



**Town of Becket
Board of Health
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Meeting Minutes for November 6, 2019

Board Members Present: Gale LaBelle and I. David Krawet

Board Members Absent: Laurel Burgwardt

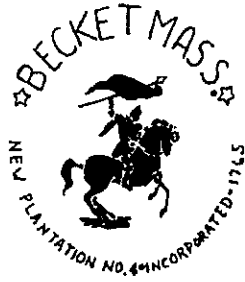
Health Agent: Jayne Smith

Administrative Assistant: Jessica Perotti

Public Present: Tabitha VanDeusen and Mike Kulig

1. **Call to order:** Gale LaBelle opens the meeting at 5:04 PM and reads the rules of the meeting. Ms. LaBelle introduces those present for the meeting.
**Discussions will be kept in the order of the agenda.*
2. **Board to approve meeting minutes for July 10, 2019-revisions, August 7, September 4, September 11 & October 2, 2019:** This item is overlooked by the Board.
3. **Reports from Health Agent, Jayne Smith:**
 - a. **0 Stoney Brook Road/Hamilton Road, Map/Lots: 217/40.12+40.13:** Ms. Perotti says this was added back on the agenda because it was discussed at the September 4, 2019 meeting but a motion was not made to approve. Following a brief discussion, Ms. LaBelle **makes a motion** to approve this plan as discussed on September 4, 2019. Mr. Krawet **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.**
 - b. **116 Otis Road:** Ms. Perotti explains that this application was approved last year but more information was needed for the installation. The most recent submission shows the additional information that was needed. The fee was paid last year. Ms. Perotti presents the review sheet submitted by Ms. Smith last year. Ms. Perotti asks if anything further should be listed on the permit.

Ms. Perotti says she has a follow-up question regarding a check that was received from Al Joyner for a work permit at this location. He is having a problem submitting the permit on Full Circle. She says she will contact Full Circle to see if they can correct the problem; something happens when the expiration date is entered for his certification. Ms. LaBelle tables this review and says she would like Ms. Smith to take a look at it to see if any further conditions may be needed.
 - c. **3367 Main Street, 7 + 12 Brooker Hill Road, systems to be combined:** Ms. Perotti presents the plan and application for this system along with Jayne Smith's review. Fred Sears of Hill Engineering proposes to use only one (1) pump instead of two (2). Ms. LaBelle sees the recommendation for a local upgrade approval (LUA) for use of actual flows. Mr. Krawet **makes a motion** to approve a variance to use 1 pump. Ms. LaBelle **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

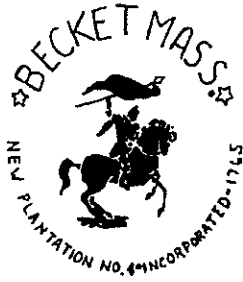


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Mr. Krawet **makes a motion** to approve the LUA for use of actual flows. Ms. LaBelle **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

- d. **609 Main Street:** Ms. Perotti says there isn't an application to review yet but she has received notice that a tight tank will be proposed. There is a brief discussion regarding the proposal. The Board agrees it may not be the best solution for this location.
- e. **300 Bonny Rigg Hill Road:** Ms. Perotti presents a plan submitted by Fred Sears of Hill Engineering. Following the Board's review, Ms. LaBelle notes the following: LUA for three feet (3') above estimated seasonal high groundwater (ESHG). Ms. LaBelle **makes a motion** to approve plan with a LUA for 3' above ESHG. Mr. Krawet **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.**
- f. **29 Chester Road/Becket Motel:** Ms. LaBelle explains that the Ofer Zaarur, the owner of the Becket Motel, got approval from the Conservation Commission with a plan that was rejected by the BOH. Ms. Perotti says he will need to reapply to the Conservation Commission with the plan dated 5/25/2019. There is a brief discussion regarding who needs to install it. Ms. Perotti reports she was told by the engineer, Tom Leue, that someone from Eljen comes out for installations to ensure everything is done correctly; that has not been verified. Ms. Perotti says she has not received an approval from **Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT)**. Ms. LaBelle says he also needs to have the water tested on a regular basis. She reports she tried to take a sample to Housatonic Basin but it was a Saturday and they were closed.
- g. **323 Wells Road – revision:** The Board recognizes Mike Kulig of Berkshire Engineering. Mr. Kulig explains that because of the small site and the rock, they will be moving the system to the side. The leach field was also reduced by forty percent (40%). A variance will be needed for the well that will be less than one hundred feet (100') away. He is proposing a Jet Bat system be installed. Ms. Smith notes that the water that comes out of these systems is very clean and says the variance could be allowed. Ms. LaBelle summarizes the revision proposed. Mr. Krawet **makes a motion** to approve a 50' variance for the well. Ms. LaBelle **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.** Mr. Krawet **makes a motion** to approve the plan as submitted. Ms. LaBelle **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.** Mr. Kulig says the owner will be applying for a grant to get it installed. Ms. Smith wants to be sure the contractor receives the correct plan dated 11-6-2019.
- h. **163 Carter Road:** Ms. Perotti lets the Board know that the application fee has not been paid along with the witness fee for the percolation test that is still



