



**Town of Becket
Board of Health
557 Main Street
Becket, Massachusetts 01223
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Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2018

Board Members Present: Gale LaBelle and I. David Krawet

Board Members Absent: Laurel Burgwardt

Health Agent: Jayne Smith

Administrative Assistant: Jessica Perotti

Public Present: John Kozinski, Jeanette Thomas, Bob Gross, Purr McEwen, Ann G. Spadafora and Robert T. Ronzio

Call to order

Gale LaBelle calls the meeting to order at 5:12 PM and welcomes everyone to the meeting. Ms. LaBelle introduces herself and I. David Krawet and announces that Laurel Burgwardt is unable to attend. Ms. LaBelle also introduces the Administrative Assistant, Jessica Perotti and Health Agent, Jayne Smith. Ms. LaBelle reads the rules of the meeting, makes sure everyone in attendance has signed into the meeting and that copies of the agenda are available for anyone that would like a copy.

Board to review meeting minutes of May 2, 2018

This item is tabled to the end of the meeting.

Reports from Jayne Smith, Health Agent:

Ms. LaBelle asks that this item be tabled until Old Business and New Business are addressed.

Old Business

- a. 3417 Main Street: Ms. LaBelle asks Jeanette Thomas to let the Board know what her concerns are with this septic system installation. Ms. Thomas stands to let the Board know things that she has observed during the installation of the septic system next door to her including the tagging of her property stakes and the possible removal of one (1) property stake altogether. She is also concerned that the leach field may be too close to her property and is worried about rain water coming over to her property from the concrete blocks that have been put up. Ms. Thomas has a copy of the septic plan that was approved to be installed. She is concerned that what is being constructed does not match the plan that was approved because of the changes that were made during the installation. The Board and Ms. Smith inform Ms. Thomas that some of her concerns are not matters for the Board of Health to resolve. Ms. LaBelle does agree that a new plan should be provided to show the changes that have been made which ultimately eliminate the need for a variance to the well of the neighbor on the other side. Ms. LaBelle makes a **motion** that she will contact Barry Searle for an updated plan which shows the current conditions of the septic installation at 3417 Main Street. Mr. Krawet **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes**. Ms. Smith asks that all



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communications and inquiries regarding this installation be sent directly to the Board of Health only and to be forwarded to her as needed.

- b. **29 Chester Road:** Ms. Perotti informs the Board that she spoke with the owner, Ofer Zaarur, regarding what steps he has taken to get a plan for upgrading this septic system. Mr. Zaarur reports that he will be having a conference call with an engineer on Thursday, October 4, 2018, and will send an email to let the Board know what was discussed and possible proposals to bring the system up to Title V code.

New Business:

- a. **Informal discussion with Purr McEwen regarding septic systems at Mullen House and Becket Arts Center:** The Board recognizes Purr McEwen and Bob Gross representing the Becket Athenaeum. Ms. McEwen lets the Board know that they would like to, voluntarily, upgrade this septic system by hooking it into the septic system that services the Mullen House and Becket Arts Center. Ms. McEwen says that the gallons per day have been recorded and with all buildings feeding into the septic system. It is anticipated that only one third (1/3) of the capacity will be needed. Ms. LaBelle asks if a Title V inspection has been done. Ms. McEwen says there has not been an inspection done. Ms. LaBelle says the septic system that would be hooked into needs to be inspected to ensure that the system is functional and can withstand the extra flow. Ms. LaBelle would also like legal counsel to be consulted because some sort of an agreement will need to be made because the Mullen House and Becket Arts Center are owned by the Town of Becket and the Becket Athenaeum is privately owned. It also needs to be determined who would be responsible for paying for the Title V inspection.
- b. **Beaver Issue in Becket Woods:** The Board recognizes Ann G. Spadafora. Ms. Spadafora lives in Becket Woods and explains that the area was originally created so that wildlife and human life could live together harmoniously. Ms. Spadafora asks that the Board not issue permits to kill beavers. Ms. LaBelle and Ms. Smith inform Ms. Spadafora that if beavers are causing damage to roadways, septic systems, homes etc. that the Board of Health has the authorization to issue 10-day emergency beaver permits. Ms. Spadafora understands beavers can be a danger to health and safety but expresses her disappointment in these permits being issued. The Board suggests that she take her dissatisfaction up with the Becket Woods Home Owners Association and tells her about water control devices that may be used instead of issuing beaver permits. Ms. Spadafora thanks the Board for their time and leaves the meeting.
- c. **Flu clinic:** Ms. LaBelle asks Ms. Perotti when the flu clinic will be. Ms. Perotti answers that it will be on October 18, 2018 from 2:00-4:00 PM downstairs in the Community Room.



