

Town of Becket Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: July 26th, 2022

The Becket Conservation Commission (BCC) 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, John Verity, Henry Scarpo, and Nic Pietroniro Conservation Agent

Guest in Attendance: Bruce Soloway, Jim Straub,

Commissioners participating virtually: Chris Clapper, Andrew Jackson

Commissioners Not in Attendance: none

Others participating virtually or by audio attendance: Amy Stockman, Alyssa Maggi, Carl Neilson, Michelle Dunne, John McElwain, Fredricka Alper, Shannon Boomsma, Roy Hayes, Carl Rosenstein, Mary Latham, Bob Hurst, Meredith Babcock, Amy Perlmutter, David Davidson, Mark Folk

The Chair Johnson called the July 26th, 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.

Motions to approve Minutes from prior meetings to be ratified:

2022-06-28 BCC Meeting Minutes, motion by Hank, seconded by Jim, carrier unanimously 5-0

2022-07-14 BCC Meeting Minutes, motion by Hank, seconded by Henry, carrier unanimously 6-0

2022-07-21 BCC Meeting Minutes, motion by John, seconded by Hank, carrier unanimously 7-0

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. **Enforcement Order:** Issued to Sergey and Olga Kaletin at 0 Yokum Pond Road (Map 409, Lot 3) for violations associated with an expired Order of Conditions (MassDEP #102-0431), and unpermitted work in both wetland resource areas and associated buffer zones.

Motion for continuance to August 23rd BCC meeting by Hank, seconded by John, carried unanimously 7-0

2. **Notice of Intent:** Submitted by Alyssa Maggi for work associated with the construction of a single-family home within the buffer zone of Little Robin Lake (MassDEP #102-0465) at 0 King Richard (Map 216, Lot 285).

Motion for continuance to September 27th BCC meeting by Hank, seconded by John, carried unanimously 7-0

Items requested:

Will any grading from the construction of the house continue into the buffer zone? If so, please diagram and give details to the amount of fill, plant restoration, and measures to be taken to prevent the erosion and or wash out of fill.

The erosion controls must be placed to delineation the area of work permitted.

- a. Silt fencing to be wider on both sides of the area of work by 20 feet (twenty feet)
- b. Hale bay barrier to be placed in front (uphill side) of the silt fence, same width, spiked to ground

The currently proposed erosion controls are insufficient.

For area in the buffer zone, present a restoration plan to stabilize the embankment area and prevent erosion

Will there be any staging area in the buffer zone? If so, how will the material be stabilized?

The question of diverting the water flow from the culvert due to the parking area has been referred to the DEP for comment.

3. **Notice of Intent:** Submitted by Jim Straub of Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation for a five-year aquatic plant management plan on Buckley Dunton Pond (MassDEP #102-0467). Plan would include the management of Eastern Purple Bladderwort and Little Floating Bladderwort from the southern cove of the Pond using mechanical removal methods.

Issues: The NOI application indicated a much larger growth of bladder wort than was observed by Dave Johnson and Hank Hagenah who did a 9:00 am site visit the morning of the BCC meeting. Also, report date supporting the application was a year old. Chair Johnson wanted to know what and who precipitated the filing of the NOI. Meeting participants raised many salient points that needed to be answered. The Chair asked the Commissioners if they had enough information to make a decision. No one indicated they had sufficient information to make a decision. The Chair asked the applicant if they wanted a continuance that was answered affirmatively.

Motion for continuance to the September 27th BBC meeting by Hank, seconded by John, carried unanimously 7-0

The Commission will assemble a list of jurisdictional questions received from the public and forward to the applicant.

New Business:

4. **Request for Determination of Applicability:** Submitted by Michele Dunne for removal of two trees in the buffer zone of Long Bow Lake at 277 Long Bow Lane West (Map 214, Lot 96).

Motion by Hank, seconded by Jim, carried unanimously, 7-0

5. **Notice of Intent:** Submitted by John McElwain and Fredrika Alper for work associated with the construction of an addition to an existing house in the Riverfront Area of Shaker Mill Brook and Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland (MassDEP # 1387630) at 32 Nocker Road (Map 410, Lot 14).

Motion by Hank, seconded by Jim, carried unanimously, 7-0

6. **Notice of Intent:** Submitted by Roy Hayes for the work associated with the development of two single family homes, the redevelopment, and restoration of Riverfront Area of the West Branch of the Westfield River and Buffer Zones on a site that had been previously been a historic mill complex (MassDEP # 1314467) at 1483 Bancroft Road (Map 419, Lot 6.1).

Motion for continuance to the August 23rd BCC meeting by Henry, seconded by Jim, Hank abstained, carried by majority, 6-0-1

Date for Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, August 23rd, 2022, in the Community Room, at 6:00-9:00 pm

Motion to Adjournment at 8:58 p.m. - carried unanimously

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Prepared by Dave Johnson, Chair

Edit Date: 08/19/2022