



**Town of Becket  
Planning Board  
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## **November 15, 2023 Minutes**

**Board members in attendance:** Robert Ronzio, Alvin Blake, Ann Krawet and Howard Lerner

**Select Board in attendance:** William Elovirta, Christopher Swindlehurst and Jeffrey Piemont

**Administrative Assistant:** Susan Crossley for the Planning Board and Beverly Gilbert for the Select Board

**Applicants in attendance:** Michael Lavery, Thomas Salzar and Diana Mott

**Public in attendance:** Kathe Warden, John Verity, Mrs. Salzar

**Public in attendance on Zoom:** Robin Mathiesen

**Call to order:** Chairman of the Select Board, William Elovirta calls the Select Board portion of the meeting to order and Chairman of the Planning Board, Robert Ronzio calls the Planning Board portion of the meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Select Board Chairman Elovirta leads the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**New Business:** Appointment – Planning Board Member to be appointed and serve effective November 15, 2023 through May 18, 2024 due to vacancy left by Mr. James Levy.

First candidate to speak is Mr. Michael Lavery, 223 Silver Leaf Dr. After a brief introduction of himself, the Planning Board and Select Board ask Mr. Lavery a few questions.

Second candidate to speak is Ms. Diana Mott, 3949 Jacob's Ladder Rd. After Ms. Mott gives the boards an overview of her qualifications she is also questioned by both boards.

Third candidate to speak is Mr. Thomas Salzar 218 Wells Rd. Mr. Salzar also introduces himself to boards and answers their questions.

After the three candidates are through answering questions and no discussion ensues, the Planning and Select boards thank all 3 candidates for their interest and taking the time to come and speak with them.

At this time Ms. Beverly Gilbert hands out ballots to the members of both boards. After the votes are cast and checked by Ms. Gilbert, Ms. Crossley and Ms. Warden the results are as follows:

Michael Lavery – 1

Diana Mott – 6

Tom Salzar -0

Mr. Elovirta calls for a vote by the Select Board to appoint Ms. Mott to the Planning Board to fill the term vacated by Mr. James Levy until May 18, 2024. Motion is made by Mr. Swindlehurst and seconded by Mr. Piemont.



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The roll call vote is as follows:

Mr. Elovirta – aye

Mr. Swindlehurst – aye

Mr. Piemont – aye

Mr. Ronzio calls for a vote by the Planning Board for Ms. Mott to be appointed to the Planning Board to fill the term vacated by Mr. James Levy until May 18, 2024. Ms. Krawet makes the motion and seconded by Mr. Lerner.

The roll call vote is as follows:

Mr. Alvin Blake – aye

Mr. Howard Lerner – aye

Ms. Ann Krawet – aye

Mr. Robert Ronzio – aye

Ms. Diana Mott is unanimously appointed to the Planning Board until the Town Election, May 18, 2024 to fill the vacancy left by Mr. James Levy.

Mr. Ronzio calls for the Planning Board portion of the meeting with the Select Board to be closed. Mr. Lerner makes the motion and Ms. Krawet seconds. Mr. Ronzio calls for a roll call vote:

Mr. Alvin Blake – aye

Mr. Howard Lerner – aye

Ms. Ann Krawet – aye

Mr. Robert Ronzio – aye

Vote is unanimous.

**Adjournment:** Meeting is closed and adjourned at 6:51 PM.



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Respectfully submitted:

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Susan Crossley, Administrative Assistant

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Robert Ronzio, Chair

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Ann Krawet, Clerk

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Howard Lerner

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Alvin Blake, Vice Chair/Clerk Pro Tem

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