

**Town of Becket
Board of Selectmen Meeting
April 18, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall
557 Main Street, Becket**

Attendees

Board of Selectmen: William Elovirta, *Chairperson*; Nicole Ledoux, *Vice Chairperson* & Michael Lavery, Clerk

Staff: Robert Markel, *Interim Town Administrator*; Beverly Gilbert, *Administrative Assistant*; Ray Ferrin, *Ambulance Director*

Others: Bob Gross, *Becket MLP Manager*; James J. Ferrera, Pamela Tatge, Peter Platt, Andrew Upton, Esther Balardini, Steve Turner, Peter Spotts (Country Journal), Leonard Walter, Geraldine Walter, Gale Labelle, Gail Kusek, Andre Sala

1. Call to order

Bill called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. The BOS, Andre Sala and Country Journal were recording the meeting.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Bill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

None

4. 7:05 p.m. – Public Hearing on the Application of The Old Inn On The Green, D/B/A Old Inn On The Green at the Pillow for a new Seasonal All Alcoholic Beverage Restaurant License for premises located at 358 George Carter Road (aka Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival)

Bill read the public hearing notice, and at 7:08 p.m., he opened the Public Hearing in conjunction with The Old Inn On The Green's liquor license application. The BOS specified that the Town did not receive any written comments. Peter Platt, Owner of the Old Inn On The Green, stated that his establishment operates and has two full-liquor licenses in two restaurants in New Marlborough, Massachusetts (The Old Inn On the Green for about 14 years and The Southfield Store for approximately 12 years, and located in New Marlborough, MA). Both places have encountered no trouble. Peter indicated that they were invited to operate at Jacob's Pillow, they had worked several seasons at JP's Gala events, they are familiar with the property and look forward to a great season at Jacob's Pillow. Jacob's Pillow Director Pamela Tatge stated that Jacob's Pillow is delighted that The Old Inn On The Green accepted their invitation to operate food and beverages at JP as they believe Old Inn On The Green, based on its reputation, will enhance the quality of food and beverages services and attract additional visitors. Attorney Andrew Upton, who represents The Old Inn On The Green, stated that he believes there is a desire of the public to have food and alcoholic beverages services at Jacob's Pillow, and that the applicant has a fine track record with the ABCC. He indicated that the applicant will have TIPS training for its manager and bar tender in order to promote moderation and safety. Per Bill Elovirta's inquiry, the applicant and Pamela confirmed that Jacob's Pillow will operate in the same manner but will have a different vendor to

provide food and liquor services. After discussion of the TIPS process, no other comments were presented during this hearing.

Michael made a motion to approve the application of The Old Inn On The Green, D/B/A Old Inn On The Green at the Pillow for a new Seasonal All Alcoholic Beverage Restaurant License for premises located at 358 George Carter Road (aka Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival) as presented in their application. Nicole seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

5. **7:10 p.m. – Hearing on Eversource's petition to install one jointly owned pole (marked 6B721243) with guy wire, anchor and primary cable to be located at the intersection of YMCA Road and Camp Becket Road. The pole is needed to feed a new underground service location for Camp Becket Facilities.**

At 7:15 p.m., Bill announced the above captioned hearing and then he indicated that he and the Becket Highway Superintendent had reviewed the petition and both have no problem with it. Bill stated that he conducted a site visit. Bill stated that he had discussed this with the Broadband Ad Hoc Group and their recommendation is that when the pole is installed, it should be able to take the fiber for broadband (MakeReady). MLP Manager Bob Gross offered to talk to the camp regarding the Broadband Project design, and they may wish to consider running a conduit for power. Esther Balardini from Eversource indicated that the proposed pole will be 40 feet tall, should accommodate broadband and she will talk to the designer. Michael moved to allow Eversource to install a jointly owned pole marked 6B721243 with guy wire, anchor and primary cable to be located at the intersection of YMCA Road and Camp Becket Road. Nicole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Planning Board Notice:**

- **Ipswich Pharmaceutical Associates will conduct a Community Outreach Meeting at the Town Hall on April 20th to discuss the proposed siting of a Medical and Adult Use Marijuana Establishment at 2727 Jacobs Ladder Road, Becket**

Bill read the public hearing notice for Ipswich Pharmaceutical Associates' 4-20-19 Community Outreach meeting.

