

Town of Becket Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: January 24th, 2023

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, Henry Scarpo, John Verity, Chris Clapper, and Nic Pietroniro Conservation Agent

Guest in Attendance: Mark Volk, Emily Stockman, A. J. Pietrantone

Commissioners participating virtually: none.

Commissioners Not in Attendance: none

The Chair called the January 24th, 2023 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. having a quorum and indicated the meeting is being recorded. The 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.

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

New Business:

1. **Notice of Intent:** Submitted by A.J. Pietrantone of Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival for the construction of a new theater and access driveway within the buffer zone of a BVW. Additionally, a 6" fire line is proposed that will be routed through a BVW and Bank.

Issues: dewatering, fill replacement, tree removal and replacement not yet identified

Motion: to approve the Notice of Intent with the following order of conditions by Hank, seconded by Jim, motion carried by majority, 6-0-1, Henry Scarpo abstained

- a. If dewatering is needed, the applicant will submit a dewatering plan to Becket Conservation for approval.
- b. The material removed in the new building footprint site will be replaced with clean fill.
- c. Any impact trees in the resource or buffer zone 10" or greater in diameter not marked for removal, will be replaced with starter trees in likeness.

Continuance:

2. **Request for a Certificate for Compliance:** Submitted by Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Inc, at 358 George Carter Road (Map 407, Lot 16) for the closing out of four Orders of Conditions for the following MassDEP File #'s:

- a. #102-44 issued 05/02/1989 for Sewer Line and Fire Pond Construction.
- b. #102-205 issued on 06/22/2000 for a wetland trail installation.
- c. #102-0361 issued on 02/23/2011 for Installation of Loop Road Bridge and Maintenance Facility.
- d. #102-0417 Issued on 10/11/2016 for Installation of Public Water System Pipe through BVW.

Chair asked for a motion to approve the COCs, motions carried by majority 6-0-01, Henry Scarpo abstained

3. **Enforcement Order Update:** Issued Karen Avelle at 318 County Road (Map 409, Lot 20.1) for unpermitted activities within the 200 ft Riverfront.

Issue: Emily Stockman presented details of the restoration completion

Motion: to lift the Enforcement Order by Doug, seconded by Henry, motion carried unanimously 7-0

4. **Enforcement Order Update:** 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.

Issue: Emily Stockman presented details of the restoration completion

Motion: to lift the Enforcement Order by Doug, seconded by Henry, motion carried unanimously 7-0

Minutes from prior meetings ratified:

2022-12-20 BCC meeting, motion carried unanimously 7-0

Additional Items:

Discussion on scheduling a posted BCC workshop day in February. The meeting will be open to the public to attend in person or by Zoom. The agenda will be posted the first week of February.

Discussion on scheduling a posted BCC workshop day for residents concerned about lakes and ponds in the spring. The meeting will be open to the public to attend in person or by Zoom. The agenda will be posted the first week of February.

Date for Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday February 28th, 2023, in the Community Room, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Date of Workshop Meeting: Wednesday February 22nd, 2023, in the Community Room, at 11:00 am to 4:00 pm – the agenda will be posted as required by the open meeting law – refer to agenda for the purpose of the limitation of items to be discussed

Motion to Adjournment at 7:25 pm - carried unanimously 7-0

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Prepared by Dave Johnson, Chair

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