

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

Meeting Minutes for November 4, 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, Thomas McDonald, Bruce Garlow

1. Call to order:

Gale LaBelle calls the meeting to order at 10:01 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.

2. Board to approve meeting minutes for October 07 , 2020 and October 16, 2020

Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to approve the minutes for October 07, 2020. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Ms. Labelle votes yes. Mr. Ronzio votes yes. All approve. **Motion passes.**

Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to approve the minutes for October 16, 2020. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Ms. Labelle votes yes. Mr. Ronzio votes yes. All approve. **Motion passes.**

3. Reports from Ed Fahey/Charlie Kaniecki:

a. Tobacco Regulations

b. 0 Leonhardt Rd 409.55 –permit application pending. Continued to December.

c. 880 East Otis Rd – plans pending. Continued to December.

d. 1377 Fred Snow Rd – plans pending. Continued to December.

e. 345 Friar Tuck – report pending. Continued to December.

f. 1100 Main St – report pending. Continued to December.

g. 139 Excalibur Lane- Thomas MacDonald discusses preliminary drawing he submitted for proposed location of septic system and existing well. Mr. MacDonald estimates that there would be a 30 foot separation between the proposed leach field and the existing well. Mr. Fahey advises that Mr. MacDonald should hire an engineer, who would be his advocate in requesting any variances, to develop a plan/design. Mr. Fahey also advised that well setbacks are required under the current regulations. Neighborhood well/leach fields that appear to be in violation of current setbacks may have been constructed prior to the current regulations. Ms. LaBelle advises Mr. MacDonald that the best way for him to move forward would be to hire an engineer.

h. 327 Chester Road - Continued to December.

i. 307 Yokum Pond Rd – Mr.Fahey ongoing discussion with designer. Continued to December.

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4. COC sign-offs:

- a. 39 Becket West Rd
- b. 2588 Main St- COC received from engineers/installers. Mr. Fahey confirms his inspection. Ms. LaBelle signs off on the COC.
- c. 464 Beech Tree Lane- Mr. Fahey approved after inspection. COC pending designer completion of approvals links online.

5. Title V inspections:

- a. 251 Captain Whitney report pending
- b. 151 Lady of the Lake report pending
- c. 227 King Richard report pending
- d. 707 Benton Hill Rd – Mr. Fahey states system passed on 10/28, report pending
- e. 129 Long Bow East- Mr. Fahey reports system failed on 10/7, report pending
- f. 66 Ridge Road- Continue to December.
- g. 155 Wells Road – fail
- h. 136 Sitting Bull - pass
- i. 327 Chester Rd - report pending
- j. 279 Old Pond Rd - report pending
- k. 1107 George Carter Rd - report pending
- l. 99 Jacobs Hollow Rd- pass
- m. 1110 Dimmock Rd – Mr. Fahey states system passed on 10/22, report pending
- n. 235 McNerney Rd - report pending

6. Percolation tests:

- a. 0 Old Abbey Lane West – report received
- b. 0 Friar Tuck 216.506 – report received
- c. 345 Friar Tuck – report received
- d. 189 East Shore Rd – report pending
- e. 0 Bancroft 419.1 –report received
- f. 13 King Arthur –report received
- g. 7 Bowman Lane –report pending
- h. 1100 Main St –report pending
- i. 0 Lady Lucille –report received
- j. 464 Beech Tree Lane – report received
- k. 212 Friar Tuck Dr – Mr. Fahey states perc passed, report pending
- l. 37 Mitchell Rd - – Mr. Fahey states perc passed, report pending

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- m. 0 Bonny Rigg Hill Rd –report received
- n. 227 King Richard –report received
- o. 122 Black Arrow – Mr. Fahey states no passing perc due to ledge. Report received.
- p. 102 Wells Rd – report pending
- q. 0 Blue Boar Lane - report received
- r. 1 Benton Hill Rd – Mr. Fahey states perc passed. Report pending.
- s. 38 Black Arrow Way – Mr. Fahey states perc failed. Report pending.
- t. 129 Longbow Lane East - Mr. Fahey states perc failed. Report pending.
- u. 679 Tyne Rd – report pending
- v. 48 Bonny Rigg Hill Rd- Mr. Fahey states perc passed. Report pending.
- w. 138 Greenwater – report received
- x. 0 Gention Hollow Rd 217.13 – report pending
- y. 0 Gention Hollow Rd 217.14 – report pending