7. **Discussion with Deerhaven Lot Owners: Dept. of Environmental Protection's letter dated 04-4-2018 addressed to Deerhaven Lot Owners Trust regarding the Route 20 Spring**

Bill read the above captioned DEP letter stating that despite that Deerhaven owns the Route 20 Spring property, the Town of Becket remains the Operator of the Route 20 Spring Public Water Supply and is subject to DEP and federal regulations, and enforcement orders. Bill read his summary of a meeting that Bob Markel, Board of Health Chair Gale Labelle and he attended with DEP Officials Douglas Paine, Brian Harrington, and Heather Parent. Bill indicated that DEP did not allow the public to attend this meeting. The Town remains under a Consent Order Issued by MassDEP to close the spring due to positive coliform counts during the monthly testing and Bill described the town's options:

- 1) install an ultra violet light system which involves the costs of the system, building, engineering the building and system, electrical costs, testing and monitoring
- 2) drill an artesian well that will require a pump, heated house, electricity, testing and monitoring
- 3) close the spring.

The BOS advised that MassDEP will allow the Town of Becket to delay implementing the Consent Order to allow discussion at the Board of Selectmen meeting and to determine the results of an article at the ATM to see if the voters wish to go forward with the expense to keep the spring open.

The BOS will present an article at a town meeting that relates to this matter. Bill stated that he believes this matter should be up to the townspeople. Bob Markel created an article on the amended Town Meeting Warrant.

8. Departmental Reports

- Ambulance Dept. – March 2018
- Volunteer Fire Dept. – February and March 2018

The BOS reviewed the above mentioned reports.

9. Board of Selectmen's Comments and Announcements

Michael provided information regarding the April 30th I-90 Interchange Study Meeting which is open to the public.

10. Town Administrator's Report

Bob Markel provided the following update:

1. FY 2019 Budget and ATM Warrant

Michael moved for the BOS to recommend Annual Town Meeting Articles 13 (Community Preservation Authorization), 14 (Community Preservation Funding for North Becket Park) & 15 (Community Preservation Funding for a Shed at Town Beach). Nicole seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Michael moved to approve Article 17 (Marijuana Establishments Amendment to the Zoning Code). Nicole seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Nicole moved for the BOS to recommend Article 25 (Route 20 Spring). Michael seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The BOS asked Beverly to convey to Steve Rosenthal that Sherwood Forest Road Maintenance District needs to provide at the ATM, 100 copies of Exhibit A, the proposed amendment to Special Act numbered as Chapter 380 of the Acts of 1982 and entitled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SHERWOOD FOREST ROAD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF BECKET" relating to petitioned Article 26. They will also need to post copies in the town's official warrant postings locations. Bill moved to approve the Operating & Capital budgets and the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. Michael seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Bob gave the BOS a copy of the 20 year vehicle replacement schedule which will change after receiving an update from the Fire Department.

2. Bidding for demolition of 21 Maple Street – The town received a bid for Asbestos removal (cost \$23,000)
3. Guardrail at Jacob's Pillow: Eversource agreed to subsidize 450 feet of the guardrail
4. Bob and Bill met with the Board of Selectmen in Otis on April 10 to discuss a proposed Repeater on Johnson Road and Sharing of the Dog Kennel Upgrade of which the Otis Board of Selectmen was amenable.
5. Green Communities: The Highway Superintendent has prepared a plan for a project to tighten windows (one of the Fire Stations and Highway Garage), purchase another heating unit (Highway Garage) and propane tank (Highway Garage) to use the remaining Green Communities funds. This will occur by June 30th.
6. Upcoming Meetings – Board of Selectmen Meeting on May 2 and Annual Town Meeting on May 12, 2018

11. Public Input

The BOS fielded questions from Andre Sala re: Route 20 Spring. Andre expressed his wish for the Town to drill wells and provide additional sources of drinking water.

