

**Town of Becket**  
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2017

*Commissioners in attendance:* Alison Dixon (Chair), Barbara Brand, Cindy Delpapa, Karen Karlberg, Agent Mallory Larcom

*Commissioners not in attendance:* Richard Pryor

*Members of the public:* Randy Christensen, Greg Doot, Mike Parsons, Mark DiMattia, Steve Turner, Herb Dickinson

Chair Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM, disseminated the agenda, asked attendees to sign in, introduced the Commissioners, and read the meeting guidelines.

**Approval of the minutes from the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting.**

Edits and corrections offered: typos were corrected. Motion made to approve the 8 August, 2017 meeting minutes (Karlberg/Brand). MSV.

**Public input and comment for items not on the agenda.**

None offered

**New Business:**

**Request for Determination of Applicability from Greg Doot**, for the construction of a small deck and roof entry extension. **Project location is 343 Winter Drive (Map 219, Lot 82)**. Commissioners visited the site but the contractor and representative for the project was absent at the site visit and therefore not available to discuss the project details. No plan was submitted with the original RDA filing. The applicant's representative, Greg Doot, supplied a new RDA filing with a sketch of the project which did not indicate the wetland resource area an intermittent stream and bordering vegetated wetlands. The new plan configuration has the porch extending ~5 feet away from the house with an additional platform and stairs which extends the project toward the intermittent stream and BVW. Commissioners asked the property owner if he was willing to move the stairs to the front of the house reducing the potential impact to the intermittent stream and vegetated wetlands. Applicant needed to discuss the project with family. Motion made to continue the RDA for 343 Winter Drive (Map 219, Lot 82) for the construction of a small deck and roof entry extension to the 17 October, 2017 meeting, (Karlberg/Brand). MSV.

**Request for Determination of Applicability from Two States YMCA**, for the demolition of an existing cabin and construction of a bath house in the buffer-zone of bordering vegetated wetland. **Project location is Becket Chimney Corners YMCA, 748 Hamilton Rd (Map 211, Lot 1)**. Commissioners visited the site. R. Christensen, representing the applicant, explained the work involves the demolition of an existing cabin resting on piers. One corner of the cabin is 90 feet from the delineated wetland. Erosion control will be installed before work begins. After the cabin is removed, a new bath house will be built outside the buffer zone. No trees will be cut or removed. Motion made to issue a negative determination #3 with Becket Standard conditions and erosion controls installed as shown on the plans prior to work beginning to demolish an existing cabin in the buffer zone at Becket Chimney Corners YMCA, 748 Hamilton Road (Map 211, Lot 1), (Brand/Karlberg). MSV.

**Request for Determination of Applicability from Mark and Lisa Dimattia**, for the installation of a septic system within the buffer-zone of Little Robin Pond and an intermittent stream. **Project location is 127 King Richard Drive, (Map 217, Lot 215)**. Commissioners visited the site. Agent Larcom asked if the site's wetlands were delineated. M Parsons, representing the owner who was also present, explained the site was not delineated by a professional wetland scientist but expressed confidence his

extensive surveying experience allowed him to accurately determine any wetland boundaries. The site is steeply sloped with no significant wetlands identified. The current septic system, which is not being used, will be completely replaced. Trash and woody debris will be removed. M Parson said four trees will be removed to allow access and the placement of the septic system components. The owner was interested in planting blueberries or some other vegetation to compensate for the removal of the trees. Motion made to issue a negative determination #3 with Becket Standard Conditions, erosion controls installed as shown on the plan prior to the commencement of work, the planting of at least four replacement native blueberry shrubs on the lot, and the remaining \$25 filing fee paid to the Commission, (Brand/Karlberg). MSV.

**Request for Certificate of Compliance from Gregory Cohen, DEP #102-404.** Request for a certificate of compliance, a partial was already issued, for the wetland area revegetation at 74 Bow South. Motion to issue a complete certificate of compliance to Gregory Cohen for DEP #102-404, (Brand/Karlberg). MSV.

**Request for Certificate of Compliance from Two States YMCA, DEP #102-0415** YMCA Access Road. Commissioners visited the site. The only concern was replacement trees and shrubs. They were planted only at the edge of the replication area. Mr. Christensen, representing the applicant, reported he will be planting willow and/or dogwood live stakes this season and survey the plot along two 75 foot monitoring transects as stated in an email sent to Agent Larcom on 9/18/2017. Motion made to issue a partial certificate of compliance for DEP #102-0415 for the access road construction. All erosion controls at the site shall be removed, (Karlberg/Brand). MSV. The study of the wetland replication area will be submitted in June 2018.

