



**Town of Becket
Planning Board
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November 8, 2023 Minutes

Board members in attendance: Robert Ronzio, Alvin Blake, Ann Krawet joins the meeting at 6:08

Administrative Assistant: Susan Crossley

Public in attendance: no one in attendance

Attendance on Zoom: Robin Mathiesen

Call to order: Chairman Ronzio calls the meeting to order and reads the rules of the meeting at 6:09PM.

Board to review and approve minutes of October 11, 2023: Mr. Blake makes a motion to accept the minutes as written and Ms. Krawet seconds. Mr. Ronzio calls for a vote.

Alvin Blake – aye

Ann Krawet – aye

Robert Ronzio – aye

Minutes approved unanimously as written.

New Business: Board to go over the letter from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission in regards to the draft of the Becket Open Space and Recreation Plan. The letter is to thank the Advisory Committee for completing the draft. After some discussion and with Mr. Ronzio reading the draft and the Town Administrator's clarification of a few points, Ms. Krawet makes the motion to accept and sign the letter for BRPC and it is seconded by Mr. Blake. Chairman Ronzio calls for a vote.

Alvin Blake – aye

Ann Krawet – aye

Robert Ronzio – aye

Letter is approved unanimously and signed. Ms. Crossley will forward the letter to the BRPC.

The board reads over the applications for filling the vacancy left by Mr. James Levy and will meet with the Select Board on Wednesday 11/15 at 6 PM to interview and select a new member.

The board also discusses who is on the bylaw review committee.

Old Business: Review Short Term Rental. Mr. Blake asks what the bylaw number will be. Mr. Ronzio looks it up and states it will be §6.9. Ms. Crossley will do another version and update with the new



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numbers and fix the other versions as to show the changes that were made. The board discusses some of the provisions in the draft that need more work. Mr. Blake would like to keep going on the agenda. The board moves on to the next item on the agenda.

Budget: The board looks over the updated budget figures, so far, the only monies spent were for reimbursement to Mr. Blake to attend the annual BRPC/BCS meeting. Ms. Krawet is turning over a receipt for reimbursement tonight for the same meeting.

Correspondence: Board goes over the Public Hearing notice from Otis for a 45-unit housing project on Otis Reservoir.

Other Business to come before the board: Ms. Crossley lets the board know about some upcoming workshops if anyone is interested.

Mr. Ronzio brings up the legal notice for North Adams about Spencer House LLC.

Mr. Blake brings up the on-line workshop upcoming on Thursday 11/16.

Mr. Ronzio brings up that the Town Administrator would like the budget figures for the next fiscal year in by the end of the calendar year. Mr. Ronzio asks should they just put in for the same as this year or raise it due to inflation.

Mr. Ronzio also lets the board know the annual report is due by the end of the year and asks if anyone else would be interested in doing it.

Mr. Ronzio brings up that Mr. Blake shouldn't be both Vice Chair and Clerk Pro-Tem at the same time and that hopefully when the new person is appointed to the board this will be resolved.

Mr. Blake would like to make sure the workshops get to whomever gets appointed to the Planning Board. Ms. Crossley will make sure they do.

Adjournment: Mr. Blake makes the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Krawet seconds the motion and Mr. Ronzio calls for a vote. All vote aye and the meeting is adjourned at 8:30PM.



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Respectfully submitted:

Susan Crossley, Administrative Assistant

Robert Ronzio, Chair

Ann Krawet, Clerk

Howard Lerner

Alvin Blake, Vice Chair/Clerk Pro Tem

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