended pay rates:

- Detail: \$30 per hour (EMT's, all levels, Billed with 10% administration fee \$33.00 per hour)
- EMT trainee: \$13 per hour (Applicable to EMTs all levels, during the orientation and field training process, subject to increase at the appropriate rate based on certification following completion of this process)

Bill Caldwell indicated that the above relates to Town Meeting approval of Warrant Article 27 to establish Revolving Funds for Ambulance Details and Training.

Michael seconded. Motion carried.

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

The BOS agreed Michael will submit a MASS EVIP Workplace charging station grant (covers cost of charging station). If approved, the Town may apply to Eversource's "Make-Ready" program.

Michael initiated discussion regarding the Tax Title Auction status. Discussion also ensued re: Tax Receivables.

Bill E. is reviewing the Highway Department Town Mechanic's position which had been created 10-7-2015. Bill C. will request copies of Fire Chief Position descriptions from professional organizations (Berkshire County Manager's Association).

## **9. Town Administrator's Report**

Bill Caldwell discussed the following:

- Route 20 Spring
- Collins Center at UMASS Boston – near completion
- Town Buildings Light upgrades – awaiting final incentive dollar figure
- Annual Town Meeting Warrant has been signed and posted
- Website and ClearGov
- Special dates: 4-29 (Mini Town Meeting), 5-11 (Annual Town Meeting) and 5/18 (Annual Town Election)
- Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Green Communities Assistance
- FY18 Audit Underway

## **10. Public Input**

None

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

None

## **12. Correspondence**

- **4-16-19 Office of the Attorney General letter addressed to the Town Clerk. The AG is reviewing the Town Clerk's Open Meeting Complaint letter dated 4-16-19 re: the Open Meeting Law complaint originally received by the Becket Board of Selectmen on or about 3-6-19 and will ascertain whether additional information is required or they will notify the Town Clerk of the AG's determination.**
- **Fire Chief E-mail dated 4-22-19 forwarding e-mail he sent to Sheriff Bowler to request assistance to paint Fire Station #1**
- **Zoning Board of Appeals Notice of Decision filed on 4-16-19 to grant a Dimensional Special Permit (30 Washington Street/Jill Weinberg & Colin Goundrey)**
- **4-22-19 MassDOT re: National Bridge Inspection Standards – Bridge B-03-016 McNerney Rd. /Shaker Mill Brook requires no posting for maximum loads.**

The BOS reviewed the above listed communications.

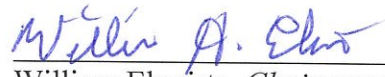
## **13. BOS to review and sign payable warrants**

The BOS reviewed and signed payable warrants.

**14. BOS to adjourn the Meeting**

Michael moved to adjourn. Bill seconded. Motion carried. At 7:53 Bill adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Gilbert, *Administrative Assistant*

  
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William Elovirta, *Chairperson*  
Approved on 5-15-2019

**Documents discussed at this meeting:**

- Town Administrator's Report
- Highway Department Town Mechanic Position Description dated 10-7-15
- MassEVIP Workplace Charging (WPC) Program Requirements
- Eversource "Make-Ready" Program for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
- Meeting Minutes: 4-10-19, 4-17-19 & 4-29-19
- Public Hearing Notice for Camp Lenox, Inc.'s application for a New Seasonal All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License
- Licensing authority Certification – Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
- Camp Lenox, Inc's check list of required items submitted to apply for an alcoholic beverages retail license
- Eric Weiner/The Wild Honey Pie, LLC License Application Summary Sheet
- Town of Becket 3 One Day Beer License Issued to Eric Weiner/The Wild Honey Pie, LLC
- Ambulance Director's letter dated 4-22-19 re: Request for approval of new pay rates
- Correspondence listed above