

Town of Becket Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: May 23rd, 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, Chris Clapper, and Nic Pietroniro Conservation Agent

Commissioners participating virtually:

Commissioners Not in Attendance: John Verity,

Others in Attendance: Julie Craumer

Others participating virtually: n/a

The Chair called the May 23rd, 2023 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. having a quorum of six, (6) Commissioners 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. **Emergency Certification:** Issued to Malcolm M. Speicher, Beaver Specialist, on behalf of MassDOT for the breach of two beaver dams off Beaver Brook Road. Rising water posed a threat to Route 8/20.
Issues: none
Motion: to approve the Emergency Certification by Hank, seconded by Henry, motion carried unanimously 6-0
2. **Request for a Certificate of Compliance:** Submitted by Martin Law Offices, PC on behalf of Paul Richter to close an expired Order of Conditions under 102-296 for 0 Leonhardt Road (Map 203, Lot 18.5).
Issues: Commission didn't have enough information to make a decision – continued to May 31st, 2023
Motion: to approve the continuance to May 31st, 2023 meeting by Hank, seconded by Henry, motion carried unanimously 6-0
3. **Request to Extend an Order of Conditions:** Submitted by the Sherwood Forest Lake District for the extension of an active Order of Conditions (MassDEP #102-0420) for aquatic plant management.
Issues: Commission felt they had sufficient information to make a decision
Motion: to approve the OOC extension by Jim, seconded by Henry, motion carried unanimously 6-0

Additional Items:

4. **Notice of Intent:** Submitted by the Mountain Grove Association, Inc. for the addition of sand nourishment, and the permitting of two docks in Shaw Pond at the Mountain Grove Association community beach area (Map 204, Lot 146).

Issues: The Benthic mats were removed from the original application. Any free-floating docks, rafts, or moorings are not approved by the Commission, but rather the Harbor Master.

Motion: to approve the Notice of Intent subject to the following Order of Conditions by Jim, seconded by Henry, motion carried unanimously 6-0

Order of Conditions:

- a. The applicant will only use washed sand.
- b. The application of the sand will remain a minimum of three (3) feet above the average highwater mark.

BCC minutes: none – differed to the next scheduled meeting

Motion to Adjourn at 6:42 p.m. – carried unanimously 6-0

Next meeting Tuesday June 27th, 2023, in the Community Room, at 6:00 pm.

Prepared by Dave Johnson

BCC Chair

06/02/2023