

Becket Conservation Commission
September 17, 2009
Minutes

RECEIVED
2009 OCT -5 AM 9:57
TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF BECKET

The Meeting is called to order at 6:38

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

1. Approval of minutes of August 20, 2009 meeting

Purr moved to accept the minutes, Scott seconded, all in favor.

2. Continued Notice of Intent SOLO (Sherwood Forest Lakes and Ponds) Map 216 DEP #102-353 Chemical treatments using herbicides; hand-harvesting, cutting of invasive weeds

Information is still outstanding. Applicant has been notified by Conservation but there is no response.

Purr motion to continue to Oct 16, Bud seconded, all in favor.

3. Request for Determination of Applicability Scott Budde 304 South Lake Way Map 211 lot 34 Replacing access to water with stone steps; constructing a retaining wall; landscaping with native plants.

The project includes replacing access to water with stone steps; constructing of a retaining wall; landscaping with native plants with Dave Bacon, representing. Currently there is an erosion problem that is beginning to compromise the staircase, bank and the piers holding up the deck. The plan is to remediate the banks so the erosion stops and make an access path to the dock. First thing is to remove the hemlocks that are approximately 8 feet. The root systems will not be removed. Once a conifer is cut, as a rule it does not come back. The plan is to put in two retaining walls, an upper and lower. There is an existing dock and staircase that is rotting away. The slope is steep and is currently unstable with a tremendous amount of erosion. He will remove the hemlocks in order to get some light in there. There needs to be a retaining wall to get positive draining. A ramp will be installed to get down to the dock. He indicated on the map where the second wall will be put in. The wall will consist of 2x3 pieces of stone set three quarters down with top soil around it and seeded. The wall will be a boulder wall which will consist of 1/2 inch straw waddle for erosion control. (There will be an erosion control blanket placed prior to construction.) Erosion control will also consist of the plants themselves, a mix of natives and between them hard fescu as well as annual rye that sprouts immediately. Long term erosion control will be the native plants.

Motion to approve made by Purr for a Negative Determination of Applicability with standard conditions. Kathy seconded, all in favor.

4. **Notice of Intent John Amato Becket Woods Road and Maintenance District
Egee's Way Map 213 DEP #102- Replacement of a culvert and installation
of a dry hydrant**

Hearing opened but DEP has not received the Notice of Intent as of yet. Kathy notified applicant to make him aware that no action can be taken until DEP receives the paperwork.

Motion to continue by Budd to Oct 16, Scott seconded, all in favor.

5. **Request for Certificate of Compliance Linda Stipek 44 South Lake Way Map
211 lot 142 DEP #102-345**

Kathy and Bud did the site inspection and judged the work favorably.

Bud made motion to approve, Purr seconded, all in favor.

6. **Request for Certificate of Compliance YMCA Boathouse/Library DEP #102-
343**

Kathy and Bud did the site visit. They were impressed with the amount of work that was done with the appearance of it being professionally done.

Kathy made motion to approve, Scott seconded, all in favor.

7. **Request for Certificate of Compliance Lynn Aptman Map 203 lot 18.4
DEP #102-296 Dock only**

Purr and Kathy did the site inspection. The dock is sitting on stone and is not touching anything on the bank.

Purr motioned to issue a Partial Certificate of Compliance, Scott seconded, all in favor.

8. **Request for Certificate of Compliance by Richard Peebles 284 McNerney Road
Map 207 lot 32.13 DEP #102-320**

Kathy did the site visit. She felt the work was not only more than adequate, replication was done even though it was not required. He also did two year reporting.

Kathy made motion to approve, seconded by Purr, all in favor.

9. Enforcement Order Andrea Della Monica Bayberry Drive Map 407 lot 108

Bud and Kathy did site visit. A bridge had to be constructed over a perennial stream. Erosion control measures were implemented satisfactorily. EO was ratified.

10. Administrative Business

- Aptman - These are the people on Yokum Pond who removed the old cabin and are moving the new house back 25 feet. Commission allowed them to clear more trees in the buffer zone but there was a 25 foot no cut zone. The controversy was over the large, 100 foot Eastern White Pine by the lake. Kevin Holden, an Arborist, has been hired who marked 6-7 trees within the cut zone but they were dead and dying and by clearing them out it will allow more sunlight which in turn will allow things to grow. To replace them the Aptmans want to put in high bush blueberries. Purr suggests that this be allowed. The question is the Eastern White Pine which is approximately 100 ft tall with 3-4 ft diameter. The applicant wants to bring it down sighting the fact that it might fall into the lake which they fear they may be responsible for. The general opinion is that the removal might seriously impact the bank. It is a healthy tree that could still be around another 100 years. Approval will be given to remove the trees that are flagged. The consensus is that the Commission will allow the removal of the dead and dying trees but not the large Eastern White Pine because it is integral to the health of the bank.
- A Special Meeting will need held to cover an application that was submitted after the legal add deadline which the Commission must respond to within 21 days. The meeting will be held on Oct 1 @ 6:30.
- MACC fall courses are out.
- Forest cutting plan from the Town of Chester. Chester wants to log Captain Whitney RD because the SC-2 Culvert is undersized causing the road to wash downstream and they wanted the Commission to replace the culvert. Kathy went to the Town Administrator to see who is responsible for the culvert seeing it is not in Conservation's jurisdiction. Kathy notified the Town of Chester as well as the logger that Becket is looking into it.
- Tony presented on Green Community and the municipal use of energy.
- Scott - Morris property; we could sign off on bridges

Motion to close made by Kathy, Scot seconded, all in favor. Meeting closed 7:34p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martie Martin, Recorder



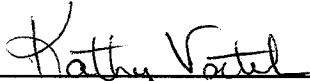
Purr McEwen, Chair

10-01-09

Date

Scott Morley, Vice Chair

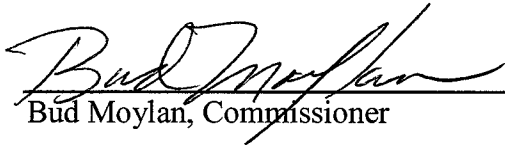
Date



Kathy Vsetecka, Commissioner/Agent

10-01-09

Date



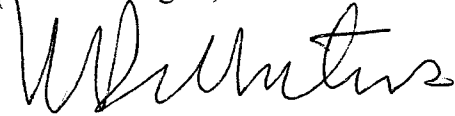
Bud Moylan, Commissioner

10-01-05

Date

Derrick Rodgers, Commissioner

Date



Marty Winters, Commissioner

10-01-09

Date