

**Town of Becket Conservation Commission
4 September, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Commissioners in Attendance: Alison Dixon (Chair), Cindy Delpapa, David Johnson and Henry Scarpo.

Commissioner not in Attendance: Meredyth Babcock

Members of the public: none

Chair Dixon called the 4 September 2019 Becket Conservation Commission meeting to order at 6:34 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. None offered

Continuing Business:

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. New plan was received showing a relocated dewatering unit moved to the outer riverfront area- just over the 100 foot inner riverfront line and near the existing trees. Motion made to issue a negative determination #2 for the upgrade of a septic system at 29 Chester Road, (Map 414, Lot 37, 37.2) as shown in the update plan dated 8/28/2019, (Delpapa/Scarpo). MSV.

Additional Items:

Discussion about Public education of the WPA and our role as the Conservation Commission. D Johnson raised several questions to stimulate the conversation about how the Commission can educate the public about the Wetland Protection Act. Consensus was to hone the message to fit the audience and their interests. Help audience see how the WPA protects what matters to them. Possibly homeowner associations, contractors, etc. Perhaps work with other boards. Would like to see a Commission at the monthly staff meeting at Town Hall. At the next meeting we can work on prioritizing actions. Recommend C Delpapa explain the science behind things at meetings. Chair Dixon reminded Commissioners to take advantage of MACC trainings- costs are covered by the Commission.

Review and approval of the July 2019 Conservation Commission Meeting minutes. Correct month and next meeting date. Motion to approve the July minutes with minor corrections, (Johnson/Delpapa). MSV with one abstention (HS).

Motion to Adjourn, (Johnson/Delpapa). MSV. Chair Dixon adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Next meeting: 24 September, 2019 in the Berkshire Room at 6:30 pm.