



Town of Becket
Board of Health
557 Main Street
Becket, Massachusetts 01223
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Meeting Minutes for July 2, 2018

Board Members Present: Gale LaBelle, David Krawet and Laurel Burgwardt

Board Members Absent: None

Administrative Assistant: Jessica Perotti

Public Present: Gail Kusek and Michele Kenney

Call to order

Gale LaBelle calls the meeting to order at 10:11 AM. Ms. LaBelle informs everyone the rules of the meeting and makes sure everyone has signed in to the meeting.

Board to review meeting minutes for March 14, 2018

David Krawet makes a **motion** to accept the minutes of March 14, 2018. Ms. LaBelle **seconds the motion**. All in favor with Laurel Burgwardt abstaining from the vote. **Motion passes.**

Board reorganization

Ms. Burgwardt **nominates** Gale LaBelle as Chair. Mr. Krawet **seconds the nomination**. Ms. LaBelle accepts the nomination.

Ms. LaBelle **nominates** Laurel Burgwardt as Vice Chair. Mr. Krawet **seconds the nomination**.

Ms. Burgwardt accepts the nomination. Ms. Burgwardt **nominates** David Krawet. Ms. LaBelle **seconds the nomination**. David Krawet accepts the nomination.

Reports from Health Agent:

581 King Richard Drive: Ms. Smith has recommended approval on this application providing that a deed restriction is placed on it. Ms. Burgwardt makes a **motion** to approve as recommended by Ms. Smith. Ms. LaBelle **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

134 Bancroft Road: Ms. LaBelle says that Ms. Smith has recommended approval on this septic plan. Mr. Krawet makes a **motion** to approve. Ms. Burgwardt **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

133 Brooker Hill Road: Ms. Perotti reports that this septic plan will be resubmitted.

Old Business: 77 Sir Edwards Way- letter to homeowner regarding Title V inspection status

Ms. Perotti informs the Board she drafted a letter to send to the homeowners to let them know their Title V inspection report has been reviewed and considered a failure. Ms. Perotti asks the Board to review and approve the letter. The Board reads over the letter. After some discussion, the Board makes some corrections to the letter. Ms. LaBelle asks Ms. Perotti to also show the letter to Jayne Smith so she can put a time limit on the repairs needed to the septic system. Ms. Burgwardt makes a **motion** to accept the letter with Jayne Smith's approval. Mr. Krawet **amends the motion** to accept the letter with the modifications made during discussion: Jayne Smith to add a date of when the repairs should be completed. Ms. Burgwardt repeats



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the motion as it was amended. Mr. Krawet **seconds the motion as amended**. All in favor.
Motion passes.

New Business: 78 Pine Dale Circle – update on condemnation order

Ms. LaBelle reports this property was going to go into the receivership program but the owner has decided they want to make the repairs needed on the house. Ms. Perotti says that electrical permits have been pulled and other needed permits are expected to be pulled in the near future. There is a brief discussion regarding other properties that need to go into the receivership program.

Correspondence

Ms. LaBelle announces there will be orientation for Board of Health members and staff on August 20, 2018 at 5:30 PM; there is no fee for the training. Ms. Perotti says she will attend.

Ms. Perotti informs the Board the water reports for the Route 20 spring came back clear of coliform and E. coli. She also lets the Board know that the flow rate was reassessed at two (2) gallons per minute.

Ms. Perotti presents an invoice from Housatonic Basin in the amount of \$195.00 for water testing done in June at the Becket Town Beach. The Board has a discussion regarding why they should pay for water testing done at the beach instead of Parks and Recreation. Ms. LaBelle says she will be talking with the Town Administrator to see if Parks and Recreation can start paying to have the water tested at the town beach. Ms. LaBelle makes a **motion** to pay the invoice for \$195.00 for water testing done in June at the town beach. Ms. Burgwardt **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Budget

Ms. Perotti lets the Board know a letter needs to be written to carry-over the rest of the funds in the budget to FY19 Budget. Ms. Perotti lets the Board know she paid an invoice for mailing labels and asks for a motion to cover the payment of \$19.66. Mr. Krawet makes a **motion** to pay \$19.66 for mailing labels. Ms. Burgwardt **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Any other business to come before the Board

The Board recognizes Gail Kusek and Michele Kenney. They are both present to discuss the spring on Route 20 at the Becket/Chester town line. Ms. Kenney informs the Board they have started a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, fundraising organization (*Friends of Becket Spring*) to help support it. Ms. Kenney said this will be for fundraising only to help pay for necessary upgrades and water testing. Ms. Kenney says that Ms. Kusek disagrees about the proposed



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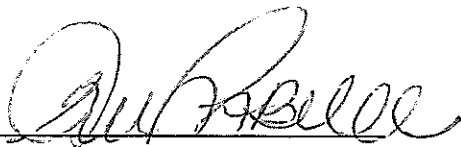
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responsibilities of the non-profit. Ms. Kenney says that if the non-profit were to take over the responsibility of the spring that it would not install a UV (ultra violet) filtration system, or any other type of filtration system because they were not invited to sit in on any of the meetings with **MassDEP (Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection)** regarding the outcome of the spring. It was proposed at past meetings that a device could be placed on the pipe to prevent hoses being attached and pumping the water out. Others agreed that this type of hose attachment could cause coliform to be present. Ms. Kenney continues saying there is no pattern of the coliform spikes leading her to believe it is because of the random incidents of hoses being attached that are causing the coliform spikes in the testing reports. Ms. Kenney informs the Board that attaching a device to the pipe is the solution they would implement. No studies would be done and no filtration systems would be installed. The Board recognizes Gail Kusek. Ms. Kusek disagrees with Ms. Kenney saying the reason the non-profit was started was to take the liability away from the town. Ms. Kenney interrupts Ms. Kusek and an argument erupts. Ms. LaBelle lets Ms. Kenney know that she will call the police if she doesn't calm down. Ms. Kenney leaves the meeting. Ms. Kusek talks to the Board regarding the non-profit's proposed responsibilities when the organization was started. She says it was to take over the responsibility of it including maintenance and water testing. Ms. Kusek lets the Board know that she paid for everything to get the non-profit started. There is a discussion regarding possibilities to save the spring. Ms. LaBelle recommends to Ms. Kusek that she discuss this matter with the Town Administrator.

Adjournment

Ms. LaBelle makes a **motion** to adjourn. Mr. Krawet **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes**. Meeting is adjourned at 11:36 AM.

Meeting Minutes reviewed and approved on August 7, 2019 by:


Gale LaBelle, Chair


I. David Krawet, Clerk


Laurel Burgwardt, Vice Chair