SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
7:00pm, June 16, 2021
Town Hall, 557 Main Street, Becket

Attendees
Select Board (SB): William Elovirta (BE), *Chair*; Michael Lavery (ML), *Clerk*
Absent: Chris Swindlehurst (CS), *Vice Chair*

Staff: William Caldwell (BC), *Town Administrator*; Beverly Gilbert (BG), Administrative Assistant; Police Chief Kristopher McDonough, Police Officer Michael Hunt & Police Officer Nicole Miller

Remote: William Girard, Building Inspector / Zoning Enforcement Officer; Shelby Macri, Country Journal; Aaron Beatty

1. **Call to order**
   BE called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. He indicated that the SB was recording the meeting.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   BE led the Pledge of Allegiance.

   BE skipped to Agenda Item 15, and returned to Item 3.

3. **SB discussion/vote on appointment: William Girard, Zoning Enforcement Officer position effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.**
   William Girard fielded questions and discussed the town's vacant/abandoned property bylaw as it relates to enforcement. ML moved to appoint William Girard Zoning Officer effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. BE 2nd: Motion carried vote: 2-0.

4. **SB to vote on the Town Administrator's recommended appointment: Nicole Miller, Probationary Full-time Police Officer effective July 1, 2021 through June, 30 2022.**
   Police Chief McDonough spoke in support of changing Police Officer Nicole Miller to full-time status. ML moved to approve the Town Administrator's recommendation to appoint Nicole Miller Probationary Full-time Police Officer, with an hourly payrate of $26.19, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. BE 2nd: Vote: 2-0.

5. **Broadband Update and Select Board to discuss and possibly vote on policies and decisions relating to the Broadband Project**
   BC reported construction of FSA 5 is nearly complete and next week Town Hall will likely obtain its drop.

6. **Approval of the June 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes**
   ML moved to approve the June 2, 2021 minutes, BE 2nd: Vote: 2-0.

7. **Public Input (limited to 3 minutes per person, 20 minutes total for this agenda item).**
   None

8. **SB to vote to recognize the Constable position as a designated Special Municipal Employee under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A**
The SB tabled this agenda item until next meeting.

9. **Amended Payrates for Fiscal Year 2022**
ML moved to authorize the FY2022 Town of Becket employee payrate listing, with adjustment of Nicole Miller to Probationary Full-time Police Officer/$26.19 per hour, BE 2nd: Vote 2-0.

10. **SB to announce Treasurer's authorization of Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank's Municipal Note Sale information $240,000 dated 6/25/2021 through 6/25/2025 at 2.1% rate.**
The SB announced that for purchase of the new Highway Department truck, the members of the SB had signed the note described in the above captioned.

11. **SB to approve Becket Scholarship Foundation Tax Stuffer**
The SB reviewed and authorized the Becket Scholarship Foundation Tax Stuffer for the FY22 preliminary real estate tax bills issued on July 1st.

12. **Select Board to review Departmental Reports**
    - **Building Inspector May 2021**
    - **Others tba**

    The SB reviewed the Building Inspector's May 2021 Report.

13. **Town Administrator's Report**
Below is an update of several items that BC has been working on:
    - Complete Streets – Tier 2 - prioritization plan, Beta is Working on cost estimates.
    - Community One Stop
      Potential Project: McNerney Rd. (pedestrian/bike path) – estimated cost $1.3 Million
    - ADA Grant: BRPC working on report - Needed by June 30
    - Lease with Camp Greylock, a second draft is being reviewed
    - Benton Hill – Preliminary plans draft complete to DER
    - Truck 2 was delivered
    - Working on fiber connection to TH
    - Applied for ARPA funds – The Town of Becket received part of the funds (approx. $89,000)
    - End of State of Emergency – In keeping with the Governor rescinding the State of Emergency (COVID-19), ML moved to declare the end of the Town of Becket's State of Emergency effective June 16, 2021. BE 2nd: Vote 2-0.

14. **Select Board's Comments and Announcements**
ML expressed his appreciation for the Highway Department's fine work on Esau's trail.

15. Any other business to come before the Board

The SB presented a Certificate of Recognition to Police Officer Michael Hunt to acknowledge the K9 Unit's efforts affiliated with the search and capture of a fugitive on May 26, 2021.

16. Correspondence:

- **Sherwood Forest Lake District Communication: Annual District Meeting Warrant, Special District Meeting Warrant, Projected Operating Budget for FY2022, Proxies**
- **2021.06.07 Zoning Board of Appeals Notice of Public Hearing scheduled on July 6, 2021 re: Special Permit applications submitted by Nancy Chassman and Donald Lyon to extend lower level under deck/sunroom, add a deck and reconstruct front porch and mudroom at 138 Mystic Isle Way**
- **2021.06.09 Zoning Board of Appeals Notice of Public Hearing scheduled on July 6, 2021 re: Special Permit applications submitted by Ben Anderson to occupy a camper trailer during home construction at 1190 George Carter Road**

The SB took no action on the Sherwood Forest Lake District proxies.

17. Select Board to review and sign payable warrants.

The SB reviewed and signed payable warrants.

18. Select Board to adjourn the Meeting

ML moved to adjourn, BE 2nd: Vote: 2-0. BE adjourned the meeting at 7:37pm

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Gilbert, Administrative Assistant

Signed by:

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William H. Elovirta, *Chairperson* Date Approved

Documents discussed at this meeting:

- Agenda Item 4 2021.06.01 Police Chief's recommendation to TA for appointment - Nicole Miller
- Agenda Item 6 2021.06.02 Select Board Minutes
- Agenda Item 9 FY2022 Payrates
- Agenda Item 10 Municipal Note info.
- Agenda Item 11 Tax Stuffer.PDF
- Agenda Item 12 Building Inspector's Report
- Agenda Item 13 Town Administrator's Report
- Agenda Item 15 Certificate of Recognition for PD K-9 Unit
- Agenda Item 16 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZBA 1190 George Carter Rd.
- Agenda Item 16 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZBA 138 Mystic Isle Way
- Agenda Item 16 SFLD Annual Special District mtgs.