

**Town of Becket  
Board of Health  
557 Main Street  
Becket, Massachusetts 01223  
(413) 623-8934 ext. 122 fax (413) 623-6036**

**Meeting Minutes for October 16, 2020**

**Board Members Present:** Gale LaBelle, Robert Ronzio

**Board Members Absent:** Laurel Burgwardt

**Clerk of Committee:** Tess Lundberg

**Public Present:** Ed Fahey as Health Agent for Becket, Oleg Baburin, Richelle Baburin

**1. Call to order:**

Gale LaBelle calls the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. Ms. LaBelle introduces the Board members present and reads the rules of the meeting.

*Items will be kept in the order of the agenda for easier reference.*

- a. 110 Access Road: Mr. Baburin states that engineer Thomas Leue will not be able to call in to the meeting.

The board discusses a review of the existing file as follows. The septic system was installed, based on a design by engineer Peter Franz, in 2012. Installation using a 1,000 gallon tank, was done by Mr. LaFreniere and it appears that the paperwork is in order. Pumping records are on file for 2006 and 2008. An inspection in July 2012, conducted by Les Eldridge and witnessed by BOH representative Ginger Connor, with the system passing. A Title V inspection done July 3, 2020 with inspector John Boeling and witnessed by BOH representative Laurel Burgwardt, found that the 1,000 gallon tank was leaking. The Title V report recommended replacement of the tank. A proposal is on file from Murray Excavating and Landscaping to replace the tank with a 1,500 gallon tank. Photographs were submitted of the work in process. Ms. Labelle asks when the new tank was installed. Mr. Baburin refers to the time stamps on the photographs, 9/5/2020. The board notes for the record that the disposal system construction permit was not applied for until 9/20/2020.

Mr. Ronzio notes that the proposal from Murray Excavating specified a 1,500 gallon tank and the application specifies a 1,000 gallon tank. Mr. Ronzio asks for Mr. Fahey's input. Mr. Fahey states that he spoke with engineer Thomas Leue and was told that a 1,000 gallon tank was used due to ledge restricting the excavation. Mr. Ronzio asks Mr. Fahey if the 1,000 gallon tank will impact the size of the house or number of bedrooms. Mr. Fahey states that for new construction the tank must be 1,500 gallons, but repairs can use 1,000 gallon tanks. Mr. Fahey notes that the existing tank was a 1,000 gallon tank and it was functioning. Mr. Ronzio asks the homeowner to confirm the number of bedrooms. Mr. Baburin states the home has 2 bedrooms.

Mr. Ronzio asks if there should be a deed restriction placed for 2 bedrooms. Mr. Fahey asks when the field was put in and what the original design was sized for. Mr.

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Ronzio states field was installed in 2012 and original design was sized for 3 bedrooms. Mr. Fahey states that no deed restriction can be applied.

Ms. Labelle asks if any further discussion is needed or if a motion can be made. No further discussion requested. Ms. Labelle makes a motion to accept the installation of a 1,000 gallon tank, in lieu of a 1,500 gallon tank, due to the presence of ledge.

Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Ms. Labelle votes yes. Mr. Ronzio votes yes. **Motion passes.**

2. Septic Installer Permit

- b. Murray Excavating and Landscaping: Board discussed Murray Excavating doing the work at 110 Access Road when they did not have a construction permit or an installer permit. Installer permit application was received on 9/8/2020, with fee payment and supporting BCBOHA certificate received on 9/21/2020. Mr. Fahey states that a letter should be issued to the installer stating that the design should have been checked with the board prior to construction , the subsequent change in design due to ledge should have been checked with the board, and the installer permit should have been applied for prior to the work. Mr. Ronzio states that a letter should be sent to the contractor indicating he needs to follow guidelines and any future infractions will jeopardize his ability to hold an installer permit in Becket. Mr. Ronzio makes a motion to approve the installer permit for 2020 and issue with a warning letter to the contractor. Ms. Labelle seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes yes. Ms. LaBelle votes yes. **Motion passes.**

3. Reports from Ed Fahey

- a. 2442 Main Street: Mr. Fahey states that the plans meet standards, and applicant is requesting a 1 foot reduction in separation from groundwater. Ms. Labelle makes a motion to accept the plans with a 1 foot reduction in separation from groundwater. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Ms. Labelle votes yes. Mr. Ronzio votes yes. **Motion passes.**

4. Other Business

- a. Mr. Fahey discusses with the board developing a policy for reduction in separation from groundwater in repaired septic systems. Mr. Fahey will check if any other towns in the area have an existing policy, Mr. Fahey will assist the board in drafting the policy. Continued to the next board meeting.

5. **Adjournment:** The next meeting is set for November 04, 2020, at 6:00 PM. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. Labelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**

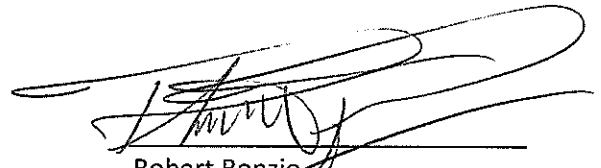
Meeting is adjourned at 11:35 AM.

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**Meeting Minutes reviewed and approved on November 04, 2020 by:**

  
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Gale LaBelle, Chair

  
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Robert Ronzio

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Laurel Burgwardt, Vice Chair

