

**Town of Becket
Board of Health
557 Main Street
Becket, Massachusetts 01223
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Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2023

Board Members present: Gale Labelle, Robert Ronzio

Board Member Absent: Laurel Burgwardt

Clerk of Committee: Tess Lundberg

Public present: none

Public via Zoom: Ned Saviski, Colin Sykes, Ed Fahey, Andy Piedilato, Smitha Piedilato

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

1. Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM by Ms. LaBelle.

2. Board to approve meeting minutes February 8 2023.

Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to approve the minutes for 2/8/2023. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**

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3. Alliance Reports

A. Disposal System Construction Permits

1. 327 Chester Rd- Mr. Fahey states they are asking for one local area upgrade to allow a soil sample in lieu of a perc test because the soil was saturated when they attempted to perc it. Mr. Ronzio asks who witnessed the soli sample being taken. Mr. Fahey states whoever witnessed the attempted perc would have witnessed the soil sample. Mr. Fahey state when the soil sample is sent for sieve analysis it gives a rate for the base of the septic design. Mr. Ronzio asks if the existing well water was tested. Mr. Fahey states he does not see anything about testing the well water. Mr. Ronzio sates he would want to see the well water tested. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to accept the plan with the contingency that the existing well water be tested. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**

2. 0 Jacobs Ladder Rd- 213.21- Green . Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to accept the plan. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**

3. 145 Prince John Dr- pending registered surveyor with setbacks. Continued.

4. Mr. Ronzio states he thinks all engineering firms should be notified that in the future all plans will need a signature by a registered land surveyor. Mr. Fahey states if the Board does that it should be an official regulation, he will check for health regulations that determine when a registered land surveyor is needed.

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B. Well Permits

1. **164 Main St**-Physical copies of plans requested not received. Continued.
2. **0/624 Tyne Rd- 408.37 McDonald**- Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to accept the plan. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**

C. Title V Inspections

- i. **100 Highland Rd**- pass
- ii. **55 Mallard Drive**- pass
- iii. **462 Bonny Rigg Hill Rd**- pass

3. Housing Code Action Alliance

- a. **44 Pleasant**- February 2023 Alliance update - No changes in February. Back window is broken out making the building accessible from behind.
- b. **58 Depot St** - February 2023 Alliance update - Broken basement window allowing access to pests and elements. Soil perc witness scheduled for 4/20/2023.
- c. **23 Lady of the Lake**- February 2023 Alliance update no changes in February. Uninhabitable placard posted on front door. Giving the owner until February then will decide whether to issue condemnation order.
- d. **2442 Main St**- February 2023 Alliance update - no changes in February.
- e. **50 Dawn Drive**- February 2023 Alliance update - Town is working with Construct, using a \$145k grant to rehab the home and sell to low income. Keep on agenda on a watch basis. Likely to be resolved without further BOH
- f. **799 King Richard Dr**- February 2023 Alliance update –uninhabitable placard was placed on February 27, 2023. For Sale sign has been removed.
- g. **43 Pleasant St**- February 2023 Alliance update - Contractor working inside but little changes to the outside.

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- h. 50 Beach** - February 2023 Alliance update - no changes in February
- i. 354 Wells Road-** trash complaint- February 2023 Alliance update - no changes in February
- j. 59 Benton Hill Rd-** debris, unlicensed vehicle complaint February 2023 Alliance update No changes in February.
- k. 23 Algerie Rd-** trash/debris complaint- February 2023 Alliance update- No changes in February. 1/13/2023 email from Corey Evangelisto stated "the occupant has agreed to vacate on 1/31 and remove all her belongings. Any leftover items will be cleaned up by Fannie Mae shortly after."
- l. 99 Friar Tuck-** February 2023 Alliance update –No changes in February. Two trailers on the property, and one torn apart trailer, three unregistered vehicles.
- m. 50 Hilltop Court-** debris complaint- February 2023 Alliance update – No changes in February. One registered vehicle present. .
- n. 28 Brook Lane-** February 2023 Alliance update. No change in February. Failed- Title 5 on 7/2/2017. T5 noncompliance letter sent 9/9/2022.
- o. 297 Prince John Dr** February 2023 Alliance update. No change in February .Three Trailers/ Storage Unit/ Boat still present.
- p. 155 Black Arrow-** February 2023 Alliance update. Full dumpster remains out front. Abandoned vehicle removed from property. Mr. Saviski states they will contact the dumpster company.
- q. 233 Gention Hollow Rd-** No updates for February 2023.
- r. 336 Sir George Drive-** complaint from Becket PD, sent to board and Mr. Sykes 2/15/23. 2/17/23 NS email -no sign of electrical cords or a generator, but the property is a mess. The water bottles and buckets are filled with something unidentifiable. One registered truck, two abandoned campers and an old tractor. Correction Order signed. Ms. LaBelle asks if people are living in the home. Mr. Saviski states it does appear that people are living there. Mr. Ronzio asks if the homeowner, Jennifer Dos Santos, has been contacted. Mr. Saviski states a correction order will be created.