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Board to review meeting minutes of May 2, 2018 con't: Following a review of the meeting minutes for May 2, 2018, Mr. Krawet makes a **motion** to approve the minutes of May 2, 2018. Ms. LaBelle **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes**. The Board signs the minutes of May 2, 2018.

Reports from Jayne Smith, Health Agent con't: 116 Otis Road: Ms. Smith lets the Board know that a bedroom is being added and recommends approval on the submitted plan. Mr. Krawet makes a **motion** to approve the plan. Ms. LaBelle **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes**.

113 South Cove Drive: Ms. Smith says the septic outlet riser needs to be accessible for maintenance, inspection ports need to be added and a local upgrade approval was requested for a three foot (3') reduction to seasonal high groundwater. Ms. Smith recommends approval of the plan with these conditions. Ms. LaBelle makes a **motion** to approve the plan with conditions suggested by Ms. Smith. Mr. Krawet **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes**.

12 Bayberry Drive: Ms. Smith explains to the Board that this application is only for a tank replacement. Ms. Smith says the current tank will need to be pumped, crushed and removed before the new tank is installed. Ms. LaBelle makes a **motion** to approve the application as recommended by Ms. Smith. Mr. Krawet **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes**.

Any other business to come before the Board

886 King Richard Drive: Ms. Smith tells the Board that a Title V inspection was done here in August resulting in a conditional pass. Ms. Smith explains that the d-box (distribution box) and two (2) pipes need to be replaced. Ms. Smith asks the Board to allow her to approve the d-box and pipe replacement making a condition that the tank be pumped. Ms. LaBelle makes a **motion** to allow Ms. Smith to approve the d-box replacement after an application has been submitted for a permit. Mr. Krawet **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes**.

175 Mystic Isle Way: Ms. Smith lets the Board know this property is near a wetland area and will need to be review by the Conservation Commission. Ms. LaBelle makes a **motion** that this application be reviewed by the Conservation Commission before the Board reviews it for approval. Mr. Krawet **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes**.

8 South Lake Way: Ms. Smith tells the Board that a local upgrade approval was requested with a three foot (3') reduction to seasonal high groundwater. Ms. Smith recommends approval of the application with this condition. Mr. Krawet makes a **motion** to approve the plan with a 3'



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separation to seasonal high groundwater. Ms. LaBelle **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Food Inspections: Ms. Smith lets the Board know that surprise inspections were done at the Dream Away Lodge and Papa Bob's. Inspector Nancy Ruderman reports that the Dream Away Lodge is doing very well. Ms. Ruderman also inspected Papa Bob's and says they need to be brought up to code because the food preparation area is not ready yet.

Any other business to come before the Board

Robert Ronzio asks the Board what they are doing regarding past Title V inspections that have not been done. The Board assures Mr. Ronzio that they are doing the best they can with the resources available to them.

Correspondence: Ms. Perotti lets the Board know she has reserved seats for Ms. LaBelle and Mr. Krawet for the Berkshire County Boards of Health Association's (BCBOHA) Fall Dinner on October 22, 2018. The cost per person to attend is \$35.00. Ms. Perotti informs the Board that she spoke with Ms. Burgwardt who is still undecided if she will be able to attend. Ms. LaBelle makes a **motion** to pay \$70.00 for the seats that have been reserved and should Ms. Burgwardt be able to attend, she will need to pay for her ticket and can be reimbursed for the cost of the ticket. Mr. Krawet **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Ms. Perotti presents two (2) invoices to the Board from Housatonic Basin. The first was in the amount of \$260.00 for testing the water at the Town Beach for the month of August. Ms. LaBelle makes a **motion** to pay the invoice from Housatonic Basin of \$260.00. Mr. Krawet **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.** Ms. LaBelle says the invoices for water testing at the Town Beach need to be sent to Parks and Recreation next year. The second invoice is for \$125.00 for testing water at the spring at the Becket/Chester town line. Ms. LaBelle makes a **motion** to pay the invoice from Housatonic Basin of \$125.00. Mr. Krawet **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Budget

The Board has spent 24.22% of the budget so far this fiscal year.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2018 at 5:00 PM.

Adjournment

Mr. Krawet makes a **motion** to adjourn. Ms. LaBelle **seconds the motion**. All in favor. **Motion passes.** Meeting is adjourned at 7:45 PM.



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Meeting Minutes Reviewed and Approved on November 7, 2018 by:

Gale LaBelle, Chair

David Krawet, Clerk