

**Town of Becket
Board of Selectmen
Attendance at the Conservation Commission Meeting
May 28, 2019
6:30 p.m.
Town Hall
557 Main Street, Becket**

Board of Selectmen Attendees

Board of Selectmen: William Elovirta, *Chairperson*; Michael Lavery, *Vice Chairperson*, Chris Swindlehurst

Others: listed on the meeting minutes of the Conservation Commission

Note: The Conservation Commission will generate its own minutes for their May 28, 2019 meeting. These minutes reflect only the Board of Selectmen's discussion and comment regarding the Parks & Recreation Committee's Notice of Intent pertaining to 21 Maple Street for the removal of trees and leveling of the area so that a parking area and more park space may be created.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by the Conservation Commission Chair Alison Dixon. The Board of Selectmen did not open their meeting. This was not a joint meeting. There being other business prior to the Town of Becket's item #7, the Conservation Commission held their normal meeting. These minutes will not capture those items.

The matter of 21 Maple St. Notice of Intent (N.O.I) was announced as the next item and the Parks and Recreation Committee representatives Madelaine Elovirta and Rita Furlong were in attendance and proceeded to the front of the room to speak. Before stating the nature of the project, Bill asked if he could make a statement. The Chair of Conservation Commission allowed the announcement. Bill announced that the Board of Selectmen was present and that we all support the project about to be discussed. There was discussion of the project and how the parking lot size was determined and what material would be used as surface for the parking lot. Bill stated the driveway mix was the same as the material Mr. Ellsworth had on his project (which was discussed earlier in the meeting). Bill answered the Conservation Commission when asked how the cars would be parked. He stated diagonally. There was discussion of plowing in the winter and Bill said that the town would plow and sand in the winter. He agreed to have the plows push the snow to the south side to be furthest away from the inter-riparian zone (river). Further discussion ensued about the various DEP laws regarding inter-riparian zones and how much square footage could be used for a parking lot, which would be a change in usage to the property. Bill asked the Chair to speak and was told that the public input portion had not begun for this item. There was further discussion and at one point the question of whether a parking area could be made closer to the ball-field. Bill answered that no that would not be possible due to the fact there is a leech-field present at that location. The Chair of Conservation Commission opened the floor to public input. Bill made a statement that the town voted at the annual meeting last year to demolish the house and to make the property into a parking lot. He also made it clear that the saw-mill lot where the other abutting land to the park is not currently for sale and it didn't look like it would be soon. Chris Swindlehurst asked if the fencing needed to be brought all the way to the road and not instead to leave the fencing so the parking lot issue could be revisited in the future. The Board of Selectmen did not make any further statements

and the Conservation Commission voted unanimously in favor of the item with the removal of the parking lot from the project.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by
Michael Lavery, Vice Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen.

Signed by:



William Elovirta, *Chairperson*
Chairperson, Board of Selectmen

6-5-2019

Date of Board of Selectmen Approval