

Planning Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 19, 2016 7:00 pm
Becket Town Hall- 557 Main Street

Planning Board Members present: Robert Ronzio; Chairman, Gale LaBelle; Vice Chairman, Ann Krawet; Clerk, Chuck Andrews, Colleen O'Conner.

Planning Board members absent: None

Public present: None.

Meeting Opens at: 7:00 pm

Chairperson, Mr. Robert Ronzio, opens the meeting and announces that meeting agendas are on the table for anyone who would like one. He advises that the meeting is being held in accordance with Massachusetts General Law 40A and the By-laws of the Town of Becket. A decision to issue a special permit requires a minimum of four positive votes from a five member board. The Board has 90 days after the close of the public hearing to make a decision and 14 days to file the paperwork with the Town Clerk, once the decision has been made. Any Appeals of decisions can be made only to the court and must be pursuant to Section 17, MGL 40A as amended, and must be filed within 20 days after the date of filing of the decision with the Town Clerk. Mr. Ronzio asks if anyone will be making a recording of the meeting, the secretary confirms that she will be recording for the Planning Board. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to dispense with the rest of the procedural reading, Ms. Krawet seconds the motion, Unanimous Approval. Chairperson, Mr. Ronzio moves the meeting forward.

Approval of August 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes- Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented, Mr. Chuck Andrews seconds the motion; Unanimous Approval.

Public Participation- None

New Business: Informal Discussion on Medical Marijuana- Mr. Ronzio advises that he has had conversation with Mr. Jodie McCarthy from Ipswich

Pharmaceuticals and that he believes that Mr. McCarthy is still very interested in purchasing property from Mr. Robinson for the site of a proposed marijuana cultivation site. Ms. LaBelle reports that she was recently in attendance at a Berkshire Regional Planning Commission meeting where this topic was being discussed and that one of the attorneys that was present offered to come to Becket and attend a Planning Board meeting to speak with the members regarding this topic. Further, Ms. LaBelle advises that she would be happy to arrange the meeting.

New Business: Board to discuss Alternate member vacancy- Mr. Ronzio reads aloud an excerpt from the by-laws which address this topic. Mr. Ronzio advises that the Alternate Planning Board member is a joint appointment between the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen. He reads aloud letters and applications received from two individuals that have expressed the desire to be appointed to the Board. Board members briefly discuss and unanimously decide to invite both of the applicants to attend the next Planning Board Meeting scheduled for November 9th.

New Business: Institutional & Exempt uses, Map 213 Lot 125- Mr. Ronzio advises that there is a parcel of land that is in the beginning of Sherwood Greens, near the entrance. He explains that long ago there was an octagonal building located at this property. He explains that the property was sold to Sherwood Greens and confirms that it is a non-conforming parcel. Mr. Ronzio explains that they have constructed a shed on the property and that a building or an accessory building cannot be put up without going to the Planning Board first. Mr. Ronzio explains that the shed was built on a slab and houses mailboxes. Planning Board members discuss and agree that without the property owner coming before the Planning Board and asking permission, the shed should have not been put up. Planning Board members agree that a letter should be written and sent to William Girard, the building Inspector. Ms. Colleen O'Connor makes a motion to authorize Mr. Ronzio, as Chairman of the Board, to write a letter to the Building Inspector and to copy the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator and to inquire about this matter, Mr. Andrews seconds the motion; Unanimous approval.

Public Participation- None

Old Business: Continued Discussion – Drafting a driveway bylaw- Board members briefly discuss this topic as it has been discussed at prior meetings. Ms. Krawet provides an explanation of why this driveway bylaw is important to all property owners in order to ensure/safeguard their privacy and property values.

Mr. Ronzio advises that he will work on the wording of the bylaw and to be sure that he has something ready for review before the next scheduled meeting.

Correspondence- Read and Reviewed.

Budget-Read and Reviewed

Any other business to come before the Board-

Adjournment- Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Andrews seconds the motion; the meeting is adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Schedule next meeting for November 9, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Hunt, Planning Board Administrative Assistant

Robert Ronzio **Date**

Chuck Andrews **Date**

Ann Krawet **Date**

Gale LaBelle **Date**

Colleen O'Conner **Date**