12. Any other business to come before the Board

Bill's items:

1. David Pierce sent an e-mail (dated 4-17-18) indicated that he has volunteered to walk and check Chester's boundaries and he inquired if surrounding towns are checking their boundaries.
2. Jeanne Pryor and Ann Krawet sent letters to resign from the Bylaw Committee. Bill suggested that the BOS send letters of appreciation to them, and to Bruce Garlow.
3. Bill followed up on the discussion that occurred at the Selectmen's February 21, 2018 meeting relating to Emergency Management. It was agreed that Bill will send a letter to Tim Sullivan indicating that he met with Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency's Western Regional Coordinator to discuss the status of the town's emergency preparedness and he advised that he is not recommending any changes to the town's protocols at this time. The letter will also mention that the Regional Coordinator reported that the town's Emergency Management Director, Chief McDonough, has been attending trainings and is knowledgeable about grant opportunities.
4. Bill asked the Berkshire County Selectmen's Association to send meeting notices to Beverly. The BOS has not known about recent meeting because they did not have the correct e-mail addresses.

Bob Markel: Demolition of 21 Maple Street Property. He advised that the Building Inspector will see what other bids are available: The Town received a bid for almost \$24,000.

Beverly: Beach permits for Washington Renters. She reported on the Tax Collector's recommendation. The BOS agreed with the Tax Collector's recommendation that due to the small number of renters in Washington coupled with the large amount of additional labor involved with distinguishing between Washington's renters and homeowners, the Town of Washington will only have one type of beach permit (homeowners).

13. BOS to discuss and possibly vote on Chris Post's (Wandering Star Brewing Company) Application for a One-Day Wine & Beer License to operate at the Becket Pavilion (108 Washington St) on May 5, 2018.

Michael moved to approve Chris Post's (Wandering Star Brewing Company) One-Day Wine & Beer license to operate at the Becket Fire Pavilion (108 Washington Street) on May 5, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. till 6 p.m. with the stipulation that the Becket Fire Association votes to approve Chris Post's use of the Pavilion Application. Nicole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

14. BOS to review and sign payable warrants

The BOS reviewed and signed payable warrants.

15. Review Correspondence:

❖ 04-05-2018, MassDOT Bridge Inspection Reports:

- 1) Yokum Pond Rd/Yokum Brook – dated 12-13-2017
- 2) Werden Rd/Thomas Brook – dated 12/14/2017
- 3) Munn Rd/Turner Brook – dated 12/14/2017
- 4) Bancroft Rd/Mt Pasture Brook – dated 12/14/2017
- 5) Yokum Pd Rd/Yokum Brook – dated 12/21/2017
- 6) Quarry Rd/Cushman Brook – dated 12/14/2017
- 7) County Rd/Br Yokum Brook – dated 12/21/2017

8) Bonnie Rigg Hill/Sparks Brook – dated 12/14/2017
The BOS reviewed the above listed correspondence.

16. BOS to adjourn the meeting.

Michael moved to adjourn. Nicole seconded. Motion carried unanimously. At 9:07 p.m., Bill adjourned the meeting.

Date Approved: 9-4-2019

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Gilbert, Secretary


William Elovirta, Chairperson

Documents discussed:

- Town Administrator's Report
- 4-17-18 Summary of Meeting Between Town of Becket and MassDEP
- I-90 Interchange Study notice
- Dept. of Environmental Protection letter dated 4-4-18 to Deerhaven Lot Owners Trust re: Route 20 Spring
- Vehicle Replacement Schedule FY2018 to FY2038
- FY2019 Operating Budget
- Revenue/Expenditures Worksheet FY2016, FY2017, FY2018 & FY2019
- Eversource's petition to install one jointly owned pole (marked 6B721243) with guy wire, anchor and primary cable to be located at the intersection of YMCA Road and Camp Becket Road.
- Ipswich Pharmaceutical Associates, Inc. Outreach Notice
- Departmental Reports are listed above
- Jeanne Pryor e-mail resignation from Bylaw Review Committee
- Letter from Town Clerk indicating that since Bruce Garlow, resigned as Deputy Moderator, he is also is no longer an Ex-officio member of the Bylaw Review Committee
- Correspondence as listed above
- E-mail from David Pierce re Town Boundary Markers