7. Housing:

8. Full Circle Applications Received:

a. Food Service Establishments:

b. Lodging

c. Septic Haulers/Installers

- 1. B&D Septic Installers- waiting for BCBOHA Certification
- 2. Installer John's Tractor and Excavation – Board approves the installer permit.
- 3. Berkshire Pittsfield Septic - Board discussed septic repairs at 612 Main Street that were being done by Berkshire Pittsfield septic without a repair permit issued. Ms. Labelle makes a motion to not issue an installer permit and require the Berkshire Pittsfield Septic to appear before the board. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Ms. LaBelle votes yes. Mr. Ronzio votes yes. **Motion passes.**

d. Camps

e. Well

- 1. 345 Friar Tuck – continued to December
- 2. 37 Shore Rd – Mr. Fahey approved the proposed design. Ms. LaBelles makes a motion to approve the well permit for 37 Shore Rd. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Ms. LaBelle votes yes. Mr. Ronzio votes yes. **Motion passes.**
Mr. Fahey states that he reviewed and approves the design for the tight tank at the property . Ms. LaBelles makes a motion to approve, pending receipt of a

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construction permit, the septic design for 37 Shore Rd. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Ms. LaBelle votes yes. Mr. Ronzio votes yes. **Motion passes.**

3. 307 Yokum Pond Rd – Mr. Fahey advises that he is discussing the plans with the engineer. Continue to December.

f. Bathing Beach

g. Beaver Emergency Permits

9. Old Business:

a. 182 Little John Drive – Title 5 repair 2 year deadline expired in September 2020. Mr. Fahey has reviewed the file and he recommends that the board either a reminder letter or an order with deadlines for compliance. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion for Mr. Fahey to issue an order to 182 Little John Drive to have a perc test and new septic design completed by December 29, 2020, and to have a new septic system installed by April 30, 2021. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Ms. LaBelle votes yes. Mr. Ronzio votes yes. **Motion passes.**

b. 29 Chester Road/Becket Motel

d. 153 Sir Walter Court – Mr. Fahey discusses with the board the anticipated design for repairs to the septic system, which will propose to replace the existing tank with a 1500 gallon tank and request a reduction in the separation of the well from the tank from 50 feet to 40 feet. Mr. Ronzio makes a motion to approve, pending the receipt of a permit application including a LUA, plan to install a 1500 gallon replacement tank with a 40 foot setback from the existing well. Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes yes. Ms. LaBelle votes yes. **Motion passes.**

10. Public Input

11. Budget

12. Correspondence-

13. Sign Offs

a. 690 McNerney Rd- continued

b. 325 Wade Inn Rd-continued

c. 209_216 Sherwood Dr (McGlynn)- continued

14. Any other business to come before the Board

a. 588 Leonhardt Rd – Mr. Garlow states that he has a purchase and sale agreement with a potential buyer for his property. He had added a third bedroom to the house several years ago. While reviewing his files he found that the original septic system building permit stated

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that design was for a 2 bedroom home. The board reviewed the septic design plan on file and determined that the original septic system was designed for a 2 bedroom home. Mr. Fahey advises that a perc test be done and an engineer would be able to determine what would be needed to bring the system up to code for a 3 bedroom home.

b. 612 Main St – Board discussed septic repairs that were being done without a repair permit issued. Ms. Labelle makes a motion to not issue a construction permit and require the property owner to appear before the board. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Ms. LaBelle votes yes. Mr. Ronzio votes yes. **Motion passes.**

c. Board discussed with Mr. Fahey the current code for separation from groundwater for septic system repairs. Continued to December.

d. 451 Brooker Hill Rd- Mr. Fahey advises the board that his inspection of the recently installed septic system shows that the installer put the system lower than the design specified. The board determined that the system should be taken out and re-installed according to the design elevation specifications.

e. Ms. LaBelle indicates that she will ask the Building Inspector to inquire with the board if any building additions would require review or upgrades to existing septic system.

f. Mr. Ronzio discussed his research into recent property transactions. He is concerned that Title 5 inspections may not have been done. Mr. Fahey advises that a Title 5 inspection is good for 2 years. Board decides if it is determined that a property sold for consideration, and a Title 5 inspection is not on record for the previous 2 years, that a letter should be sent to owners.

15. Adjournment: The next meeting is set for December 02, 2020, at 10:00 AM. Ms. LaBelle **makes a motion** to adjourn. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. Labelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**

Meeting is adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Meeting Minutes reviewed and approved on December 02, 2020 by:


Gale LaBelle, Chair


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