

**Town of Becket Conservation Commission
23 July 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Commissioners in Attendance: Alison Dixon (Chair), Meredyth Babcock, Cindy Delpapa, David Johnson and Agent Mary Stucklen.

Commissioner not in Attendance: Henry Scarpo

Members of the public: Sally Baumer, Ron Birrell, Rosie Bleyer, Bruce Lipton, Mark Stinson (MA DEP)

Chair Dixon called the 23 July 2019 Becket Conservation Commission meeting to order at 6:35 PM, read the meeting guidelines and asked if anyone was recording the meeting. No recording was being made.

Public input and comment for items not on the Agenda. Bruce Lipton, a resident n Sherwood Green, explained he was recently elected to the Sherwood Green Prudential and Lake Committees and wanted to introduce himself to the Commission. Mark Stinson, MA DEP Wetlands Circuit Rider, was introduced.

New Business:

A Request for an Amendment of the Order of Conditions (DEP File #102-0411) for Rosemary Bleyer and Sally Baumer at 18 South Lake Way (Map 211, Lot 144) for a change regarding the deck. S Baumer and S Bleyer were in attendance. They summarized the project and the requested changes. They wish to increase the width of the cantilevered deck by 2 feet- from 8 feet to 10 feet. Also an additional sonar tube concrete post is requested for support beneath the house and seven helical posts adjacent to and beneath the house. Motion made to amend the Order of Conditions for DEP File #102-0411 for work at 18 South Lake Way to include the installation of 7 helical posts, one concrete post and increasing the width of the deck to 10 feet, as detailed on the plan sets dated 11 July, 2019, within the buffer zone of Center Pond, (Johnson/Babcock). MSV. Public Hearing was closed by Chair Dixon at 7:01 PM.

A Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 856 Fred Snow Rd (Map 408, Lot 99, DEP File #102-0427) by Nicole Menage. Order of Conditions was issued on 09/13/2017 for the construction of a home, deck, garage, and septic system. Agent Stucklen inspected the site and noted the garage was not built, a swale was added to the site, grass was slowly growing in and the silt fence was still in place. The owner intends to seed the fence area once it is removed. A revision letter was received on 19 July, 2019 from Brett White of White Engineering. It was noted there is an on-going condition limiting fertilizer to slow release varieties. Motion made to issue a complete Certificate of Compliance with on-going OOC conditions #21 and 17 for DEP File #102-0427, (Babcock/Johnson). MSV.

A Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 109 Lancelot Lane (Map 217, Lot 85; DEP File #102-0424) by Robert Maratea. Order of Conditions was issued 07/25/2017 for the establishment of a beach area and installation of a floating dock. Agent Stucklen met with wetlands consultant on site to inspect the project. The project included reestablishing a beach area, establishing a no mow area delineated with several blueberry bushes and moving an existing boat rack. Motion made to issue a complete Certificate of Compliance for DEP File #102-0424, (Johnson/Babcock). MSV.

A Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Green Pillow LLC of 29 Chester Rd. (Map 414, Lot 37, 37.2) for the replacement of a septic system. Commission visited the site. Agent Stucklen reported the Board of Health approved the plan with the caveat that the Conservation Commission approves the proposed dewatering plan. The applicant, or a representative, was not present at the meeting to respond to questions. Commissioners discussed the proposed activities within WPA jurisdiction and the decision to locate the dewatering pit within the riverfront area. Also discussed was any contingency the applicant may have to pump wastewater from this commercial entity uphill to the septic system during a power outage as no reliable alternative power source appeared on the plan. Agent Stucklen will contact the

applicant with these questions. Motion made to continue the consideration of the RDA submitted by Green Pillow LLC for a septic system at 29 Chester Road to the 27 August, 2019 Becket Conservation Commission meeting, (Johnson/Babcock). MSV.

