

**Becket Conservation Commission**

**Minutes**

**May 19, 2011**

**The Meeting is called to order at 6:30 PM.**

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

**1. Approval of Minutes of April 21, 2011 meeting**

**Purr motioned to accept, Marty seconded all in favor.**

**2. Request for Amended Order of Conditions Michael and Christine Shannon, Marcel Breton 132 Nottingham Court Map 216 lot 750 DEP #102-0363 Addition of a parking area Plan of 5/6/11 submitted.**

Plans were submitted showing how the steep driveway will be cut and where it will be retained with a concrete wall. The parking area (40 X 25) will have erosion controls measures put in place. The Sherwood Road district has passed the project. The material used will be pervious. The tiered wall was explained as the first wall being 30 inches, followed by planting, then a lower wall. There were no problems evident during the site visit. The grading of the terrace will not have runoffs.

**Bud motioned to approve, Purr seconded, all in favor.**

**3. Request for Determination of Applicability Sherwood Forest Lake District Map 215-217 various lots Replenishment of sand on existing beaches including Big Robin, Robin Hood (2), Little Robin, Lancelot and Excalibur, Steve Rosenthal, Bob Ronzio**

New plans were submitted in which Bob Roznio outlined the inaccuracies. This is the first time that the beaches will be replenished and the intention is to spread out approximately one to two inches of sand. When asked, it was noted that a contractor still needs to be hired who will probably use a bobcat. Though a site visit was done, the weather wasn't cooperative. Work can be started ten days after the DOA paperwork is submitted to allow for the appeal period. If they start the work earlier, they can do so with the risk of someone appealing.

Mercedes Gallagher commented that sand going down on a yearly basis in Center Pond has migrated into the swimming area, further narrowing the swimming distance. She asked DEP and was advised a permit can be issued for beach nourishment with an RDA for existing beaches but for only buffer zone. An NOI would be needed for when sand goes down into the Resource Area. An RDA is determined by the high water mark or break in the bank.

**Motion made by Scott for a Negative Determination of Applicability with the Becket Standard Conditions and the following special conditions: all mechanical equipment will be refueled 50 ft distance from the start of the sandy area, (no motorized equipment or fuel to be stored overnight); only small motorized, mechanical equipment is to be used; new sand will be kept 3 ft from the current high water mark or the first observable break in the slope; the current high water marks will be staked in the next five days, seconded by Purr, all in favor.**

#### **4. Report on the Sherwood Forest Lake Survey**

Mark Bellaud, Aquatic Control Technologies provided a more comprehensive survey last fall. Further monitoring was conducted on May 10th. Most of the lakes are looking good with not much treatment being required. At Nottingham Lake, Eurasian milfoil returned warranting additional treatment with Renovate. This will be done when the plants are growing in June. Robin Lake is looking good but will require more checking in July for further proof when the plants will be growing. There will be continued management of phragmites with spot treatment in all lakes. Even though Nottingham is just 2.5 acres, approximately 4-5 feet in depth, it cannot be just hand pulled because it hasn't been treated since 2003. Information on the materials/chemicals used was requested by a member of the public and it was pointed out that the information is posted on Sherwood Forest's web site. Mercedes requested that the cost for hand pulling for Nottingham Lake be researched which she said would be less expensive and offered her assistance. As for the spiny niads (?) an annual, the plant can be removed before maturing and hand pulling will be just as effective. For phragmites, she recommends cutting and then when it returns, have it cut monthly.

#### **5. Request for Certificate of Compliance Stanley Pyranowski 97 Shawnee Shore Rd. Map 204 lot 99 & 100 DEP # 102-337**

Kathy was out there, everything is stabilized and it appears to be in good shape.

**Kathy motioned for a COC, Scott seconded, all in favor.**

#### **6. Administrative Business**

##### **a. Report on Thomas Pond Spring Refill**

Emily Stockman, of Stockman Associates, representing 301 Beech Trail Lane, Eleanor Thomas, submitted a report with pictures for the files.

**b. ENF pursuant to Center Pond Dam Rehabilitation**

To do the rehabilitation, a lot of paperwork with various agencies (MEPA, 401 Quality Certification etc.) needs to be submitted. A third party consultant is being suggested for advice on this project. Research on who will be responsible for payment is to be done.

**c. Division of Fisheries & Wildlife presentations about MESA regulation changes, etc.**

A series of presentations about MESA have been scheduled across the state. The one in Lenox, on June 7 at the Town Hall from 7-9 is the closest to Becket.

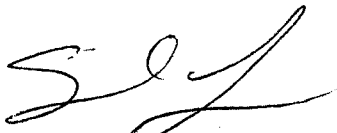
**7. Other business**

\* Mercedes asked whether an RDA would be needed for pulling phragmites and Japanese Knotwood along Route 20. The Commission confirmed that RDA would need to be filed.

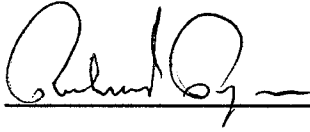
\* A few more site visits still need to be done.

**Scott motioned to adjourned, seconded by Purr, all in favor. Meeting closed 7:34 pm.**

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Scott Morley, Chair Date



Richard Pryor, Vice Chair Date

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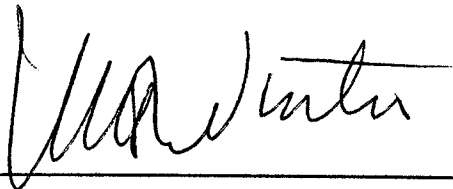
Kathy Vsetecka, Commissioner/Agent Date

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Bud Moylan, Commissioner Date



Purr McEwen, Commissioner Date



Marty Winters, Commissioner Date

Respectfully Submitted, Martie Martin