

Becket Conservation Commission

June 16, 2011

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Scott Morley, Chair; Kathy Vsetecka, Agent; Purr McEwen; Richard Pryor; Marty Winters

Commissioners Absent: Bud Moylan

- **Approval of May 19, 2011, Minutes.**

Purr made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Marty and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Notice of Intent Conservation Group, Inc. Barry Fogel, Esq. Center Pond Dam Map 210 Lots 30, 28, 34. Maintenance, repair and improvement of Center Pond Dam**

Scott noted that, since there was a mistake made at the newspaper and the notice did not go in the newspaper like it was supposed to legally, this item needs to be opened and continued. The Commissioners agreed that this item will be continued on June 30, 2011, at 6:30 p.m.

- **Request for Determination of Applicability Town of Becket Map 413 Lot 15 Construction of a swale at the top of the parking area; construction of a berm on the boat launch driveway; repair of French drain**

Kathy did a site visit with Mrs. Furlong and they discussed the possible need to hire an engineer for a plan to fix the erosion problems. They also applied for spreading the sand on the beach and thinning trees for visibility. Purr noted that there is a terrible erosion problem so in the short term we should look at getting this addressed before the summer so that the town beach can be used and in the fall, with the help of an environmental group, look at how to rectify the drainage problems. There is also a pipe on the left side that needs to be looked at. The applicant would need to re-file in the fall for the drainage issues. The cost of an engineer was discussed and Mrs. Furlong noted that the Parks Commission does not have a budget for this. The Commission noted that a plan drawn by an environmental engineer laying out a solution as clearly as possible would be needed. There was a discussion about the pipe that is now visible. It was suggested that, if the pipe is covered temporarily for safety reasons, that it be marked so that it can be found later when the problem is addressed.

Purr made a motion to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability to allow the Town of Becket a permit for re-spreading the sand on the beach 2 feet from the water's edge, putting a swale at the top of the parking lot and thinning out the garden area in the wooded picnic area. There was a concern about what equipment would be used to spread the sand and Mrs. Furlong noted that a pay loader would be used. There was a discussion about the possible use of smaller equipment to better protect the pond. The motion as stated was seconded by Marty and passed.

- **Request for Determination of Applicability Toby Logsdon Surriner Road Map 211 Lot 30 Construction of single family house in buffer to wetlands and intermittent stream**

Mr. Logsdon was in attendance and Valerie Bird, VBN Associates, presented the plan. Silt fence and straw waddles are in place. Kathy noted the site visit showed everything in place and well marked.

Purr made a motion to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability with Becket standard conditions. It was seconded by Richard and passed unanimously.

Ms. Bird, Conservation Agent in Tolland, remarked that they do not allow pay loaders on beaches but instead request that a small tractor with fork rake be used.

- **Partial Certificate of Compliance Joseph and Angela Gruber 48 Osceola Drive Map 211 Lot 18 Work along Center Pond including brush removal, crushed stone pathway, stone steps, no-mow lawn along Pond, mitigation plantings.**

Kathy noted that Bud went out for this site visit with the plan and said that everything looked fine.

Kathy made a motion to issue the Partial Certificate of Compliance. It was seconded by Richard and passed unanimously.

- **Partial Certificate of Compliance Andrew Bevacqua 607 Yokum Drive Map 203 Lot 21 Vista clearing; lawn area; mitigation plantings.**

Kathy went on this site visit noting that they did a beautiful job; trees down to lake; native plantings.

Kathy made a motion to issue a Partial Certificate of Compliance. It was seconded by Purr and passed unanimously.

Public participation:

A couple from Sherwood Forest, 264 Nottingham Circle, noted that they did not see Conservation Commission minutes after the 1/16/11 meeting on the website so had a question about a house going in directly across from them on Nottingham Court that has four 12" concrete poured footings at water's edge and wanted to know if they had the necessary permits. The Commission stated that the property owner at that location had gone through the necessary permitting process. Kathy will check on the posting of minutes on the website.

- **Administrative Business**

a. Election of Officers

Purr nominated Scott Morley as Chair. The motion was seconded by Marty and passed unanimously.

Purr nominated Richard Pryor as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Scott and passed unanimously.

b. Report of Roundup (glyphosate)

Kathy noted that she had emailed an informational article by Amy Purlmutter to Commissioners. Glyphosate is what is used in Roundup and is used in Sherwood Forest ponds.

The Commission briefly discussed the type of equipment that should be used on the town beach and agreed to contact the Highway Superintendent about the type of equipment that is available.

Paul Merrill and Ann Schrader from the Center Pond Lake District arrived toward the end of the meeting. The Commission informed them that the NOI hearing was continued to June 30, 2011, at 6:30 p.m.

Kathy noted that there is a site on Yokum Pond, Dichter site, where they want to put a trail to the pond to include moving rocks, remove stone steps, etc. Mr. Volk (Foresight Land Services) asks if the work can be allowed under an amended OOC. The Commission agreed that more details are needed.

Purr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Scott and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne W. Pryor, Recorder

Scott Morley, Chair Date

Kathy Vsetecka, Commissioner/Agent Date

Purr McEwen, Commissioner Date

Richard Pryor, Commissioner Date

Marty Winters, Commissioner Date