Additional Items:

*Update Re: **Enforcement Order** for A. and V. Bleier, 819 Bonny Rigg Road (Map 416, Lot 23) for unpermitted work impacting bordering vegetated wetland, buffer zone, and intermittent stream; and **Enforcement Order** issued to L. and N. Dean, 765 Bonny Rigg Road (Map 416, Lot 22), for work impacting bordering vegetated wetland, buffer zone, and intermittent stream.* Agent Stucklen provided updates explaining she emailed, not called, the Bleier's following the June meeting to inform them of the Commission's concerns, request a date for an August site visit to see the restoration work, notify the Bleier's the EO would be on the August agenda. Agent Stucklen provided her contact information in the email. Agent Stucklen has not heard from the Bleier's since sending the email. Agent Stucklen sent a hard copy of the email to L and N Dean. M Stintson reported he drove past the site prior to today's meeting and noted there was no apparent work completed as visible from the roadway. M Stintson explained the town could take this matter to superior court. He agreed to contact the Bleier's about the EO as MA DEP was the entity notified of the violation initially. A question was raised- had the Bleier's gained permission from the Dean's to access their land? Agent Stucklen will send a registered letter to the Bleier's requesting a site visit in August.

Review of Emergency Certification for Beaver Dam alteration at MM 24.6 on Rte 20, and letter to MA DOT. Agent Stucklen wrote a letter to MA DOT regarding their request for an emergency certificate noting the water level they cited as the justification for the request was actually a long standing condition. This negated the claim of an emergency situation. MA DOT and their consultant, Beaver Solutions, responded they were unaware the water levels had been high for a long time.

Discussion: Public Education of the WPA and our role as the Conservation Commission. Consensus was to talk with the Town Administrator for help to facilitate this effort. Consensus was the Commission should be specific about their 'ask' such as requesting an all department meeting and what their goal is for this outreach. Agent Stucklen will ask the Board of Health to be added to their 7 August agenda to discuss beaver emergency permits. M Babcock will attend the meeting and will also talk about the MVP funding and planning effort.

General Mail and Updates: The Commission has been listing monthly meetings in the Becket Federation town calendar for a fee of \$12 annually. Commission approved continuing to list in the calendar and discussed if any of the meeting dates need to be changed due to holiday or other conflicts. Commissioners agreed all of the dates would work and no changes in the meeting schedule is needed.

Agent Stucklen reported she has only one more class to take to be certified by MACC and requested permission to take the final training. Commission was in full support.

MACC's autumn conference will be 19 October from 800 AM to 4:00 PM in Devens. Also all information and membership is current with MACC for all Commissioners.

Agent Stucklen was contacted about a donation of 4 acres of land in Becket Woods.

The Eposito garage has not been built because approval from zoning was not granted. Commission was going to follow-up with owner about planting recommendations.

Review and approval of March and June, 2019 Conservation Commission Meeting minutes. Motion to approve the 26 March, 2019 Becket Conservation Commission under the rule of necessity, (Dixon/Delpapa).

MSV with two ayes (AD & CD) and two abstentions (MB & DJ). Motion to approve the 25 June, 2019 Becket Conservation Commission meeting minutes, (Johnson/Babcock). MSV with one abstention (AD).

New Conservation Commission Members & Vacancies. There are two vacancy on the Commission. D Johnson was cajoled into being the Vice-Chair. Motion made to elect David Johnson as Becket Conservation Commission Vice Chair, (Delpapa/Babcock). MSV.

Motion to Adjourn, (Johnson/Babcock). MSV. Chair Dixon adjourned the meeting at 9:03 PM.

Next meeting: August 27th, 2019 in the Berkshire Room at 6:30 pm.

Action Items:

1. Agent Stucklen to contact Green Pillow LLC relative to the questions raised by the Commission about the septic system design.
2. M Stintson to contact the Bleier's about EO for violation on Bonny Rigg Road. Agent Stucklen will provide contact information to M Stintson.
3. Agent Stucklen will send a registered letter to Bleier's requesting a site visit to the Bonny Rigg Road EO site in August prior to the meeting.