

Minutes

Becket Conservation Commission

April 18, 2013

Becket Town Hall 557 Main St. Becket, MA

Commissioners present: Richard Pryor, Vice Chairperson; Kathy Vsetecka, Agent and Commissioner; Marty Winters and Laurel Burgwardt, Commissioners

Commissioners absent: Scott Morley, Chairperson; Bud Moylan

Members of Public present: Jay Huggins, applicant; Jeff Collingwood and David Cameron, Stantec; Steve Turner, YMCA Becket Chimney Corners; Scott Freeman, Cedarview Projects, Inc.

Meeting opened at 6:29 PM Richard Pryor, presiding

1. Approval of minutes from Dec. 2012, Feb 2013 and Mar 2013. No quorum for those meetings present to vote
2. **Continued Notice of Intent Alice and Philip Shabecoff 96 Plumb Rd Map 407 Lot 12 DEP #102-0389 Pond dredging maintenance to return a private pond to its original configuration and removal of nuisance weeds for recreational purposes**

Applicant requests a continuance to the May 16, 2013 meeting.

Motion to approve by Richard. Second by Marty. Unanimous approval.

3. **Request for Determination of Applicability Denise Huggins 190 Greenwater Drive Map 202 Lot 24 Partial repair of house foundation in area within 50' of Greenwater Pond**

The request is for repair to the current foundation and replace the sill if needed. The foundation has washed out because of water coming down from the parking area where a septic system was installed some years ago. This system installation changed the flow of the water from rain. Mr. Huggins stated that they have done landscaping to help alleviate the water problem but it hasn't worked. A mini-excavator will be used to dig a trench necessary to do the work. There is a French drain but it isn't sufficient. It will remain. He is hoping that by repairing and re-enforcing the foundation that it will be stronger. Kathy stated that as long as the resource area was protected this would be all right; also, as long as straw wattles are used not hay. Richard asked if they didn't want to do more to fix the problem and not have to come back again. Mr. Huggins just wants to do this for now.

Motion to issue a Negative Determination by Kathy with Becket Standard Conditions and the condition that straw bales be used instead of hay bales. Second by Marty. Unanimous approval.

4. **Notice of Intent Steve Turner, Two State YMCA 748 Hamilton Rd Map 211 Lot 1 and Map 213 Lot 43 DEP #102-0390 Extension and improvements of an existing, auxiliary access road; new drinking well site and an associated access road in Buffer Zone; and the removal of the old landfill material to the current landfill**

Jeff Collingwood, David Cameron and Scott Freeman presenting.

The YMCA needs to close the old landfill. To do this they need to have an access road for the trucks and will be using an access road now there. They need to widen the entrance for the accessibility of large trucks. A change has been made to the plans to push to the south side of the road in order to keep from impacting what might be a vernal pool on the north side. This will minimize the wetland impact by 700-800 sq. ft. At first this will be a construction access but later a permanent access to the camp.

In 2010 an investigation of the landfill areas was begun. Test pits were made all the way through to the bottom of the landfill; wells were put down to do sampling of the ground water. A report was issued in 2011 that stated that there were no adverse impacts from the landfill on the ground or surface water. The landfill was used mostly for composting. There was no oil, etc. and hardly any landfill gas. They found no burn material. There were/are two methods for closing a landfill; capping it or digging it all out. They have chosen to dig it all out as they can quantify what is in the landfill. They will recycle what they can and what can't be recycled will be hauled across and put in the Becket landfill. Richard asked if there were any hazardous materials and, to the best of their knowledge, there are none. If they should find any they do have a contingency plan in place. The landfill area is subject to inspection every 2 years to make sure the cover doesn't come off and there are 2 more rounds of water sampling. The topping will be 18" of compacted soil and 6" of top soil or gravel on top for parking. Becket landfill will be closed in the future. Mr. Freeman will be monitoring the site. The work will be phased out over a few years because of the camp schedule. (Mr. Freeman presented)

There are 4 trees which will need to be cut in the entrance. They will install a precast wall system and replace the 12" pipe with a 17" pipe. This will be the new entrance to the camp in the future. The entrance that is used now will be cut off near the dining hall so that the traffic will not be going near the water as in the past. The replication area is up gradient to the source of the wetland area by the entrance near a house and lawn area. There is 840 sq. ft. of replication: there is a hydraulic connection with the same wetland. The plan is in the NOI including a plant schedule. The area will be encapsulated with boulders of a minimum diameter of 24" with a spacing of 12" between each. There is total access to this site. A monitoring plan is in the NOI. There is also an area of concern near the soccer field that borders a wetland. Erosion controls are planned for this area. There is an outlet structure/ 2 sediment structures. Both will be piped to a new manhole and the 12" line will be made to a 24" line.

Opened to the public at 7:26 PM. No public comment. Closed at 7:26.5

Motion by Kathy to approve the Notice of Intent with the revised plan and the Becket Standard Conditions. Second by Marty. Unanimous approval

Kathy gave a quick review of the Standard Conditions

5. **Administrative**

MACC Training: Kathy gave an update

Ethics Training: Kathy reminded everyone that they need to do this by the end of April.

The Commission decided that May 13th was the best day for site visits. We can meet at 9:30 AM and site visits to start after.

Motion by Richard to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Second by Marty. Unanimous approval.

Signatures/Date