

**Town of Becket
Board of Health
557 Main Street
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Meeting Minutes for January 4, 2023

Board Members present: Gale Labelle, Robert Ronzio

Board Member Absent: Laurel Burgwardt

Clerk of Committee: Tess Lundberg

Public present: Mona Bailey, Elizabeth Burnette, John Stricth

Public via Zoom: Lee Burnette, Scott McFarland, Ed Fahey, Ned Saviski, Colin Sykes

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

1. Call to order at 5:03 PM

2. Board to approve meeting minutes for December 7, 2022. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to approve the minutes for December 7, 2022. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. **Motion passes.**

3. Alliance Reports

A. Disposal System Construction Permits

1. **52 Lyman St-** B&D Septic repair of d-box replace tank application. Title 5 report submitted does not match Alliance log report as conditional pass. Mr. Sykes states he discussed 52 Lyman Street T5 report with Dan Gaylord. It was an oversight on their end. Office staff does the permitting and billing, and the disposal works permit was submitted late, after the D-box had been repaired and after the T5 report with a 'Pass' was submitted. I clarified the process with him going forward. Ms. LaBelle asks if the repair was inspected. Mr. Sykes states he has not inspected it and he will contact Mr. Gaylord.
2. **88 King Arthur.** Registered land survey pending per 11/2/22 BOH meeting. Continued.
3. **145 Prince John-** Registered land survey pending per 11/2/22 BOH meeting. Continued.
4. **2727 Jacobs Ladder Rd** –no discussion- continued

B. Title V Inspections

1. **132 Dawn Dr-** Board request on 12/7/22 inspector attend meeting to discuss report submitted. Mr. McFarland states when he checks off "needs further evaluation" it is a miscommunication, Mr. McFarland states he wanted to be clear that the system was above the water table. Mr. Fahey states he thinks the issue is the field is less than 50 feet from the well drilled in 2010. Mr. Fahey states if the board is ok with that they can pass it. Mr. Fahey states he recommends passing the

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report. Mr. Ronzio asks if there are any other wells beyond the 50 foot distance. Mr. McFarland states there are no other wells within 100 feet. Mr. Fahey states the Title 5 report he has includes lab results for a water test indicating the water is fine. Mr. Ronzio makes a motion to accept the Title 5 report for 132 Dawn Drive, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. **Motion passes.**

2. **134 Fireside Lane-** Board request on 12/7/22 inspector attend meeting to discuss report submitted. Ms. LaBelle states the report was submitted as a conditional pass, and the excavation holes were not covered up. Ms. LaBelle asks Mr. McFarland to discuss the report. Mr. McFarland states the field passed, the d-box was cracked, and he left it open so a repair contractor could access it for repairs. Ms. LaBelle asks when the inspection was done. Mr. McFarland states it was done in the fall. Mr. Ronzio states the neighbors are complaining about it. Mr. McFarland states he would love to resolve it. Mr. Ronzio asks if Mr. McFarland scoped the system. Mr. McFarland states he did scope the system, there was a cracked elbow near the d-box, and the d-box was cracked. Mr. McFarland states there are no failure criteria in that. Mr. McFarland states there have been delays in getting someone to do the repairs, and they had to go through the Conservation Commission prior to doing any repairs. Mr. McFarland states they received Conservation Commission approval on December 20, 2022. Mr. McFarland states the system did not fail, it was above the water grade and not plugged. Mr. McFarland states replacing the d-box and pipes is not uncommon, the tank has a good baffle and he typically adds the filters and risers. Mr. McFarland states there was nothing out of the ordinary, but it has been prolonged by weather issues and the Conservation Commission process. Ms. LaBelle asks if there is a plan for the existing system. Mr. McFarland states the plan on file was done by Peter Franz in 2000. Mr. Ronzio examines the Title 5 report to see the water testing results. Ms. LaBelle asks how far is the well from the system. Mr. McFarland states the well is a little over 50 feet away, as designed by Peter Franz. Mr. McFarland asks the board to clarify their concerns. Mr. Ronzio states the concern is all the repair work being listed as needed on the report

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and the excavation holes left open. Mr. McFarland states the holes will be filled in, once the Conservation Commission approval was obtained they were free to move forward. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to accept the Title % report with conditions that all work is completed, inspected, and reported to the Board of Health. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. **Motion passes.**

3. **52 Lyman St-** Title 5 report submitted does not match Alliance log report as conditional pass. C. Sykes to contact inspector per 12/7/22 BOH meeting. See notes under Disposal System Construction permits.
4. **80 Beaver Brook Rd-** pass
5. **229 Hamilton Rd-**pass

