

Becket Conservation Commission
July 16, 2009
Minutes

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The Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Commissioners Present: Purr McEwen, Chair; Kathy Vsetecka, Agent; Bud Moylan; Marty Winters
Commissioners Absent: Scott Morley

- 1. Approval of minutes of June 18, 2009 meeting**
Motion to accept by Marty
Second by Bud
Unanimous approval

- 2. Continued Notice of Intent SOLO (Sherwood Forest Lakes and Ponds) Map 216 DEP #102-353 Chemical treatments using herbicides and hand-harvesting**
Continuance requested by applicant
Motion by Kathy to continue with the applicant's consent to Aug 20, 2009 meeting
Second by Marty
Unanimous approval

- 3. Continued Notice of Intent Jeff Rosen 341 Seneca Drive Map 219 lot 219 DEP #1092-355 Installation of dock.**
DEP comments read. Site visit was conducted. No problems noted.
Motion by Marty to approve
Second by Purr
Unanimous approval

- 4. Request for Determination of Applicability PVPC Intersection of Routes 20 and 8 Planting of trees, shrubs and flowers; removing existing turf; repairing existing grass surface**
Martin Rintey, Denig Design Assoc. representing Pioneer Valley Planning Commission working with Jacob's Ladder Trail. Reviewed plans showing vegetated management plan from several years ago. The idea of the project was to bring native plants back to the site. Also taken into account were the site plans submitted by MA Highway. A concern that was brought up was the pond in the area and whether this project was in the Conservation's jurisdiction. It was noted that most of the project is outside of the Conservation's jurisdiction. A combination of deciduous trees and herbaceous plants are to be planted. MA Highway requested that two of the trees be removed from the plan because of sighting. Plants were chosen for salt tolerance. Pasture Roses were chosen for color, salt tolerance, notice and stature as well as for their attractiveness. Also Included were paper birch, eastern red cedar and the American cranberry bush.

Purr noted that most of the area that Ritney was discussing—while appreciated—is not in the Conservation's jurisdiction. The work is to begin in the fall. The Commission prefers straw waddles rather than hay bales. The Commission wants to know who the contractor is in order to let him know what is expected.

Motion by Purr for a Negative Determination of Applicability with the following conditions: Becket Standard Conditions; Limit of work defined by the MA right-of way line; two scarlet oak trees to be deleted; straw waddles to be used rather than straw bales

Second by Marty

Unanimous approval

5. **Abbreviated Notice of Intent William Osborn 57 Lancelot Lane Map 217 lot 81 No DEP number Addition of a bedroom on the main level of house in the buffer zone to Lancelot Pond
Withdrawn by applicant**

6. **Request for Determination of Applicability Robert Gala 136 Alan-a-Dale Map 216 lot 493 Leveling of lawn area by adding loam in buffer zone to Little Robin**

No one here representing. Kathy reviewed the plans but was concerned that the fill brought in might create a steep slope and recommended he back up another 15 feet away from the edge of the lake.

Motion by Purr to continue to August 20, 2009 because more information needs to be submitted

Second by Marty

Unanimous approval

7. **Request for Determination of Applicability Warren Harrison 217 Jacob's Hollow Road Map 407 lot 23.11 Installation of an 8" culvert in an intermittent stream for a driveway**

Warren Harrison reviewed the plans and boundaries. It has been 20 years since property was developed and a lot of the gulleys were lost. His property is an 8% grade back to the lot. He proposes to eliminate the standing water that currently exists. To do this he needs to put in an 8" culvert to redirect the water. Marty would like to see a 12" culvert. Warren suggested a double 6". Kathy advised that the culvert needs to be placed in such a way that the stream be permitted to slow so the "fish" can traverse. Meeting open to the public. Deb Beasley, who lives across from Warren, says that water gushes down from the property causing intermittent streams that are blocked by stones. She is objecting because of her concern that the stream puddles. Meeting closed to the public. Warren is proposing to use a gravel mix. Mary question the surface of the Driveway because he is concerned with runoff.

Motion by Purr to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability with Becket Standard Conditions; the culvert to be either 8" or a double 6"; by August 20, 2009 the stone is be moved out of the well area

Second by Bud

Purr, Marty and Bud approve; Kathy abstains

8. Request for Determination of Applicability Susan and Steven Hovani 3 Bow North Map 213 lot 51 Removal of 7 dead or damaged trees

No one representing. Lot is quite wooded, 7 trees that are tagged for removal are dead or quite damaged. It is within the buffer zone.

