

Town of Becket Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: March 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, Vice Chair Hank Hagenah, Henry Scarpo, Jim Schaefer, Doug Bessone, John Verity, and Nic Pietroniro Conservation Agent

Guest in Attendance: none

Commissioners participating virtually: none

Commissioners Not in Attendance: none

Others in virtual or audio attendance: TBD

The Chair Johnson called the March 22, 2022 meeting to order at 6:01 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: Not hearing anymore questions, it was closed for public comment.

CONTINUANCE:

1. **Enforcement Oder Update:** Issued to Jason Lacourciere, Fred Sears asked for a continuance to 04/26/2022 to present the restoration plan.

Motion by Henry, Seconded by Hank, motioned carried unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

2. **Request for Determination of Applicability:** submitted by Bruce Weiller of Old Pond Road (Map 210, Lot 47) for the repair of the dwelling foundation, extension of a retaining wall, and leveling of a patio area within the Buffer Zone.

Motion: Motion by Hank to issue a negative determination for the proposed work, seconded by Henry, motion to amend by Hank to add additional gravel and a perforated drainage pipe to the patio area, seconded by John, amendment carried unanimously, original motion carried unanimously.

3. **Request for Determination of Applicability:** submitted by the Sherwood Greens Road District of Shuttlecock Drive (Map 213, Lot 66) for refurbishing of a beach involving the removal of grass and aquatic plants as well as the placement of benthic mats and masonry sand within the Buffer Zone.

Note: The applicant had already received permission from the BCC under an NOI application for their lake management program and the placement of the benthic matts. The only item the Commission could deliberate on is the restoration of the beach with sand.

Motion: Motion by Hank to issue a negative determination for the proposed work, seconded by Henry, motion carried unanimously.

4. **Request for Determination of Applicability:** submitted by Jane Markham and Douglas Bessone of 221 Carter Road (Map 206, Lot 66) for removal of invasive species in the Buffer Zone.

Motion: Motion by Hank to issue a negative determination for the proposed work, seconded by Henry, motion carried by majority, Doug abstained

5. **Request for Determination of Applicability:** submitted by Matthew Salimbene of 25 North Lake Wy (Map 211, Lot 148) for a septic replacement in the Buffer Zone. The system to be required has not been determined by the Board of Health. Applicant is asking the Commission to approve the replacement, not the system.

Motion: Motion by Hank to issue a negative determination for the proposed work and the Board of Health will condition the replacement systems to be installed, seconded by Henry, carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

DEP to has assigned a person to respond to Levenfeld's challenge of the BCC enforcement order – Chair waiting to be contacted by said person

Chair briefed the Commissioners on a draft document for the process to deliberate on the Tetrahydra Agtek application if received – a copy is attached, discussion was very limited to items on the draft, no public discussion permitted

Minutes from March 22nd continuance to April 26th BCC meeting

Adjournment – Chair called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. passed unanimously

Next Scheduled Meeting: April 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

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Prepared by Dave Johnson, Chair

Date: 03/28/2022