D. Soil Percolation tests:

6. **377 Loose Tooth Rd-**
7. **0 Gentian Hollow Rd 407.97 McCarthy**

4. Housing Code Action Kaniecki/Alliance

- a. **44 Pleasant-**
12/30/22 Alliance update- No changes to property from last month. Back window is broken out making the building accessible from behind.
- b. **58 Depot St-**
12/30/22 Alliance update- No changes from last month. The front of house appears to be completed and cleaned up. Broken basement window allowing access to pests and elements.
- c. **2442 Main St-**
9/28/22 Kaniecki update forwarded Notice of Dismissal from AG office, filing to sell as affordable housing. 12/30/22 Alliance update- no update.
- d. **50 Dawn Drive-**
12/30/22 Alliance update- Condemned- no changes from last month. Notice of receivership and condemnation posted on doors.
- e. **23 Lady of the Lake-**
12/30/22 Alliance update- Uninhabitable placard posted on front door. Giving the owner until February then will decide whether to issue condemnation order.
- f. **799 King Richard Dr-**
Kaniecki posted order to condemn 1/19/2022.
12/30/22 Alliance update - no changes since November- For sale sign present. Appears vacant. No sign stating there is a condemnation order. Mr. Ronzio states placards need to be replaced. Mr. Saviski states he will replace the placard.

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- g. 43 Pleasant St-**
12/30/22 Alliance update - Contractor working inside but no changes to the outside.
- h. 50 Beach-**
12/30/22 Alliance update -No updates
- i. 358 Prince John Drive-**
12/30/22 Alliance update- no change from November. Mr. Ronzio asks if the exterior doors have been secured. Mr. Saviski states the doors are secured, and recommends taking this property off the agenda.
- j. 354 Wells Road-**
12/30/22 Alliance update -No changes from November
- k. 59 Benton Hill Rd-**
12/30/22 Alliance update- No changes from November
- l. 23 Algerie Rd-**
12/30/22 Alliance update -No changes from November
- m. 99 Friar Tuck-**
12/28/22 email sent to Building Inspector request status update on unregistered vehicles.
12/30/22 Alliance update -No changes from November.
- n. 50 Hilltop Court**
12/30/22 Alliance update- Noticeable progress but still a lot to be done. One registered vehicle present.
- o. 28 Brook Lane-** failed Title 5 on 7/2/2017.
12/30/22 Alliance update-2 No updates
- p. 297 Prince John Dr -**
11/30/22 Alliance update No change from November. Ms. LaBelle asks that the board requests an update from the Building Inspector about the status of the motor vehicles removal.
- q. 155 Black Arrow-**
12/30/22 Alliance update- Full dumpster out front, very little change since November.
- r. 233 Gentian Hollow Rd-**
11/30/22 Alliance update Follow up inspection to be conducted in December. Ms. LaBelle reviews the report submitted by Mr. Saviski for the 12/29/2022 inspection. Mr. Saviski states there was mold present in the shower, where there appeared to be a leaking pipe. Mr. Saviski stated he also noted on the inspection report a recommendation that a rodent removal service be called in since he observed rodent droppings under the sink. Mr. Saviski states it was difficult to assess the rubbish removal in the yard due to snow cover, and noted that Mr. Burnette had earlier told him the rubbish had been removed. Ms. LaBelle asks Mr. Burette to speak. There is no response from Mr. Burnette although it appears that he is not muted on Zoom. Ms. Bailey states that the 12/29/22 report mentions the lock issue. Ms. Bailey states the lock issue has not been completely resolved. Ms. Bailey states she is concerned that the rodent/vermin disposal

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avoid the use of poison as that would be a threat for the emotional support animals, and if the rodents died in the walls of the home it would create additional odors. Ms. Bailey states she would prefer a trap and release disposal rather than the use of poison. Ms. LaBelle asks Mr. Saviski for his opinion. Mr. Saviski states he does not know if the board would have control over the disposal method. Mr. Saviski states Ms. Bailey would need to discuss the options with the disposal contractor. Ms. LaBelle asks if rent is being paid. Ms. Bailey states rent is not being paid since the residence is not up to code. Ms. LaBelle asks if the residence was inspected by the Building Inspector. Ms. Bailey states she does not know what the issue was, the inspectors came after we moved in. Ms. Bailey states she wants to be sure that Elizabeth Burnette is appointed as the property manager. Mr. Saviski asks if the handyman, Jody Stinson, has come to the house or when he was expected to come. Ms. Burnette states she will contact him again and attempt to schedule him for next week. Mr. Saviski states he is not familiar with Mr. Stinson's work, but he recommends continuing for 30 days. Mr. Saviski states if there is no progress in 30 days then this should be taken to Housing Court, Ms. LaBelle asks Mr. Burnette if he understands. There is no response from Mr. Burnette although it appears that he is not muted on Zoom. Ms. LaBelle asks Elizabeth Burnette to relay the message to Lee Burnette regarding a 30 day extension and then it will go to Housing Court. Ms. Burnette agrees to inform Mr. Burnette.