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outstanding. Ms. Perotti informs the Board she asked the designer, Leslie "Mickey" Spokas, to submit the application through Full Circle but she refused and let her know that designers don't submit applications. Instead, Ms. Spokas supplied the email addresses for the owners and suggested that Ms. Perotti ask them to submit it to Full Circle. The application was scanned and forwarded to the homeowners with the request to submit it through Full Circle. After a brief discussion, the Board agrees the fees need to be paid. This item is tabled.

- i. **168 Greenwater Drive:** Ms. Perotti reports that she was notified by Michele Conroy of White Engineering that the homeowner wants to hold off on this temporarily.
- j. **612 Main Street:** The Board reviews the plan submitted for this property. The Board is not clear how far from ESHG for the system needs to be. Ms. LaBelle **makes a motion** to approve the plan for 612 Main Street once the LUA to ESHG is confirmed by Ms. Smith. Mr. Krawet **seconds the motion**. All in favor.
Motion passes.
- k. **693 George Carter Road:** Ms. Perotti lets the Board know that repairs were made to this system in order for the Title V to be considered a pass but an application was not submitted for the work done.
- l. **173 King Richard:** The Board reviews Ms. Smith's recommendations for the application. Ms. LaBelle notes the following are needed for approval:
 - Needs to show plan with risers and request for LUA greater than 3' to ESHG
 - Northern property line needs to be established, slope appears to be right up to it.
 - Drainage on northern side needs to be mitigated
 - Suggestion for a wall with a 2:1 slope
 - Conservation Commission approval

4. COC sign-offs:

- a. **77 Sir Edwards Way, as-built & maintenance contract submitted:** Ms. Perotti confirms the as-built has been submitted by the engineer.
- b. **68 Lake Shore Drive – 6 month deed restriction not listed on deed:** The Board recognizes Mr. Kulig. Mr. Kulig explains the homeowner will be putting the house up for sale and thinks he will have a problem selling it with this restriction; he would like the condition to be removed. Ms. Smith says it will depend on if the property was ever considered seasonal. The minutes of July 10, 2019 are looked at to see how it was approved; the deed restriction was clearly acknowledged by Mr. Kulig. Ms. Smith says the property card needs to be reviewed to see if it was ever considered seasonal. Ms. Smith clarifies and says



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that if a full time residence needs to replace their system but the only alternative is to install a tight tank, the residence remains full time. Ms. Smith says this would qualify as no other alternative. Ms. Smith says the house should be inspected to see if there is heat in the house. If there isn't any heat, it would be a good indication that the home was seasonal. There is a brief discussion regarding how often it should be pumped. Ms. Smith recommends that Laurel Burgwardt go out to inspect the property. Ms. Smith dismisses herself from the meeting at 5:30 PM.

