



**Town of Becket
Planning Board
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Meeting Minutes September 14, 2022

Board Members Present: Robert Ronzio, James Levy, Alvin Blake, Ann Krawet and Howard Lerner (by Zoom)

Board Members Absent: Gale LaBelle

Public Present: Grace Jull, Ronald and Laura Fairchild

Call to order: Robert Ronzio calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Board to review and approve meeting minutes of:

April 13, 2022

May 11, 2022

June 8, 2022

July 13, 2022

August 10, 2022

Mr. Ronzio explains the minutes have not been transcribed as of yet. Mr. Blake makes a motion to postpone approving the minutes until the next meeting. Ms. Krawet seconds the motion.

James Levy - aye

Ann Krawet- aye

Alvin Blake – aye

Howard Lerner- aye

Robert Ronzio – aye

All in favor. Motion passes.

- 1. Old Business:** Mr. Blake makes the motion to move this until the end of the meeting Ms. Krawet seconds the motion.

James Levy - aye

Ann Krawet- aye

Alvin Blake – aye

Howard Lerner- aye

Robert Ronzio – aye

All in favor. Motion passes.

- 2. Public Input:** Ms. Grace Jull speaks to the board about map/lot: 403/13 George Carter Rd. She is currently looking to purchase the lot and build a home on it. Ms. Jull wants to know if it is a buildable lot and has brought her survey and perc test results with her. Mr. Ronzio explains she would need a full survey to determine where the well and septic system could be located. Ms. Jull has a question on culverts on the property. Mr. Ronzio explains she would need to contact



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the Town of Becket Highway Dept. who would let her know about placement and size of the culvert. Mr. Ronzio explains to Ms. Jull what she is requesting is not the purvey of the board but, she will need to speak to the Board of Health, Building Inspector and the Highway Dept. Ms. Jull thanked the board for their time and explanations.

3. **Public Input:** Mr. Ronald Fairchild and Mrs. Laura Fairchild, co-owners and management team for Bonny Rigg Campground, wanted to thank the board for all they do and to let them know they are dealing with an internal issue regarding the campgrounds occupancy bylaws. Mr. Fairchild explains that an individual sent a letter to the Selectmen in regards to the town and campground bylaws. The campground bylaws are stricter than the Town's and it will be dealt with internally.
4. **Old Business:** Mr. Ronzio brings up short term rental bylaws. Mr. Blake was reticent to discuss the bylaw. Mr. Blake was concerned about who would enforce it. Mr. Ronzio states the Board of Health can deal with issues relevant to public health. Mr. Ronzio said the planning board could utilize bylaws that are currently in place in towns such as Lenox to draft a bylaw for Becket. Mr. Blake let the board know that there is a short term tax question being put together for the next annual town meeting. Mr. Ronzio stated that many people in Sherwood Forest are upset about the impact short term rentals do have on the community especially the beaches, lakes and common land. Ms. Krawet explains she was Chairperson of the short term bylaw committee and that not everyone could agree on enforcement procedures. Mr. Levy makes a statement about written complaints and how the Code Enforcer would have to act in accordance with matters brought before his attention. Mr. Lerner would like to go forward with the process of coming up with a short term bylaw.
5. **Old Business:** Attendance requirement – Mr. Ronzio asks the board if we want to keep doing a hybrid meeting or go back to in person. Ms. Krawet says the board is managing to make it work and in the interest of transparency the meeting should stay as hybrid. Mr. Blake agrees and since Mr. Lerner won't be here for the winter this would work. Mr. Levy makes the motion to stay as a hybrid meeting and Mr. Levy seconds. Mr. Ronzio calls for a vote:

James Levy - aye
Ann Krawet- aye
Alvin Blake – aye
Howard Lerner- aye
Robert Ronzio – aye

All in favor motion carries.



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Mr. Lerner leaves the meeting at 7:22 pm

- 6. Correspondence:** Mr. Ronzio states that the board received correspondence regarding the special permit application for the reopening the Becket General Store located at 30 Washington St. He further states one of the abutters has issues regarding parking and the right of way between the two (2) properties. Mr. Ronzio told the board a survey of the property most likely would be needed. The new owner has filed paperwork with the town for a special permit. Since next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022, Mr. Ronzio states the board will need to get the certified letters sent out ASAP. Ms. Krawet agrees to come in on Friday morning to help get them out.

Mr. Ronzio noted that there is a special permit application for 29 Lancelot Lane regarding a shed that is proposed to be located within the side setback area. Since the application is incomplete it will not be accepted, and sent back to the applicant.

Budget: The Becket Community calendar is getting ready to be published but there appears to be a few dates that need to be changed. Mr. Ronzio notes that there are no holiday conflicts. Mr. Blake made the motion to approve the \$12.00 cost Ms. Krawet seconded. Mr. Ronzio call for a vote.

James Levy - aye
Ann Krawet- aye
Alvin Blake – aye
Howard Lerner- aye
Robert Ronzio – aye

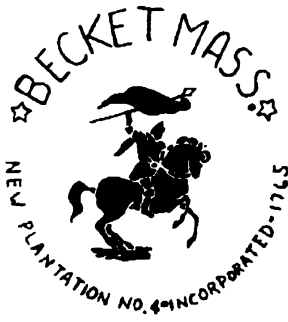
- 7. Any other business:** No other business to come before the board.

Mr. Blake makes the motion to adjourn the meeting Mr. Levy seconds.

Mr. Ronzio calls for a vote:

James Levy - aye
Ann Krawet- aye
Alvin Blake – aye
Howard Lerner- aye
Robert Ronzio – aye

- 8. Motion to adjourn is carried, Mr. Ronzio closes the meeting at 8:01 pm**



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Meeting minutes review and approved on March 24, 2022 by:

Robert Ronzio, Chair

James Levy, Vice Chair

Ann Krawet, Clerk

Alvin Blake, Clerk Pro Tem

Howard Lerner