

Town of Becket Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: August 23rd, 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: Mark Folk, Emily Stockman

Commissioners participating virtually: none

Commissioners Not in Attendance: Chris Clapper

Others participating virtually or by audio attendance: Michael and Brenda, Tirone, Amy Stockman, Mark Folk

The Chair Johnson called the August 23rd, 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:** 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.

Issues: Emily Stockman presented several inconsistencies and lack of supporting documentation regarding the issuance of the "Enforcement Order" and the Notice of Intent issued in 2018. The Chair acknowledged the reason the Commission required the property owner to hire a consultant was to identify Wetland violations and provide recommendations for remediation. The Commission scheduled a site visit for August 30th, 2022 at 9:00 am. At the site visit, Emily will review the issues that are still jurisdictional to the BCC and those items that are a settled matter. She will present her recommendations to the Commission at the September 1st special meeting.

Motion for continuance to Thursday September 1st, at 6:00 pm as special posted meeting of the BCC by John, seconded by Jim, carried unanimously 6-0

2. **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 previously been a historic mill complex (MassDEP #1314467) at 1483 Bancroft Road (Map 419, Lot 6.1).

Motion to approve by Jim, Second by John, Hank abstained, carried by majority 5-0-1

3. **Emergency Certification:** Issued to Offner Ansir and Papa Bob's LLC for the removal of a beaver dam on Jacobs Ladder Road (Map 414, Lot 38).

Motion to approve by Hank, seconded by Jim, carried unanimously, 6-0

4. **Emergency Certification:** Issued to Gail Valentin and Greg Regan for the removal of a single tree at 304 South Cove Drive (Map 211, Lot 33).

Motion to approve by Hank, seconded by Jim, carried unanimously, 6-0

5. **Emergency Certification:** Issued to Jay Baver for the removal of five trees at 3521 Jacobs Ladder Road (Map 202, Lot 48).

Motion to approve by Hank, seconded by Jim, carried unanimously, 6-0

6. **Request for Determination of Applicability:** Submitted by Michael Tirone for work associated with the removal of four live trees and one dead tree within the buffer zone of Robin Hood Lake at 85 Mystic Isle Way (Map 216, Lot 426).

Motion to approve by Hank, seconded by Henry, carried unanimously, 6-0

7. **Notice of Intent:** Submitted by Kenneth Boudreau and Ramona Mansfield for a single-family home replacement, subsurface sewage disposal system replacement and related site work within the buffer zone of Center Pond at 177 East Shore Road (Map 211, Lot 103).

Motion to approve by Hank, Seconded by Jim

Motion to amend by Hank to require two native hardwood trees of a minimum height of 8 (eight) feet by Hank, seconded Henry, carried unanimously, 6-0

Amended Motion, carried unanimously, 6-0

Minutes from prior meetings ratified:

2022-08-18 BCC Meeting Minutes, motion by Hank, seconded by Jim, carrier unanimously 6-0

2022-07-26 BCC Meeting Minutes, motion by Hank, seconded by Henry, carrier unanimously 6-0

Date for Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 27th, 2022, in the Community Room, at 6:00-9:00 pm

Motion to Adjournment at 7:19 p.m. - carried unanimously 6-0

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Prepared by Dave Johnson, Chair

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