



**Town of Becket
Zoning Board of Appeals
557 Main Street
Becket, Massachusetts 01223
Phone (413) 623-8934 Ext. 122**

Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2023

Board Members present: Sarah Hoecker, Robin Mathiesen and Jeffrey Wilkinson

Board Members Present via Zoom: Alvin Blake, Victoria Bleier and Mary Canty

Board Members Absent: Christopher Milenkevich

Administrative Assistant: Tess Lundberg

Public Present: Marc Volk, A. J. Pietrantone, Vincent Vigilante

Public Present via Zoom: Danielle Cerrone

1. **Call to Order.** Sarah Hoecker calls the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Ms. Hoecker introduces the Board members present.
2. **Board to review and approve the minutes of December 6, 2022.** Mr. Wilkinson makes a motion to approve the minutes of December 6, 2022. Ms. Mathiesen seconds the motion. Mr. Blake votes in favor, Ms. Bleier votes in favor, Ms. Canty votes in favor, Ms. Hoecker votes in favor, Ms. Mathiesen votes in favor, Mr. Wilkinson votes in favor. **Motion passes.**
3. **Old Business – 29 Lancelot Lane**
Ms. Hoecker states that Lorraine Corriveau corresponded with the ZBA that they decided to withdraw their application. Ms. Hoecker states the board will need to take a vote to close the hearing. Mr. Blake states the board has to vote to agree to close with or without prejudice. Ms. Hoecker states deciding with prejudice indicates the board would not be in favor of the application, without prejudice indicates the board had not reached the point of being not in favor of the application. Mr. Blake states a with prejudice decision means the applicant cannot come back, without prejudice means the applicant can come back. Mr. Blake makes a motion to withdraw the application without prejudice. Mr. Wilkinson seconds the motion. Mr. Blake votes in favor, Ms. Bleier votes in favor, Ms. Canty votes in favor, Ms. Hoecker votes in favor, Ms. Mathiesen votes in favor, Mr. Wilkinson votes in favor. **Motion passes.**
4. **Public Input - none**
5. **Any other business to come before the Board**
Marc Volk of Foresight Land Services speaks to the board, informally, regarding an upcoming application for a Site Plan Approval at 358 George Carter Rd- Jacobs Pillow Dance Festival. Mr. Volk states the plan has 2 parts, first to replace the Doris Duke Theatre lost to



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a fire, and second to replace the fire protection system for the Jacobs Pillow campus. Mr. Volk states the current fire protection utilizes a pond with a pump. Mr. Volk states they are proposing a 1,000 gallon tank with water to be pumped to the campus. Mr. Volk states they have already worked with the Becket Conservation Commission and an order of conditions is being filed with the Registry of Deeds.

Ms. Mathiesen asks about the location of hydrants. Mr. Volk points out on the plan several proposed hydrant locations. Mr. Volk states Jacobs Pillow is trying to move forward with a "green footprint", there will be a green roof with 4 inches of soil, water will be collected, run through storm drains to filtering devices and used for irrigation. Mr. Volk points out the existing and proposed lawn areas and states the parking area will not be significantly larger. Mr. Volk asks if the board would like to do a site visit.

Ms. Hoecker states she is glad to hear the plan has been approved by the Conservation Commission. Ms. Hoecker asks if members of the board have any other questions. Mr. Wilkinson asks about the storage tank being close to the road. Mr. Volk states the road near the tank is a service/access road, the tank is actually about 400 feet from George Carter Road. Mr. Wilkinson asks about the proposed lighting. Mr. Volk states the proposal is for down lighting with no glare created. Mr. Vigilante states they have a lighting supervisor putting together a plan that will minimize light pollution. Mr. Volk states it will be very hard to see the lighting outside the campus. Ms. Hoecker asks if the lights are on all the time. Mr. Vigilante states a lot of the lighting will be on timers, some will stay on for security purposes. Mr. Blake states he is glad to hear that sustainability has been considered and asks if there is any potential for solar power. Mr. Vigilante states they are in communication with several companies to determine potential solar development. Mr. Vigilante states since the property is broken up, it is not likely to be one major solar array. Ms. Hoecker proposes a site visit on Friday, February 10, 2023 at 4PM. The Board members agree.

6. Budget – Board advised of current balance.

- 7. Adjournment-** Mr. Blake makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Mathiesen seconds the motion. Mr. Blake votes in favor, Ms. Bleier votes in favor, Ms. Canty votes in favor, Ms. Hoecker votes in favor, Ms. Mathiesen votes in favor, and Mr. Wilkinson votes in favor.

Motion passes.

Meeting is adjourned at 6:45 PM



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Meeting Minutes reviewed and approved March 7, 2023 by:

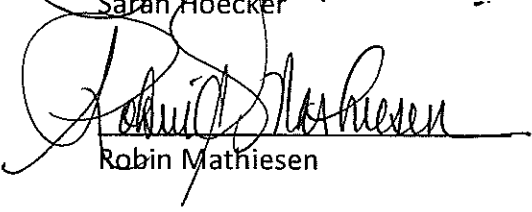
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