

**Town of Becket
Board of Health
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Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2021

Board Members Present: Gale LaBelle, Robert Ronzio

Board Member Absent: Laurel Burgwardt

Clerk of Committee: Tess Lundberg

Public Present: Drew Bitterman, Ed Fahey, Rita Furlong, Sandra Martin

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

1. **Call to order:** Ms. LaBelle calls the meeting to order at 5:07 PM. Ms. LaBelle introduces the Board members present and reads the rules of the meeting.
2. **Camp Watitoh:** Mr. Bitterman explains to the board Camp Watitoh is seeking to temporarily install two camper/trailers to be used as isolation/quarantine housing in the event that any campers or staff test positive for Covid-19. Mr. Bitterman states that they are in the process of obtaining an electrical permit for the units. Mr. Bitterman explained that since the camp is underutilizing the design capacity of their septic system, the trailers will be directly connected to the septic system for waste disposal. Ms. LaBelle asks if the trailers will utilize a negative pressure room. Mr. Bitterman confirmed that a negative pressure room would be in effect in the entry area of the units. Ms. Martin asks if the water source will be food safe sources. Mr. Bitterman confirmed the water would be a food safe source.

Mr. Ronzio makes a motion to approve the use of two trailers as Covid 19 quarantine housing at Camp Watitoh. Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**

3. **Parks and Recreation summer program:** Rita Furlong tells the board there was no parks program in the town last year as a result of the pandemic. Parks and Recreation they would like to conduct a program this year and they are putting in place the protocols to do this safely. Mr. Furlong states that she has obtained the most recent state guidelines and is asking the board for any further guidance needed to do the program safely. Ms. Furlong explains that the program will run 4 days a week, Monday through Thursday, for 6-7 weeks beginning after July 4th 2021. One day a week will usually be spent at the Town Beach, and efforts will be made to keep the participants separated from the general public at the beach. The program can accommodate up to 20 children, ages 6-12 years old, for the 5 hour day program. Staff will be 2 counselors and 1 supervisor. They will maintain a 3 foot social separation at all times. Masks will be required. If any child displays symptoms of illness the parents will be called to retrieve the child. Ms. Furlong says they need to obtain a non-touch thermometer. Ms. LaBelle stated that she has an extra non-touch thermometer and will

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provide it to them. Ms. Furlong stated temperatures of each participant will be taken every day.

Ms. Martin states that it would be a good idea to have the non-touch thermometer on hand in case anyone reports not feeling well. Ms. LaBelle suggests that in addition to the non-touch thermometer and fingertip oxygen saturation monitor might be worthwhile.

Ms. Martin asks about other Covid-19 protocols. Ms. Furlong states that all staff will be fully inoculated prior to the start of the program.

Ms. Martin discussed that temperature checks of the staff and children are good but they should be done in addition not instead of a daily set of Covid symptom/exposure checklist questions.

Ms. Martin asks about lunch/snack/meal arrangements. Ms. Furlong states each child will be required to bring their own lunch and snacks. Seating during lunch breaks will follow the 3 foot social distance advisory. Children will be required to bring their own drinks/water. However water will be on hand and will be distributed if necessary by a staff member wearing gloves.

Mr. Ronzio asks if lunches will require refrigeration. Ms. Furlong states that they will not be providing any refrigeration or the use of any coolers for lunches. Ms. Furlong states that the participants are aware that they need to be non-refrigerated foods and it has not been an issue in the past. Mr. Ronzio suggests that we check if someone would be willing to donate individual freezer/ice substitute packs for the children.

Ms. Martin asks for details about the mask requirements. Ms. Furlong states that masks will be mandatory for any indoor activities. Ms. Furlong asks for guidance on outdoor masking requirements. Ms. Martin states that currently it is ok to remove masks if outdoors, but the masks should stay on if possible since while moving around/playing the participants may not maintain the 3 foot social separation. Ms. Martin states that it looks like the state may revise the outdoor mask requirements in the near future.

Ms. LaBelle asks about bathroom arrangements. Ms. Furlong states there is one portable restroom available and they are hoping to get a second one. Ms. Furlong states the portable restroom will be stocked with wipes and disinfectant. Ms. Martin states that the portable restrooms offer good ventilation. Ms. Martin states that handwashing, even with cold water and soap, would be preferred as disinfecting especially at lunchtime.

Ms. Furlong states that the two lifeguards are both certified in First aid and CPR.

Ms. Martin asks what happens in the event of bad weather? Ms. Furlong states that they plan to use the garage area at the pavilion for painting/crafts activities or video watching.

Ms. Furlong states that usually the daily attendance drops when the weather is bad. Ms. Martin observes that the garage building would be a good choice since the large doorways would provide good ventilation.

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Ms. Martin asks if they will log in participants. Mr. Furlong indicates that parents will be required to sign in and sign out participants, using their own personal pens to avoid contact issues. Ms. Furlong explained the arrangements for emergency contacts for each child. Ms. Martin recommends the appointment of a "Covid Czar" to oversee/enforce social distancing, masking, handwashing. Ms. Furlong states that the supervisor would take primary responsibility for the enforcement of Covid protocols, and staff members would take over in the event that the supervisor is not present.

Mr. Ronzio makes a motion to approve the Parks and Recreation program with the provisions discussed by Sandra Martin and Rita Furlong. Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes yes. Ms. LaBelles votes yes. **Motion passes.**

4. Any other business to come before the Board:

- a. 275 Maid Marian Way: Mr. Fahey states the current homeowner has expressed concerns about repairs that were made to the septic system prior to the purchase of the property. Mr. Fahey states that the installer of the system indicated the sump pump was discharging next to the septic tank. The installer maintains it is not in their usual scope of work to correct a sump pump creating issues, the owner should arrange for the relocation of the sump pump. Mr. Fahey indicated that due to a miscommunication the Certificate of Occupancy was issued without an Operations and Maintenance contract being in effect. Mr. Ronzio states that he has had some conversations with the homeowner and they wanted to know about putting a garden on top of the septic system. Mr. Fahey stated that there should not be any type of vegetable garden or any type of raised bed added. Mr. Fahey stated that ornamental flowers could be grown but ideally just a grass lawn should be above the system.
- b. 89 Lady of the Lake: Mr. Ronzio states that he has been told that an attorney is seeking to make an agreement about the possible boundary infringements between the property owner and the Sherwood Forest Road District. Mr. Ronzio states that real estate agents in town should be required to obtain information about septic system designs on listed properties to avoid selling a property as having more bedrooms than the septic system is designed to handle. Mr. Fahey states that if the system failed an order should be issued to repair the system within 60 days, including upgrading the system to the current number of bedrooms in the home. Mr. Ronzio makes a motion to send a letter to the current property owner requiring upgrade and repair of the septic system at 89 Lady of the Lake within 60 days. Ms. LaBelle second the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.** Mr. Fahey requests that the most recent Title 5 report and a copy of the property card be sent to him by Ms. Lundberg.

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14. Adjournment : Next Board meeting will be on May 5, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

Mr. Ronzio makes a motion to adjourn. Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor.

Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. **Motion passes.**

Meeting is adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Meeting Minutes reviewed and approved on May 5, 2021 by:


Gale LaBelle, Chair


Robert Ronzio, Clerk

Laurel Burgwardt, Vice Chair