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- s. **358 Prince John Drive-** Mr. Ronzio states the property was cleaned up but the doors are open and it needs to be secured. Mr. Saviski states he will take a look and create a nuisance complaint letter.

4. Full Circle Applications Received:

a. Lodging

- 1. **The Becket Motel-** approved.
- 2. **Berkshire Lakeside Lodge-**approved

b. Food Service Establishment

- 1. **Papa Bob's** –approved.
- 2. **Becket Washington School-** Chokesaver certificate needed. Approved contingent on the Chokesaver Certificate.
- 3. **Route 8 Pub** – incomplete application. Mr. Saviski states he has gotten no reply from Heather Anello. Mr. Saviski states there have been announcements in social media that the restaurant is closed until the spring.

c. Septic Haulers/Installers

1. Septic Installer

- a. **Bill Magni-** Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to approve the septic installer permit. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**
- b. **Craig Tighe Construction** Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to approve the septic installer permit. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**
- c. **Berkshire Pittsfield Septic-** Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to approve the septic installer permit. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**

5. New Business:

- a. **Informal discussion 0 Jacobs Ladder Rd 404.19** Smitha Piedilato inquiry. Ms. LaBelle asks the Piedilatos to address the board. Smitha Piedilato states they are seeking to

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buy a property for an artist workshop and need to know if a composting toilet would be acceptable or if a septic system would be required. Ms. LaBelle asks the size of the workshop building. Andy Piedilato states it would be a 25x50 foot one story metal building on a concrete slab. Ms. LaBelle asks if it would be open to the public. Mr. Piedilato states he would be there by himself mostly. Ms. Piedilato states it is for personal use, not a gallery. Ms. LaBelle asks if they have spoken to the Building Inspector. Mr. Piedilato states the Building Inspector said to come to the Board of Health and the Planning Board first. Mr. Ronzio states any commercial or industrial is by special permit with the Planning Board. Mr. Ronzio states the biggest problem is can you have greywater facilities. Mr. Ronzio states normally they are denied and you will have to put in a full septic. Ms. LaBelle asks for Mr. Fahey's opinion. Mr. Fahey states a composting toilet may be approved under DEP regulations. Mr. Fahey asks if there is a well on the site. Mr. Piedilato states he would bring bottled water for his own consumption. Mr. Ronzio states because this is not a residential structure you would have to apply for a special permit with the Planning Board. Mr. Ronzio states a lot of details would be needed, it takes a couple months to go through the process, and they should look at the bylaws for the issues relevant to special permits. Mr. Piedilato states he is an artist working with large scale paintings. Mr. Piedilato states they want to move to the Berkshires but he does not want to have a studio in his back yard. Ms. LaBelle asks if the studio would be open to the public. Mr. Piedilato states it would absolutely not be open to the public. Ms. Piedilato asks if they apply for a special permit would they have to own the property. Mr. Ronzio states they would have to make an agreement with the current owner to take the property off the market while going through the special permit process.

- b. **FY 2024 Inspectional services contract** signature needed
- c. **FY 2024 Public Health Nursing contract** signature needed

6. Old Business:

Mr. Ronzio states the property at 134 Fireside has been sold but the septic system remains open and flagged. Ms. LaBelle asks Mr. Fahey's opinion. Mr. Fahey states he would invite the new owners to a meeting, they may have no idea about the issue. Ms. LaBelle asks Mr. Fahey to compose a letter to the new owner.

7. Public Input - none

8. Budget- no discussion

9. Correspondence

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85 Fred Snow Rd- Harmon Law notice property purchased at foreclosure auction by Elisabeth Anderson. Title 5 referral list sent to new owner 1/20/2023.

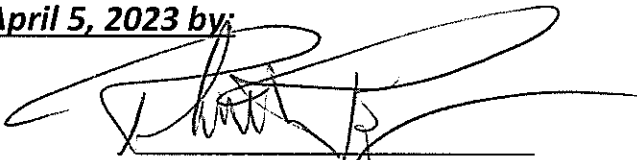
10. Any other business to come before the Board

Ms. LaBelle states the board has received a complaint that a nurse at Camp Greylock left a camper's medical record out and the child was subsequently bullied. Mr. Ronzio states that violation appears to be with a health care professional and is not the Board's responsibility. Mr. Fahey suggests sending a letter to Camp Greylock, cc'ing the camper's parents, that the problem should be addressed and not repeated. Mr. Fahey suggests inviting Camp Greylock to the next Board meeting to hear their side of the situation. Ms. LaBelle asks the clerk for the board to contact Camp Greylock and invite them to the next meeting.

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 6:30 PM.

Meeting Minutes reviewed and approved on April 5, 2023 by:


Gale LaBelle, Chairperson


Robert Ronzio, Vice Chair

Laurel Burgwardt, Clerk