Motion by Purr to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability

Second by Bud

Unanimous approval

9. Request for Determination of Applicability Little Tree Environmental Consulting Cheryl Holh Sykes 3211 Main Street Map 207 lot 65 Septic system repair located within 200' of a perennial stream

Mickey Spokas representing. The septic there is in failure so a new design is being presented. It is located in the front yard as far away from the stream as possible while addressing the well and road boundaries. Bud suggests that the Commission approve removing the white pine which is dangerously close to the house.

Motion by Purr to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability with Becket Standard Conditions and allow the removal of the white pine located south of the house

Second by Bud

Unanimous approval

10. Request for Determination of Applicability Roy Arnold (Patricia and Katrina Mergen-Adams) 102 Long Bow Lane East Map 213 lot 68.2 Pump and crush Existing septic system and install new tank and leach field

Roy Adams and Craig Willis of White Wolf representing. While reviewing the plans it was noted that some of the trees that are close to the pond need to be removed which is why they are submitting an RDA

Motion by Purr to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability with Becket Standard Conditions

Second by Marty

Unanimous approval

11. Request for Extension of Order of Conditions Center Pond Preservation and Protection Foundation Center Pond DEP #102-253 Chemical treatment of Center Pond and other management of Eurasian milfoil and curly-leaf pondweed

Al Kirchner, representing. They are not proposing chemical treatments at this time nor are they here to discuss spring survey results. A permit was first granted in August 2003 and then extended in 2006 for three years—it expires next month.

Al states that the town is the controlling agent and has to approve the project. A Weed control plan must be done with a follow up in the fall to determine progress.

He also states that the town funds ½ of the cost of the surveys and the association is responsible for the rest. The extension is requested because of the cost or

submitting a new NOI with abutter notification. There was a concern about the Commission still having control over the application of chemical treatments. It was noted that it could only be done in accordance with the Commission's review. Kathy states that other lakes needed to submit new NOI's after the Guidance documents were changed in 2004—somehow Center Pond did not. Purr proposes giving the extension based on the spring survey where the Commission can determine methods to be used. Kathy interjected recommending an extension for 1 year .

Revised motion by Purr to approve an extension for one year


Second by Bud

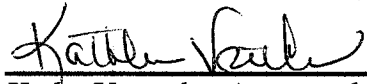
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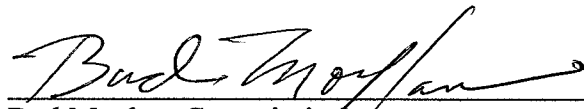
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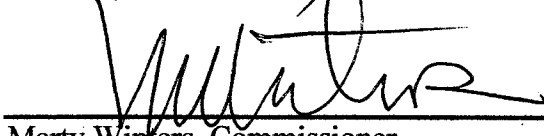
- a. **Joe Maggi**
Map 215 lot 189 DEP #102-297 883 King Richard Drive Area looks wonderful; boardwalk done well as planned; wetlands doing well
Motion by Purr to approve full Certificate of Compliance
Second by Marty
Unanimous approval
- b. **Terwedow update**
Letter from White Engineering with septic plans. All seems to be OK on driveway
- c. **Other**
Matt Puntin of S K Design submitted 4 separate documents to be signed and notarized. DEP #102-290 issued to Paul Richter in 2007; # 102-296 with three items—2 Certificate of Compliance and 1 Extension. Once signed and notarized they will be submitted to the registry for recording. There is another item where a dock will be installed and once done he will request a Certificate of Compliance. Also, F. Timme has installed a dock under this permit and also needs a C of C. Matt is requesting a visit from the Commission to approve taking down some trees at the Altman site. A visit is scheduled for Friday, July 17 at 9 AM.
- d. Derrick Rogers, having submitted his resignation, is publicly thanked for service to the Commission and will be missed.
- e. **Al Kirchner outlined some of the work and cost of weed pulling and why the extension (see item 11)**
GPS unit needs to be purchased but will be difficult because of cost. It was recommended not to use harbor master's boat because of cost of maintaining. He submitted a diving schedule (on file) to outline some of the amount and cost of the work. In addition, skimmers are needed who don't get paid. Twelve hundred hours have been invested on weed pulling. Purr is pleased with the

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Marty Winters, Commissioner 8/20/09
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