

Town of Becket Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: July 6, 2021

The Becket Conservation Commission Meeting was held at the Becket Town Hall in compliance with the MA hybrid open meeting laws allowing applicants, contractors, and consultants to participate in person, virtually, or by audio.

Commissioners in Attendance: Chair David Johnson, Meredyth Babcock, Jim Schaefer, Doug Bessone,
George Roberts, Henry Hagenah

Guest in Attendance: Mike Kulig

Commissioners participating virtually: Meredyth Babcock, Jim Schaefer, Conservation Agent Mary Stucklen

Not in Attendance – n/a

Others in virtual or audio attendance: Tim Carroll

The Chair Johnson called the July 6th, 2021 meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. having a quorum and indicated the meeting is being recorded. Chair emphasized that the meeting introduction was attached to the meeting agenda and wouldn't be read. It is the responsibility of the applicants to read meeting introduction. The Chair asked each commissioner to state their full name for the record.

The meeting was opened for public comment for items not on the agenda. Not hearing any, it was closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. **Request** for Determination of Applicability submitted by Roy Arnold of 613 Otis Road (**Map 205 Lot 69**) for the construction of a deck in the buffer zone of Shaw Pond.

Issue: the deck would be 8' x 10' and built as an addition off of the existing deck. The inner section of the deck is to be attached to the existing deck and the outer edge to be supported by two techno post, the work to be performed was about 60' feet from the resource area.

Motion: issue a negative determination number 3 for 613 Otis Road (**Map 205 Lot 69**) for the construction of a deck in the buffer zone of Shaw, Motion by George, seconded by Henry, amended motion was made to increase plantings in the buffer zone and did not carry – the original motion carried six - yes, one - no, motion carried by majority.

4. **Request** for Determination of Applicability submitted by Tim Carroll of 19 Lady Lucille (**MAP 213, Lot 51**) for the replacement of a septic system the buffer zone of Robin Hood Lake.

Issue: the replacement of a failed existing septic – proposal represents only viable placement, at site visit agent requested additional erosion controls be placed between the septic work and water resource, and disturbed are to be covered with hay to reduce any erosion – applicant complied.

Motion: issue a negative determination number 3 for 19 Lady Lucille (**MAP 215, Lot 181**) for the replacement of a septic system in the buffer zone of Robin Hood Lake, Motion by George, seconded by Hank, amended motion was made to increase plantings in the buffer zone, not seconded, the original motion carried six - yes, one - no, motion carried by majority.

5. **Ratification of an Enforcement Order:** 229 South Cover Drive (**MAP 211, Lot 41**) for work conducted outside of an Order of Conditions issued on **01/28/2020**

Issue: work that was permitted to be performed per Request for Determination of Applicability dated **12/18//2019** by the applicant and other parties hired either directly and or indirectly by the applicant, did not conform to the work that

was approved by the Becket Conservation Commission. The Commission issued a cease-and-desist order relative to this specific application. This decision was made by the Commission after careful and considerable deliberation. The reasons for our decision including photos and the WPA Form 9 – Enforcement Order are included on pages three thru seven of the minutes.

Motion: Ratification of an Enforcement Order: 229 South Cover Drive (MAP 211, Lot 41) for work conducted outside of an Order of Conditions issued on **01/28/2020**, Motion made by George as specified on the WPA Form-9 Enforcement Order, seconded by Hank, seven – yes, zero – no, motion carried unanimously

6. General Education – Chair to coordinate with Commissioner fall and winter training courses offered by MACC
7. Potential WPA violation at Leonhardt – agent to write property owner a letter
8. Chair made a motion to approve the June 2021 minutes, seconded and passed unanimously consent
9. General mail reviewed

Motion to adjourn at 8:38 - a motion was made and seconded, and passed by unanimously consent

Next Scheduled Meeting: July 27th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Conservation Commission meeting minutes
Prepared by Dave Johnson, Chair
Date: 07/10/2021

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