

Town of Becket Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: June 2nd, 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, John Verity
Nic Pietroniro Conservation Agent

Attendees who spoke: Dave Cameron, Jackson Alberti, Emily Stockman, Al Blakely

Commissioners participating virtually: none

Commissioners Not in Attendance: Doug Bessone, Jim Schaefer

Others in virtual or audio attendance – names were not requested per open meeting law

The Chair called the June 2nd, 2022 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. having a quorum. This meeting required the minimum participation of four (4) of the six (6) Commissioners.

This meeting was held in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Ch.131 Sec.40) and Wetlands Regulations (310 CMR10.00).

The only item on the agenda was the Notice of Intent Application filed by Tetrahydra Agtek LLC. This meeting was not opened to public comment.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Commissioners and agent

Fleetwood Environmental – Dave Cameron

Foresight Land Services – Jackson Alberti

Stockman Associates – Emily Stockman

COMMENTS BY CHAIR:

- Open meeting law regarding taking attendance
- Due diligence required of Commissioners
- Rules regarding recusal and abstaining from voting
- Purpose for hiring a third-party peer review consultant
- The Conservation Commission will not comment on the decisions made by the above entities. We are required to deliberate on only those issues that are jurisdictional to the Commission under the Wetland's Protection Act.

PURPOSE FOR REQUIRING SERVICE OF FLEETWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL As provided by G.L. Ch. 44 §53G, the Becket Conservation Commission may impose reasonable fees for the employment of outside consultants, engaged by the Conservation Commission, for specific expert services. Such services shall be deemed necessary by the Commission to come to a final decision on an application submitted to the Conservation Commission pursuant to the requirements of: the Wetlands Protection Act (G.L. Ch. 131 §40), Conservation Commission Act (G.L. Ch. 40 §8C), or any other state or municipal statute, bylaw or regulation, as they may be amended or enacted from time to time.

RATIFY MINUTES FROM April 28, 2022:

Chair asked for a motion to ratify the April 28th 2022 minutes: motion by Hank, seconded by Henry, carried unanimously

ORDER OF DISCUSSIONS:

NOI presented by Jackson Alberti of Foresight Land Services

Report presented by Emily Stockman

Report and comments presented by Dave Cameron

Commissioner s' questions

RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS:

Several questions and comments about the project were raised by Dave Cameron and Emily Stockman. It was agreed to schedule the next meeting in order for Foresight to provide responses.

CONTINUANCE:

Chair ask Foresight if they wanted to request a continuance, which they did. Chair asked for a motion to continue the meeting to June 30th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., motion by Hank, seconded by John, carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: Special Meeting #2: Thursday June 30th, 2022, in the Community Room, at 6:00-9:00 pm

Motion to Adjournment at 7:45 p.m. - carried unanimously

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Prepared by Dave Johnson, Chair

Date: 06/12/2022