



Town of Becket
Board of Health
557 Main Street
Becket, Massachusetts 01223
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Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2017

Board Members Present: Gale LaBelle and Laurel Burgwardt

Board Members Absent: I. David Krawet

Administrative Assistant: Jessica Perotti

Public Present: Ron Birrell

Call to Order

Gale LaBelle calls the meeting to order at 5:35 PM and reads the rules of the meeting. Ms. LaBelle introduces the Board Members present and Administrative Assistant.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 1, 2017

Ms. LaBelle asks Laurel Burgwardt if she has reviewed the meeting minutes. Ms. Burgwardt agrees that she has reviewed them and makes a **motion** to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2017 meeting. Ms. LaBelle **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Reports from the Health Agent, Charlie Kaniecki

0 Knoll Road: map 408/lot99- The Board reviews a well drilling application for a lot on the corner of Knoll Drive and Fred Snow Road- map408/lot 99. Jessica Perotti reminds Ms. LaBelle and Ms. Burgwardt that a septic plan has already been approved for this property. Ms. LaBelle questions why the well was not approved when the septic was approved. Ms. Perotti explains that the applicant had to get approval from the Conservation Commission for the location of the well because there are wetlands on the lot. Ms. LaBelle recognizes Ron Birrell, a contractor here on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Birrell explains that because of the wetlands on the property, this was the only location that the well could be placed. Mr. Birrell explains that the well is approximately 10' from each of the two neighboring property lines. The applicant sent a letter requesting a 20' variance, from each property line, of the required 30' needed from a property line for a well. Ms. LaBelle asks where the neighbor's septic system. Mr. Birrell says he is not sure of the exact distance but is sure it is more than 100' since the neighbor's well is on the other side and is more than 100' away their septic is farther out past that so therefore, it must be more than 100' away. Ms. LaBelle would like to know what the footage is to the neighbor's septic system. Mr. Birrell shows Ms. LaBelle the map and it is clear that the neighbor's septic system is more than 100' away. Ms. Burgwardt makes a **motion** to accept the plan and to include a 20' variance having the well 10' from the property lines. Ms. LaBelle **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.** **3194 Main Street-** The Board reviews a change in plan for this property. A plan had already been approved but the SAS (Soil Absorption System) had to be turned around. Charlie Kaniecki reviewed the submitted plan and recommends approval on it with a 3' separation to estimated seasonal high groundwater. Ms. LaBelle makes a **motion** to accept the plan and to have a 3' variance for separation to estimated seasonal high groundwater. Ms. Burgwardt **seconds the motion**. All in favor.



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Motion passes. 1909 Jacob's Ladder Road: A revised plan was sent for this property. A well application was also sent but was incomplete. Jayne Smith, Health Agent, reviewed the revised the revised septic plan and the well application. Ms. Smith advises that the well application needs to be resubmitted to include more information. Ms. Smith sent a new well application to be approved by the Board that includes information required with the newly passed Well Regulations. Ms. Perotti confirms that Ms. Smith did not send an email to recommend approval on the revised septic plan. Ms. Burgwardt makes a **motion** to approve the revised septic plan pending an email from Ms. Smith that recommends the approval. Ms. LaBelle **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.** Ms. LaBelle makes a **motion** to approve the well application sent by Ms. Smith. Ms. Burgwardt **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.** A new well application will be sent to the applicant for this property. **147 Otis Road:** The Board reviews the plan for this property. The septic requires a new holding tank. Ms. Burgwardt makes a **motion** to accept the plan. Ms. LaBelle **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Old Business

None.

New Business

Full Circle would like to meet with the Board, over the phone, before the end of the year to go over the system for the upcoming year. Ms. LaBelle suggests meeting with them after the holiday. Ms. Perotti suggests December 28 or 29, 2017. Ms. Perotti will make the arrangements for the meeting.

Correspondence

The Board reviews emails, letters and invoice notices received since their November meeting. Ms. Perotti first presents two (2) invoices from Housatonic Basin for water tests at the spring located at the Becket/Chester town line. The first invoice is for \$265.00 and the second is for \$115.00. Ms. Perotti also presents an invoice from the Becket Federated Church for \$12.00; the cost to list the monthly meetings in their calendar. Ms. LaBelle makes a **motion** for all these bills, totaling \$392.00, to be paid. Ms. Burgwardt **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.** Next, the Board reviews a situation involving a well that is on town property that needs to be decommissioned and replaced with a well on the owner's property or the property owner will need to pay for survey through the proper channels and ask for an easement from the town allowing that well to be used for her property. Ms. LaBelle wants to know who will be responsible for the well to be decommissioned. Ms. Perotti confirms that she has not yet heard how this will be handled. Ms. LaBelle says she would like to consult with Charlie Kaniecki about this situation. The Board reviews notices from the **Massachusetts Department of**



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Environmental Protection (**MassDEP**) regarding water testing at Camp Lenox. There is also a memo from the Becket Planning Board regarding a Public Notice to transfer approving authority on large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations from the Zoning Board of Appeals (**ZBA**) to the Planning Board which will be held on December 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Ms. LaBelle, who is also a member of the Planning Board, explains that this is being done so that applicants won't need to go before two (2) boards for their application to be reviewed for approval. The Board reviews other notices that include matters regarding insurance claims, test payments on Full Circle and certificates of compliance for septic system installations/upgrades.

Budget

Approximately fifty percent (50%) of the budget has been used so far this year.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Board

There is none.

The next Board of Health Meeting is set for January 3, 2018 at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

Ms. Burgwardt makes a **motion** to adjourn. Ms. LaBelle **seconds the motion**. All in favor.

Motion passes. Meeting is adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Meeting Minutes Reviewed & Approved on August 7, 2019 by:

Gale LaBelle, Chairman

Laurel Burgwardt, Vice Chairman