**Old Business:**

**Continued from 8/8/2017: Public Hearing: Notice of Intent from Sergey and Olga Kaletin,** for the construction of a gravel driveway with a length of 1,400 linear feet and a width of 10 feet in the Riverfront Area of Yokum Brook with associated vegetation removal. **Project location is 0 Yokum Pond Road, (Map 409, Lot 3).** The applicant has not paid the filing fee (as of 9/19/17) preventing the issuing of a DEP file number. Motion to continue the public hearing for the construction of a gravel driveway at 0 Yokum Pond Road, (Map 409, Lot 3) to the 17 October, 2017 meeting, (Brand/Karlberg). MSV.

**Continued from 8/8/2017: Public Hearing: Notice of Intent from Sherwood Forest Lakes District,** for Lancelot Lake Dam Improvements. **Project Location is Sir Galahad Drive (Map 217, Lots 66 & 255).** Commissioners reviewed the project plan. Motion to continue the public hearing for the Lancelot Lake dam improvements (DEP #102-0430 ) as requested by the applicant until the 17 October 2017 meeting, (Brand/Delpapa). MSV.

**Request for Certificate of Compliance from the Town of Becket, DEP #102-0416.**

Commissioners revisited the site and the compensatory flood storage had been excavated. Motion made to issue a certificate of compliance to the Town of Becket for DEP #102-0416 for the Bonny Rigg Hill Road culvert replacement, (Karlberg/Brand). MSV.

**Continued from 5/9/2017: Request for Determination of Applicability from Thomas Smith,** for the clearing of one acre of vegetation within the buffer-zone of various wetlands for conversion to farmed land. **Project location is 244 Otis Road, (Map 204, Lot 232).** Mr. Smith was not present at the meeting. Motion made to issue a positive Determination #1 for the clearing of one acre of land for conversion to farmland at 244 Otis Road (Map 204, Lot 232), (Brand/Karlberg). MSV.

**Reissuance of the Extension to the Order of Conditions for DEP#102-0391, issued to Stuart and Susan Offner.** Extension was issued in 2016 but seems to have been misplaced. Motion to issue an extension to the Order of Conditions for DEP #102-0391 to 7/30/2019, (Brand/Karlberg). MSV.

**Ratification of the enforcement order issued to Stephen and Geraldine Galliher** for violations occurring at 1035 Benton Hill Road. The violation consists of the placement of fill in the riverfront area of Yokum Brook. The property owner has landscaped and may have graded within the riverfront area. The owner explained she did not know the work needed a permit and has hired Stockman Associates to assess the situation. E Stockman emailed Agent Larcom to report she will be sending a submittal in time for the 17 October meeting. Motion made to ratify the enforcement order to Stephen and Geraldine Galliher for work in the riverfront area of Yokum Brook at 1035 Benton Hill Road and extend the deadline for a response to 17 October, 2017, (Brand/Karlberg). MSV.

**Ratification of the Emergency Certification issued for tree removal at 341 Seneca Drive.** One tree, about 5 feet from the bank, was removed. The town's tree warden recommended removal. Motion made to ratify the Emergency Certification issued to Jeff Rosen to remove one tree at 341 Seneca Drive, (Brand/Karlberg). MSV with one opposed.

**Motion made to issue an Enforcement Order** for work in the riverfront area of Yokum Brook at 3235 Main Street requiring the restoration of the disturbed area and the filing of an NOI, (Brand/Karlberg). MSV.

Agent Larcom disseminated the annual report from Palmer Brook Association.

Commissioner Karlberg left the meeting at 8:53 PM.

**Discussion of the Enforcement Order to Michael Tosche for violations occurring at Beaver Brook Road.** Agent Larcom revisited the site. The only violation she observed was the replacement of gravel. Agent Larcom recommends the enforcement order be amended to require a RDA for the gravel fill. Motion made to amend the enforcement order issued to Michael Tosche for violations occurring at Beaver Brook Road to require the filing of an RDA for the unauthorized road maintenance/placement of road materials and removing the requirements to restore the area and submit a NOI, (Brand/Delpapa). MSV.

Motion to adjourn, (Brand/Delpapa ). MSV. Chair Dixon adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM