

AGENDA
Becket Conservation Commission

April 21 ,2011 6:30 PM

Becket Town Hall

Members Present: Richard Pryor, Vice- Chair; Kathy Vsetecka, Agent; Purr McEwen; Marty Winters

Members Absent: Scott Morley, Chair; Bud Moylan

Meeting opened 6:36 PM by Richard Pryor

1. Approval of minutes of March 17, 2011 meeting.

Motion to approve by Purr, seconded by Marty, all in favor

2. Request for Determination of Applicability Denise and Jay Huggins 190 Greenwater Pond. Rd. Map 202 lot 24 Addition of an attached deck in the buffer zone of Greenwater Pond.

A site visit conducted on April 19. The items that were discussed at the site visit had been emailed to the applicant. This included: 1) whether the steps were being put in or not—the steepness and how it connects; 2) erosion control measures; 3) pipe going out of the bank going to lake; 4) hand digging for posts; 5) where will the soil be stored; 6) old steps in the water.

The pipe that is there brings in water from the lake which they use for gardening purposes. The applicant submitted new plans that did not show any steps. Dan MacWilliams will be doing the digging and they will attempt hand digging, however some boulders may require a bobcat to get 48 inches down. As for the excess fill, applicant was unsure as to what will be done with the excavated material. The concern is that heavy rains can cause the material to flow back down to the lake. They were advised it should be placed upland with a top over it until it can be removed from the site. The stairs that had washed into the area will be removed. Straw wattles are recommended for erosion controls.

Motion to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability by Purr with the following conditions: The posts be hand dug if possible; the extracted material from the post holes be stored upland and covered with a tarp if left for more than 24 hours and the Becket Standard Conditions. Seconded by Marty, all in favor.

3. Administrative Business:

a. Refill of Greenwater Pond Completed

This has been done according to their OOC.

b. Report of Aquatic Plant Management Program at Sherwood Forest

This is on file and a spring survey will be done which they will come in to discuss. They do fall into the two year extension act.

c. Open Meeting Law Workshops: May 25 Northampton High School 380 Elm St. 6 PM – 8:30 PM May 11 Nessacus Middle School 35 Fox Rd. Dalton 6 PM – 8:30PM

d. Invasive Plants and Road Maintenance Workshop May 3 Chester Railway Station 10 Prospect St. 8 AM – 3:30 PM

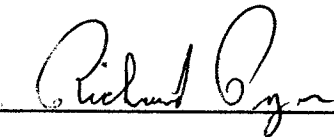
e. In partnership with the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, CVL Ventures is convening on Thursday, May 12, 2011, to offer town energy commissions, Board of Health, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeal, Board of Selectmen, City Councilors and Conservation Commissions and opportunity to talk to one another about land-based wind siting and the complicated issues that surround it.

4. Public Input

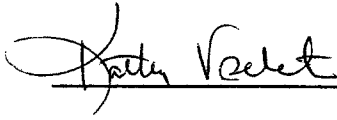
Motion to close made by Purr at 6:57, seconded by Marty, all in favor.



Scott Morley, Chair Date



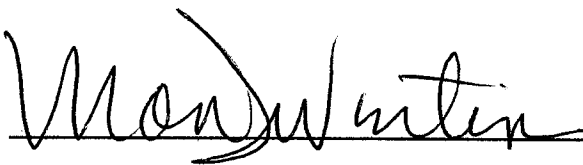
Richard Pryor, Vice Chair Date



Kathy Vsetecka, Commissioner/Agent Date

Bud Moylan, Commissioner Date

Purr McEwen, Commissioner Date



Marty Winters, Commissioner Date

Respectfully Submitted,

Martie Martin