- c. **92 Depot Street:** Ms. Perotti says she received an email from Laurel Burgwardt saying everything was done but the COC along with the as-built have not been submitted to the office.
- d. **379 McNerney Road:** Ms. Perotti confirms everything has been received and forwarded to the homeowner today.
- e. **3626 Jacob's Ladder Road:** Ms. Perotti notes this was listed here in error, it is a Title V inspection.
- f. **436 Hamilton Road- notice that maintenance contract has been signed:** Ms. Perotti says she has not received a copy of the maintenance contract or COC but have been assured the contract has been signed; Merrilyn at White Wolf will be collecting the signatures and submitting the COC to the office. Ms. Perotti points out that the letters received from the designer and installer have it listed as 476 Hamilton Road- which doesn't exist. Ms. LaBelle wants to be sure everything is corrected before it goes into the file.
- g. **133 Brooker Hill Road – signature needed from engineer for COC:** Ms. Perotti says the COC has been sent to the engineer for his signature but hasn't got it back yet.

5. Title V inspections:

- a. **178 William Holmes Road:** Berkshire Engineering/Laurel Burgwardt: Ms. Perotti lets the Board know the report was submitted via Full Circle along with payment.
- b. **40 Dragon Way:** Paul Willis/Laurel Burgwardt- TBD: Ms. Perotti found out from Paul Willis that the reason this hasn't been scheduled is because he can't contact the homeowner.
- c. **212 King Arthur – Paul Willis/Laurel Burgwardt:** Ms. Perotti says that according to the witness report, the inspection was a pass pending a water test. The test submitted with the inspection was four (4) years old. Ms. Perotti questioned Mr. Willis about the old test and was told that he was informed by the homeowner, Charles Andrews, the test from 2015 would be fine. Mr. Willis agreed it should be a conditional pass and suggested he would rewrite the report should the



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Board decide it needed to be. After a brief discussion, the Board agrees the water should be tested. Ms. LaBelle **makes a motion** to send a notice to Charles Andrews that a water test is needed at 212 King Arthur Drive. Mr. Krawet **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

- d. **130 South Cove Drive – Scott McFarland/Laurel Burgwardt:** Ms. Perotti reports she received an email from Laurel Burgwardt saying the inspection was a pass. The report and witness fee have not been received.
- e. **413 Sherwood Drive – Paul Willis/Laurel Burgwardt:** Laurel Burgwardt submitted an email that the inspection was a pass pending a water test. The report and witness fee need to be submitted.
- f. **375 Wells Road – Paul Willis/Laurel Burgwardt:** Laurel Burgwardt submitted a memo that it was a pass. The report and witness fee have not been submitted yet.
- g. **371 Partridge Lane – Scott McFarland/Laurel Burgwardt:** Ms. Perotti says the Title V report was submitted but the witness fee is still outstanding.
- h. **3626 Jacob's Ladder Road – Billy Kie/Laurel Burgwardt:** Ms. Perotti says she has reached out to Mr. Kie to request a copy of the report and witness fee but was unable to leave a message.
- i. **7 Bowman's Lane – Paul Willis/Laurel Burgwardt:** Ms. Perotti says the report and fee have been submitted; it is a fail.
- j. **111 Blackfoot Way – Dutch Schonfelder/Laurel Burgwardt:** Ms. Perotti says this inspection was done yesterday. Laurel Burgwardt sent an email that it was a pass.
- k. **Inquiry: Map/Lot: 417/3, Wade Inn Road – Informal discussion with Sue Deacon regarding old septic system:** Sue Deacon is not present for the discussion; the discussion is tabled.

6. Percolation tests:

- a. **Porcupine Courts/Quill Lane, Map/Lot 218/16:** This matter is tabled.
- b. **73 King Richard Drive – Anthony Wesolowski/Laurel Burgwardt:** The Board reviews the soil analysis for this property to determine if it meets Title V code. There is only one (1) portion of the test that failed. The Board feels the soils may be too big. After a brief discussion, the Board decides to have Jayne Smith review the report and give her recommendation. Ms. LaBelle **makes a motion** for Jayne Smith to review the soil particle size analysis for 73 King Richard Drive; if she agrees it is acceptable, the Board will accept it. Mr. Krawet **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.**



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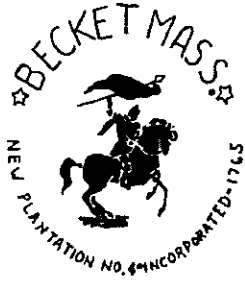
- c. **275 Maid Marion – Bill Allen/Jayne Smith and Laurel Burgwardt:** This matter is tabled.

