

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

Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2023

Board Members present: Mary Canty, Sarah Hoecker, and Robin Mathiesen

Board Members Present via Zoom: Alvin Blake, Victoria Bleier and Christopher Milenkevich

Board Members Absent: Jeffrey Wilkinson **Administrative Assistant**: Tess Lundberg

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

Public Present via Zoom: none

1. **Call to Order**. Victoria Bleier calls the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Ms. Bleier introduces the Board members present.

Board to review and approve the minutes of February 7, 2023. Ms. Mathiesen makes a
motion to approve the minutes of February 7, 2023. Ms. Canty 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. Milenkevich votes in favor. Motion
passes.

3. New Business

358 George Carter Road Site Plan Approval

Ms. Bleier asks if any members of the board have a conflict of interest in hearing the application. Mr. Blake states no conflict, Ms. Bleier states no conflict, and Ms. Canty states no conflict. Ms. Hoecker states no conflict, Ms. Mathiesen states no conflict, and Mr. Milenkevich states no conflict.

Ms. Bleier asks if all fees associated with the application are paid and property taxes are current. Ms. Lundberg states all fees are paid and property taxes are current. Ms. Bleier invites the applicant to speak,

Marc Volk of Foresight Land Services thanks the board for conducting the site visit on February 10, 2023. Mr. Volk states there are two components to the application. Mr. Volk states the first component is a new theater to replace the Doris Duke Theater damaged in a fire. Mr. Volk states the second component is a fire suppression system consisting of an above ground water tank and a small pump house. Mr. Volk states the work will place no burden on the Town of Becket. Mr. Volk states Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival is a self-contained water and sewer system. Mr. Vol states there should be no change to the normal traffic patter, Mr. Volk states the new fire suppression system, consisting of a 36 foot tall



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tank that is 75 feet in diameter and an 11x16 foot pre-fabricated structure for the pump house, supplies water to the whole campus.

Mr. Volk states the new theater will have 4,000 square feet including bathrooms, support rooms, a basement and lobby. Mr. Volk states there is a rain collection system to mitigate storm water. Mr. Volk states the footprint is larger than the previous Doris Duke Theater but the seating capacity of the performance theater is the same. Mr. Volk states the theater will have two levels, including a veranda area and the "green" roof.

Ms. Mathiesen asks if the green roof will be used as space for events and is it designed to support the weight. Mr. Volk states the green roof is not accessible to the public and will not be used as event space. Mr. Volk points out in the application packet the artist rendering of the exterior appearance of the facility.

Vincent Vigilante, Jacobs Pillow Dance Festival Director of Facilities, Safety & Security, states all lighting will be dark sky compliant. Mr. Vigilante states they have not finalized the selection of fixtures. Mr. Vigilante states the fixtures will be dimmable.

Ms. Canty asks when the construction is expected to start if approved. Mr. Volk states the Fire Suppression System would be done this year and they anticipate the theater construction to be done next year. A. J. Pietrantone, Jacobs Pillow Dance Festival Deputy Director, states they would possible do some site work in the fall of 2023.

Ms. Hoecker asks if any Board members have any further questions. Ms. Hoecker states with no questions heard would any members want to make a motion for a decision on the application. Ms. Mathiesen makes a motion to approve the application. Ms. Canty 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. Milenkevich votes in favor. **Motion passes.**

- 4. Old Business none
- 5. Public Input none
- 6. Any other business to come before the Board

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- a. Informal Discussion- O Jacobs Ladder Rd 404.19- Smitha Piedilato inquiry. Ms. Piedilato did not attend the meeting.
- b. Informal Discussion- 0 Nottingham Ct 216.754.1 and 216.755 Matt Puntin inquiry regarding nonconforming lots. Mr. Puntin did not attend the meeting.
- 7. **Budget** Board members discussed current balance and possible uses for the available funds for training or webinairs for board members.
- 8. Adjournment- Ms. Canty 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. Milenkevich votes in favor. Motion passes.

Meeting is adjourned at 6:45 PM

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Robin Mathiesen	Mary Canty