

Town of Becket Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: July 14th, 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,
Nic Pietroniro Conservation Agent

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

Commissioners participating virtually: John Verity, Jim Schaefer

Commissioners Not in Attendance: Chris Clapper, Andrew Jackson (associate)

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

The Chair called the July 14th, 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 opened to public comment.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Commissioners and agent

Fleetwood Environmental – Dave Cameron

Foresight Land Services – Jackson Alberti

Stockman Associates – Emily Stockman

RATIFY MINUTES FROM JUNE 2, 2022:

Chair asked for a motion to ratify the June 2nd 2022 minutes: motion by Hank, seconded by Henry, carried unanimously.

COMMENTS BY CHAIR:

The Chair outlined the process for a motion and deliberation on the application as indicated in the published agenda should Commission believe they have enough information to make a decision.

ORDER OF DISCUSSIONS:

Clarification on questions presented to Foresight by Fleetwood Consulting and Stockman Associates

Report and comments presented by Dave Cameron

Commissioner s' questions

Public Comment

RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS:

There were several follow-up questions from meeting #1 that Foresight and Fleetwood provided sufficient responses to the Commission. Those responses are available in the applicant's file.

MOTION REGARDING THE FOREST CUTTING DOCUMENTATION:

The Commission received sufficient documentation and comment from Dave Cameron to conclude the prior work as being reasonable compliant. The Chair asked for a motion to accept the documents as sufficient. Motion by Hank, seconded by Henry, carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chair read several of the written public comments. Questions that were non-jurisdictional to the Commission were indicated as such. Questions that were jurisdictional were addressed. A couple of written comments were not appropriate and therefore not read.

The Chair opened the meeting to public comment for those in attendance either by Zoom or in person. Questions that were non-jurisdictional to the Commission were indicated as such. Questions that were jurisdictional were addressed.

Important jurisdictional questions that were discussed:

1. Erosion control measures
2. Stormwater pollution prevention plan
3. Building a new culvert and intermittent stream

These questions were answered by Foresight and Fleetwood and supported by documents in applicant's file.

The Chair asked if there were any more request for public comment. Not hearing any, the meeting was closed for public comment.

MOTION TO DELIBERATE ON THE APPLICATION:

The Chair asked the Commissioners if they felt there was sufficient information to make a decision on the application. The Commissioners agreed there was sufficient information. The Chair asked for a motion to approve the application subject to establishing the Orders of Conditions. Motion by Hank, seconded by Henry and carried unanimously.

CONTINUANCE FOR THE ORDER OF CONDITIONS:

The Chair asked the applicant and Commissioner for a continuance to July 21st, 2022 to established the Order of Condition due insufficient time remaining in the meeting. Motion by Hank, seconded by Henry, carried unanimously. Fleetwood offered to prepare the Order of Conditions for the Commission.

NEXT MEETING: Special Meeting #3: Thursday July 21st, 2022, in the Community Room, at 6:00-10:00 pm

Motion to Adjournment at 8:15 p.m. - carried unanimously

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Prepared by Dave Johnson, Chair

Date: 07/25/2022