7. Housing:

- a. **3071 Main Street:** Ms. Perotti reminds the Board of the past repairs made here. The latest issue is with the chimney. Ms. Perotti says she was notified today that the property is being sold and that the occupants are being given first rights to buy it. Ms. LaBelle says she will ask the fire department to inspect the chimney next week.
- b. **3650 Jacob's Ladder Road:** Ms. Perotti says she has not heard any more information on this complaint. Ms. LaBelle says a letter should be sent for inspection. There is a brief discussion regarding having animal control go to the residence. Ms. LaBelle says she will draft and send a letter to the homeowner to notify them of the inspection. Ms. LaBelle says she contacted Elder Services about this but was told to call the police.
- c. **61 Porcupine Courts:** Ms. LaBelle says she spoke with Charlie Kaniecki who says this order would not be enforceable without a house; he will not be bringing this to court.
- d. **323 Wells Road – Septic waste still going into neighbor's yard at 305 Wells Road:** The Board recognizes Tabitha VanDeusen. Ms. VanDeusen lets the Board know the septic waste is still leaking into her yard. She would like to know what will happen with her land since the septic waste was sitting on it for so long. Ms. Smith says that once the new system is installed, the waste will compost fairly quickly. Ms. Smith says she will follow-up on the pumping order to see if he is in compliance; it should be pumped as needed. Ms. Smith says the tank may need to be temporarily converted into a tight tank. There is a brief discussion regarding the conditions here.

8. Full Circle:

- a. **Permit renewal letters to be sent out:** Ms. Perotti lets the Board know that Jayne Smith advised her these should be sent out early this year since she will be leaving at the end of the year.
- b. **System fully functional – additional training required:** This item is overlooked by the Board.
- c. **Applications received:**
 - i. **Septage Haulers: White Wolf – renewal submitted/issued for 2020:** Ms. Perotti informs the Board this permit was renewed for 2020. Ms. Perotti lets the Board know that White Wolf has been installing septic systems but is not registered with the Town. Ms. Perotti finds out after



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the fact that systems have been installed. Ms. LaBelle says this needs to be addressed.

9. **Old Business:** As noted throughout.

10. **New Business:** As noted throughout.

11. **Public Input:** As discussed.

12. **Budget:**

a. Ms. Perotti requests a motion to pay the \$55.00 membership dues for Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB). Ms. LaBelle **makes a motion** to pay \$55.00 to MAHB. Mr. Krawet **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

b. Ms. LaBelle says she received the invoice for the inspectional services provided by Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC). Ms. LaBelle looks up the email she received but was unable to find it. Ms. LaBelle **makes a motion** to pay the invoice to BRPC; the amount to be paid will be determined once she finds the invoice. Mr. Krawet **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

13. **Correspondence: Capital Improvement Requests for FY 2021:** After reviewing the request, the Board decides they have no needs to make a request.

14. **Any other business to come before the Board:**

a. **28 Brook Lane – failed Title V 2 years ago**

b. **3582 Jacob's Ladder Road:** Ms. Smith says there is a shallow well on the property that is not in use. Mr. Kulig says it will be decommissioned. Ms. Smith notes that the Certificate of Compliance will not be issued unless the well is decommissioned. There is also a local upgrade approval (LUA) for a five foot (5') deep chamber. Ms. LaBelle summarizes the discussion. Mr. Krawet **makes a motion** to approve as discussed. Ms. LaBelle **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

15. **Adjournment:** The next meeting is set for December 4, 2019 at 5:00 PM. Ms. LaBelle **makes a motion** to adjourn. Mr. Krawet **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.** Meeting is adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Meeting Minutes reviewed and approved on December 5, 2019 by:

Gale LaBelle, Chair

I. David Krawet, Clerk