

## Town of Becket Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: February 22, 2022

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, Henry Scarpo, Jim Schaefer, Doug Bessone, Hank Hagenah Vice Chair, Nic Pietroniro Agent

Guest in Attendance: John Variety

Commissioners participating virtually: none

Not in Attendance: George Roberts

Others in virtual or audio attendance: several people listening – names not recorded – see remarks under public comment

The Chair Johnson called the February 22, 2022 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. having a quorum and indicated the meeting is being recorded. Chair emphasized that the meeting agenda included introduction comments that wouldn't be read and it is the responsibility of each applicant to review.

The meeting was opened for public comment for items not on the agenda. Several people attended the meeting via Zoom under the impression the Commission was going to be discussing the Tetrahedra growing facility application. The Chair indicated the Commission wasn't reviewing the application and or deliberating at this time. The applicant had not filed an Notice of Intent with the DEP. Until such time an application is file with the DEP and a file number is assigned, the Commission cannot schedule an open meeting. The only question asked of the Commission was "what is the DEP". The Chair indicated that the format for a potential meeting is located on the BCC webpage. Not hearing anymore questions, it was closed for public comment.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Request for Determination of Applicability:** submitted by Camp Watitoh of 1885 Main Street (Map 210 - Lot 34) building of a bunk house on techno posts and the removal of five trees within the Buffer Zone.

Motion: Motion by Hank to issue a negative determination for the building of a bunk house, removal of five trees, and the planting of five native replacement trees, seconded by Henry, carried by majority, Doug abstained

2. **Request for Determination of Applicability:** submitted by Dan and Melissa Sbreba of 402 Sherwood Drive (Map 215 – Lot 193) for the removal of three trees within the Buffer Zone.

Motion: Motion by Hank to issue a negative determination for the removal of only two trees located about 90 feet from the resource area, seconded by Jim, carried unanimously.

Note: The applicant may perform vista pruning on the tree located about nine-feet from the resource area. The applicant will be provided with WPA 310 CMR information that outlines vista pruning. The Commission will reconsider the removal of the third tree located about nine-feet from the resource area if the applicant provides the Commission with a signed letter from a certified arborist indicating that the tree is either dead or severely distressed.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

Discussed MACC virtual conference

Announced George Robert's resignation from the Commission

Still waiting DEP to respond to Levenfeld's challenge of the enforcement order

Adjournment – Chair called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 pm. passed unanimously

Next Scheduled Meeting: March 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

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Prepared by Dave Johnson, Chair

Date: 02/23/2022