5. Food Establishment Inspection

- a. **Berkshire Berries 12/13/2022**
- b. **Canterbury Farm 12/29/2022**
- c. **Becket COA 12/28/2022**
- d. Mr. Saviski states he has gone to the Sherwood Shoppe, Route 8 Pub and the Becket School and offered to assist with their 2023 Food Establishment permit applications. Ms. LaBelle asks Mr. Saviski to contact Papa Bobs and suggest that their hours of operation may be changing.

6. Full Circle Applications Received:

- a. **Lodging**
 - 1. **Bonny Rigg Camping Club-**
- b. **Food Service Establishment**
 - 2. **Jacobs Pillow Dining Tent-** Inspection pending.
 - 3. **Jacobs Pillow Concession Stand 1-** Inspection pending.
 - 4. **Jacobs Pillow Concession Stand 2-** Inspection pending.
 - 5. **Canterbury Farm-** Food Manager Certificate requested 12/19 & 12/30. Inspection done.
 - 6. **Camp Watitoh-** Inspection pending.

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7. **Berkshire Berries**-certificates requested. Inspection done. Mr. Saviski states that the owner of Berkshire Berries has attended multiple classes at UMass, had been inspected by the Department of Agriculture and Department of Public Health. Mr. Saviski states they have all the required plans in place to satisfy those government agencies, and he does not believe a Serv Safe certificate would be needed in addition.
8. **Bonny Rigg Camping Club** Inspection pending.
9. **Club at Shaw Pond**- Inspection pending.
10. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion that Food Establishment permits for all listed applicants can be approved contingent on providing required certificates and passing kitchen inspections. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. **Motion passes.**

c. Septic Installers

- i. **JR Wilkinson Construction- BCBOHA pending . Continued.**
- ii. **Chris Williams Excavating- BCBOHA pending. Continued.**

e. Camps

- i. **Camp Watitoh**- Ms. LaBelle states the Rec Camps permits should be removed from the agenda until May.

f. Bathing Beach

- i. **Camp Watitoh**- Ms. LaBelle states the Bathing Beach permits should be removed from the agenda until May.

g. Public or Semi-Public Pool Spa

- i. **Bonny Rigg Camping Club**- Ms. LaBelle states the Pool permits should be removed from the agenda until May.

7. New Business:

- a. Informal discussion- **102 Wells Road**- property owner wishes to discuss best practices for replacing septic system. Property owner did not appear at the meeting. Dismissed.

8. Old Business:

9. Public Input

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10. Budget-

11. Correspondence

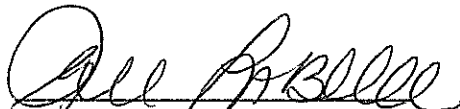
- a. **Laura Kitross/BRPC message regarding Berkshire Bounty food rescue.** Mr. Saviski states he does not believe there are any food establishments in Becket that would benefit from the food rescue, except for the recreational camps. Ms. LaBelle agrees and states the information should be passed on the recreational camps in the summer.

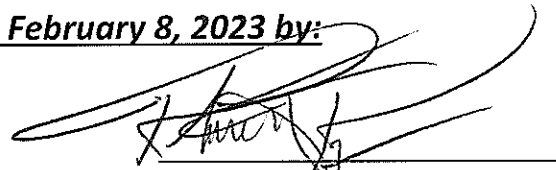
12. Any other business to come before the Board

Ms. LaBelle states she will not be available for a board meeting on February 1, 2023 and suggests the board meets instead on February 8, 2023 at 4PM. Mr. Ronzio agrees.

Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. Burgwardt votes in favor. **Motion passes.** Meeting is adjourned at 6:06 PM.

Meeting Minutes reviewed and approved on February 8, 2023 by:


Gale LaBelle, Chairperson


Robert Ronzio, Vice Chair

Laurel Burgwardt, Clerk