

Town of Becket Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: June 28th, 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, Jim Schaefer, Doug Bessone, and Nic Pietroniro Conservation Agent

Guest in Attendance: Bruce Soloway, Jim Straub,

Commissioners participating virtually: none

Commissioners Not in Attendance: John Verity, Henry Scarpo

Others participating virtually or by audio attendance: Rob Ackroyd, Berkshire Engineering, Lynn Hertzog Fred Sears, Bruce Soloway, Alyssa Maggi, Melissa Kaplan

The Chair Johnson called the June 28th, 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 that it is the responsibility of each applicant and all others in attendance to review.

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

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Enforcement Order Update: Rob Ackroyd presented initial restoration plan as had been provided under the guidance and direction of the MA DEP. No action was required at this meeting by the Commission.

2. Certificate of Completion Request: 1421 structure replacement project MA-DEP #102-0460.

Issues: None

Motion: by Hank, seconded by Jim, motion carried unanimously

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

3. Enforcement Order Continuance: Issued to Billy Dwyer at 0 Alan A Dale Drive (Map 216, Lot 458) for the continued clearing of shrubs and trees within the Buffer Zone of Robinhood Lake without a permit and under a previously issued enforcement order.

Issues: Needs replanting plan

Motion: for continuance to the July 26th meeting by Hank, seconded by Jim, motion carried unanimously

4. Enforcement Order Continuance Request: Submitted by Sergey and Olga Kaletin for work partially completed under an Order of Conditions (MassDEP#102-0431).

Issues: Emily Stockman is in process of negotiating a contract of services with the property owner before submitting remediation plan to the Commission.

Motion: for continuance to the July 26th meeting by Hank, seconded by Jim, motion carried unanimously

- 5. Request for Determination of Applicability:** Submitted by Mark Bye for work associated with the installation of a holding tank for sewage disposal within the Buffer Zone of 3521 Jacobs Ladder Road (Map 202, Lot 48).
Issues: holding tank was the only option
Motion: by Hank, seconded by Jim, motion carried unanimously
- 6. Request for Determination of Applicability:** Submitted by Mark Bruce Soloway and Lourdes Font for the retroactive permitting for the removal of two large trees and several saplings within the Buffer Zone of 253 Long Bow Lane West (Map 214, Lot 21).
Issues: The two large trees were extremely distressed
Motion: by Hank, seconded by Jim, motion carried unanimously
- 7. Request for Determination of Applicability:** Submitted by Caroline Johnson for work associated with adding additional sand to a small already existing sandy beach area at 313 Winter Drive (Map 219, Lot 80)
Issues: None – the area was too small to have a measurable impact
Motion: none – Commission agreed to waive the application and filing fee
- 8. Request for Determination of Applicability:** Submitted by Lynn Hertzog for work associated with the placement of a prebuilt shed within the Buffer Zone of Indian Lake at 506 Seneca Drive (Map 219, Lot 222).
Issues: None
Motion: by Hank, seconded by Jim, motion carried unanimously
- 9. Request for Determination of Applicability:** Submitted by Eversource Energy for work associated the replacement of existing underground electrical with aboveground infrastructure within Becket Woods Community. The jurisdictional work is the installation of a new silo and two poles within the Buffer Zone on Beech Road (Map 407, Lots 72 & 73).
Issues: Depth of dirt over a culvert was too shallow to allow the placement of an underground electrical cable and the work would have had significant impact on the adjacent resource area. Only option.
Motion: by Hank inclusive of permitting the cutting down of a tree where a pole will be placed, seconded by Jim, motion carried unanimously
- 10. Notice of Intent Application:** Submitted Alyssa Maggi for work associates with the construction of a single-family home within the Buffer Zone of Little Robin (MassDEP #102-0465) at 0 King Richard (Map 216, Lot 285).
Issues: Insufficient information – documents not received
Motion: for continuance to July 26th meeting by Hank, seconded by Jim, motion carried unanimously
- 11. Notice of Intent Application:** Submitted by NSTAR Electric Company dba Eversource Energy for work associated with the installation of utility poles within a resource areas and associated Buffer Zones (MassDEP #102-0466) along McNerney Road, Benton Hill Road, and Surriner Road.
Issues: None
Motion: by Hank, seconded by Jim, motion carried unanimously

12. Notice of Intent Application: Submitted by Jim Straub of MassDCR for a five-year aquatic plant management plan on Buckley Dunton Pond (MassDEP # not assigned).

Issues: DEP file number not assigned

Motion: no action taken due to NOI file number not being assigned by DEP

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Chair asked for a motion and a second to approve the minutes, motion carried unanimously

Date for Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, July 26th, 2022, in the Community Room, at 6:00-9:00 pm

Motion to Adjournment at 7:16 p.m. - carried unanimously

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Prepared by Dave Johnson, Chair

Edit Date: 07/05/2022