



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

Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2023

Board Members Present via Zoom: Alvin Blake, Mary Canty, Sarah Hoecker, Robin Mathiesen, Jeff Wilkinson, Tom Salzer, Chris Milenkevich

Board Members Absent: none

Public present via Zoom: none

Administrative Assistant: Tess Lundberg

1. Call to Order – Sarah Hoecker called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

2. Board Vice Chair role – Ms. Hoecker states there is an opportunity for a board member to become the Vice Chair for the board.

Ms. Mathiesen questions if Mr. Milenkevich had expressed an interest. Mr. Blake states Mr. Milenkevich would not be eligible as an alternate member. Ms. Hoecker states an alternate member could become a full member. Mr. Blake states Mr. Milenkevich agreed at the last meeting to become a full member. Mr. Blake states he is not sure if a full member status is now available because the Select Board named Tom Salzer to a 3 year term. Ms. Hoecker states she will check with the Select Board. Mr. Milenkevich states he had said he would become a full member prior to Mr. Salzer expressing interest in joining the board. Mr. Milenkevich states he is fine with Mr. Salzer being a full member and he will stay as an alternate member. Ms. Mathiesen states she would be interested in becoming Vice Chair. Mr. Blake asks if there is anything in her role as Town Clerk that precludes her from the Vice Chair role. Ms. Mathiesen states there is no conflict. Mr. Blake nominates Ms. Mathiesen as Vice Chair. Mr. Wilkinson seconds the motion. Mr. Blake votes in favor. Ms. Canty votes in favor. Ms. Hoecker votes in favor, Mr. Milenkevich votes in favor, Mr. Salzer votes in favor, Mr. Wilkinson votes in favor. Motion passes.

3. Old Business – Mr. Blake asks if there are any minutes to be approved for the October meeting. Ms. Lundberg states the minutes will be ready for approval and signatures at the January 2024 meeting when the board will meet in person.

4. Public Input – none

5. Any other business to come before the Board – Mr. Blake states he wants to discuss the application from 152 Greenwater Drive that was referred to the Planning Board. Mr. Wilkinson states depending on which section of the zoning bylaws you look at this could go to either the Planning Board or ZBA. Ms. Mathiesen states she had a discussion of the conflicting zoning bylaws with Building Inspector Paul Green and Planning Board chairperson Bob Ronzio. Ms. Mathiesen states she went to the property, not as an official site visit. Ms. Mathiesen states there were discrepancies between existing garage on site and the structure as represented in the informal discussion. Ms. Mathiesen states Paul Green and Bob Ronzio are going to focus on the house and deck changes, then possibly send the applicant back to ZBA for the changes



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in the garage structure. Mr. Blake states the 12/13/2023 Planning Board agenda does not include this property.

Mr. Blake states the zoning bylaw is confusing and it should be revised. Ms. Hoecker states she would be happy to look at the current bylaws and propose some revisions, working in conjunction with the Planning Board.

Mr. Blake states he found a document labeled "Employee Handbook" that is a handbook for all boards and commissions. Mr. Blake states the document is 10 years old, needs updating, but is a good guide for new members. Mr. Blake states the document has been renamed "Handbook for Committees".

Mr. Salzer asks if there is a copy of the zoning bylaws available. Ms. Lundberg states she has copies in the office and will set one aside for Mr. Salzer to pick up.

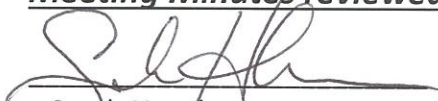
6. Budget – Ms. Hoecker states she will meet with the Town Administrator next week to discuss the budget, which is due by the end of the month. Ms. Hoecker states she will have a draft of the annual report by the end of the week and will send it to members for all to review and comment on. Ms. Hoecker directs members to reply directly to her only with comments.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Wilkinson makes a motion to adjourn. Ms. Mathiesen seconds the motion. Mr. Blake votes in favor. Ms. Canty votes in favor. Ms. Hoecker votes in favor, Ms. Mathiesen votes in favor, Mr. Milenkevich votes in favor, Mr. Salzer votes in favor, Mr. Wilkinson votes in favor. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.


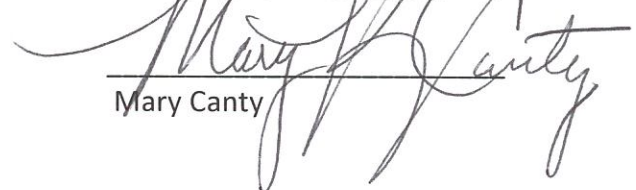
Meeting Minutes reviewed and approved January 2, 2024 by:



Sarah Hoecker


Jeffrey Wilkinson


Alvin Blake

Robin Mathiesen


Christopher Milenkevich

Mary Canty


Tom Salzer