

MINUTES

Becket Conservation Commission

Thursday, September 19, 2013

Becket Town Hall 557 Main Street

Present: Commissioners Laurel Burgwardt, Marty Winters, Purr McEwen, Bud Moylan; Commissioner and Vice Chair Richard Pryor; Commissioner and Agent Kathy Vsetecka

Absent: Commissioner and Chair Scott Morley

Public present: Robert E. Kilman, Carlos Fraga, Bob Gross and Chuck Miller of Indian Lakes Association, Karen Karlberg

Meeting opened at 6:36 PM, Mr. Pryor presiding.

Approval of the August 15, 2013 and August 29, 2013 meetings.

Motion by Mr. Moylan to approve both sets of minutes. Second by Ms. Burgwardt. Unanimous approval

Request for Determination of Applicability Carlos Fraga and Robert E. Kilman, Jr. 995 Plumb Rd. Map 408 Lot 29 Jacking up existing structure and installing a frost wall foundation or repair/install piers

- Robert Kilman and Carlos Fraga applicants. Mr. Fraga stated that the house is falling off its piers. They will put piers under the house or a frost wall. There will be silt fence put around to protect the brook, which is 50'-60' away from the house. The footprint will remain the same. Ms. Burgwardt has been on site as part of her work for the Board of Health. Ms. Vsetecka went there on a site visit for Conservation. Mr. Pryor asked what work was to be done. It was stated that the house will be jacked up and secured. Most likely there won't be hand digging and there will be very little disturbance around the house. Ms. McEwen asked about the septic system. The site was originally approved for a tight tank. However, the land was perked last week and passed. This permit would not be for a septic system. The main goal right now is to secure the house before winter. Mr. Pryor asked about the storage of equipment and the time frame for the work. There is no contractor yet, but the work should be done within 3 days to a week. It was stated that refueling and the storage of equipment would be done off site; the dirt will be taken off dirt daily, also. Ms. McEwen stated that the stream behind the house is the major input of water for Yokum Pond (it is also spring fed).
- **Motion by Ms. McEwen to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability with Becket Standard Conditions, the condition that equipment and materials be taken off site daily, and straw wattles be used in addition to the silt fence. Second by Ms. Burgwardt. Unanimous approval**

Request for Determination of Applicability Indian Lake Association--Bob Gross Tennis courts off Bonny Rigg Hill Rd. Map 218 Lot 180 Drainage around the south and west sides of the tennis courts

- Bob Gross and Chuck Miller representing Indian Lake Association. One of the tennis courts is always flooding when it rains. It has been recommended that a trench be put on the southern and western side of the court. Ms. McEwen asked how close the wetlands were to it. Ms. Vsetecka stated that she had done a site visit and it was questionable if the work area was jurisdictional. Mr. Gross stated that they filed just as a precautionary measure. The equipment will be stored in the parking area. Erosion controls will be within 10' of the court.
- **Motion by Ms. McEwen to issue a negative determination of applicability. Second by Mr. Moylan. Unanimous approval**

Administrative business

Ms. Vsetecka stated the reports of September 3rd and 19th re the Sherwood Forest dams were on file in the office. Mr. Ronzio spoke and stated that his only concern is the completion of the work by Sept. 30th. He is pleased with the work that has been done.

The report from Greenwater Pond is on file.

A special meeting is needed. It was agreed to have it on October 3, 2013 at 6:30 PM.

MACC Conference is in November. Mr. Pryor would like to go. Will discuss this at the October 3rd meeting.

Ms. Karlberg addressed the Commission. People have been breaching the beaver dam on her property. She has contacted the Environmental Police. Also, it was reported that her septic system had backed up. A site visit by the Board of Health and the Conservation agent determined that it had not backed up and all on site was in compliance with the rules of each agency.

A site visit was made to the Cohen property (Map 413 Lot 24) re the replication area. Trees and other required plantings have been done. A report will be due from the monitor next year.

Jacobs Pillow Dance Festival has yet to do their replication. The area is marked. Hopefully, it will be completed in the spring.

Motion by Mr. Moylan at 7:30 PM to adjourn. Second by Ms. McEwen. Unanimous approval

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen A. Vsetecka