

**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 21, 2023**

**Board Members present:** Robert Ronzio

**Board members attending via phone:** Gale LaBelle, Laurel Burgwardt

**Clerk of Committee:** Tess Lundberg

**Public present:** Marks Boomsma, Mike Parsons, Mike Kulig, Gene Pike, David Houghtlin

**Public via Zoom:** Colin Sykes, Ed Fahey , Robert Cafarelli, Jill Cafarelli, Barry Searle, Mike Mkrichian, Michael Joyce, Kimberly Slater, Dean White

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

**1. Call to order at 5:10 PM**

**2. Disposal System Permits**

- i. **460 Wells Road-** Per 10/4/23 BOH meeting, continued pending MUA with Lake District. Continued.
- ii. **108 Iroquois Avenue-** Mike Parsons describes the septic plan to the board. Mr. Parsons states the plans have been reviewed by the Conservation Commission and approved. Mr. Ronzio makes a motion to approve the design with a reduction in separation from ground water to 3 feet. Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. Burgwardt votes in favor. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**
- iii. **0 Gentian Hollow Road 407.102-** Mr. Boomsma tells the board he is seeking disposal system permit and a well permit approvals. Ms. LaBelle asks the size of the lot. Mr. Ronzio states it is listed in the assessor database as 10 acres. Mr. Ronzio makes a motion to approve the design. Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. Burgwardt votes in favor. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**
- iv. **59 Sir Jeffrey –**Dean White states they received a conditional pass on the Title 5 inspection, however the excavator damaged the D-box during the inspection. Mr. White provides the board with a copy of the well water test conducted after the Title 5, showing the well passed. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to approve the design. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. Burgwardt votes in favor. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**
- v. **68 County Road-** no representative of installer or property owner appeared at the meeting. Continued.
- vi. **72 Berkshire Road-** Mr. Parsons states the plan is for an existing 1-bedroom seasonal cottage. Mr. Parsons states the soil perc test was witnessed by Mr. Fahey. Mr. Parsons states the design, using a 1,300-gallon Singulair septic tank, is able to meet the setbacks to the neighbors' wells and is 50 feet from

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the exiting well for the property. Ms. LaBelle states the well water should be tested prior to and after the installation. Mr. Parsons states there is a one-bedroom deed restriction that is going to be filed with the Registry of Deeds. Mr. Ronzio makes a motion to approve the design. Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. Burgwardt votes in favor. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**

- vii. **23 Algerie Road** – Mr. Kulig states this is a 2.06-acre lot, with a well set back of 100 feet, an Eljen system with no requested variance. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to approve the design. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. Burgwardt votes in favor. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**

- viii. **89 Lady of the Lake Court**- Mr. Searle states the plan revised on 10/30/2023 shows a 100-foot setback from the well, is requesting a variance of 5-foot setback from the property line for the Eljen system. Mr. Ronzio states we need to state that the home is limited to 4 bedrooms. Mr. Searle states the owner intends to install a dividing wall in one of the rooms designated as a 5<sup>th</sup> bedroom, and convert it into a utility room. Mr. Ronzio makes a motion to approve the Eljen system design, with the contingency that the home is limited to 4 bedrooms and a 5-foot setback from the property line is allowed. Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. Burgwardt votes in favor. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**

- ix. **345 Wells Road** - Mr. Kulig states there was a Title 5 done on the system that was installed in 2007. Mr. Kulig states the system failed, for unknown reasons. Mr. Kulig states they did new soil perc tests, designing a new system with a new field needing no variances. Mr. Ronzio states he wants the slope on the field to be changed to 3 to 1. Mr. Ronzio makes a motion to approve the design with the contingency the slope is changed to 3 to 1. Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. Burgwardt votes in favor. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**

- x. **0 Skyline Ridge Road 416.44.** Mr. Ronzio reads Mr. Fahey's review of the plan. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to approve the design. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. Burgwardt votes in favor. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**

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- xi. **3949 Jacob Ladder Road-** Mike Kulig shows the board the current plans and the plans from the system that was installed in 2001. Mr. Kulig states it appears the existing system failed because it was not pumped out enough. Mr. Kulig states they are planning to remove the existing system and rebuild it. Mr. Kulig states they have received an emergency approval from the Conservation Commission, which was copied to the Board of Health. Ms. LaBelle states that a Title 5 inspection should be done prior to the install to determine tank condition. Mr. Ronzio and Ms. Burgwardt agree. Mr. Ronzio states the owner needs to be warned that regular pumping must be done to maintain the system.  
Ms. Lundberg states the installer listed on the application has not yet completed their application for a Septic System Installer permit. Mr. Kulig states he will contact the installer. Mr. Ronzio makes a motion to approve the design, with the contingencies that a Title 5 witnessed by Colin Sykes or Ed Fahey is conducted after the install. Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. Burgwardt votes in favor. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**
- xii. **26 Wells Road-** Jill Caffarelli states they are asking for a variance of 6 feet to the property line and 60 feet to the existing well on the property. Mr. Ronzio states wells Road is 62 feet wide, the traveled way is 30 feet with 15 feet on each side for future development such as sidewalks. Ms. LaBelle states she wants the well water tested prior to and after the installation. Mr. Pike states he will take care of getting the water tested. Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to approve the design. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. Burgwardt votes in favor. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**

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**3. Well Permits**

- i. **0 Gentian Hollow Road 407.102-** Mr. Ronzio makes a motion to approve the design. Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. Burgwardt votes in favor. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**
- ii. **0 Leonhardt Road 409.55 –** Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to approve the design. Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. Burgwardt votes in favor. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. **Motion passes.**

**4. Septic Installers**

**R&H Weeks Trucking-** Install done at 634 Wade Inn Rd (plan approved July 2022) without Septic Installer permit or Disposal System Construction Permit. Mr. Ronzio states a letter should be sent to R&H Weeks Trucking stating they are not allowed to install septic systems in Becket without an installer permit.

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Ms. Burgwardt makes a motion to adjourn at 6:45 PM. Mr. Ronzio seconds the motion. Ms. LaBelle votes in favor. Mr. Ronzio votes in favor. Ms. Burgwardt votes in favor. **Motion passed**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM**

**Meeting Minutes reviewed and approved on December 5, 2023 by:**

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Gale LaBelle, Chairperson

  
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Robert Ronzio, Vice Chair

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Laurel Burgwardt, Clerk