

MINUTES

Becket Conservation Commission

Thursday, October 3, 2013

Becket Town Hall 557 Main Street

Present: Commissioners-- Laurel Burgwardt; Bud Moylan; Purr McEwen; Marty Winter; Commissioner and Vice Chair, Richard Pryor; Commissioner and Agent, Kathy Vsetecka

Absent: Commissioner and Chair Scott Morley

Members of the public: Ken Einhorn, Sherwood Greens Road Improvement and Maintenance District; Gary Danko; Pat McColgan, Taconic Land Consultants

Meeting opened at 6:34 PM with Richard Pryor presiding

Minutes were not ready to be approved.

Mr. Pryor recused himself/Ms. McEwen presiding for the first item.

Request for Determination of Applicability Sherwood Greens Road Improvement and Maintenance District Sherwood Greens Lakes Maps 213 & 214 Hand pulling of nuisance vegetation in the Sherwood Greens Lakes

- Ken Einhorn represented the district. Basically, they need to get rid of the pond weed, bladderwort and water shield. The summer chemical treatment was very successful; they are waiting for the report/survey from Aquatic Control. They have contacted Mercedes Gallagher for advice. Also, they are researching hiring of divers and feel that 2 months of divers doing the hand pulling, and then community members doing it, will control the weeds. Ms. McEwen stated that Yokum Pond has their weeds under control with hand pulling and that she will be glad to be a contact for them. Ms. Vsetecka noted that the RDA application has a supervisor listed for the hand pulling in each lake. A question was asked as to where the weeds will go once they are removed from the water. In the past Always Growing removed the phragmites in the winter. Others are put on the land away from the lakes to dry and then be taken away.
- 6:40 PM opened for public comment Mr. Pryor stated that it is basically the logistics of getting the divers in place that is an issue.
Motion by Mr. Moylan at 6:42 PM to close public comment. Second by Ms. McEwen.
Unanimous approval
- **Motion by Mr. Moylan to issue a negative determination. Second by Mr. Winters. Unanimous approval**

Mr. Pryor returned at 6:44 PM and took over presiding

Request for Determination of Applicability Gary Danko for Donald Morrison 189 Old Pond Rd. Map 210 Lot 39 Demolition of existing house and building of a new home in the buffer zone

- Patrick McColgan representing. The plan is to demolish the existing house and build a new one in the same footprint; the deck as it is now will be eliminated making the footprint of the new

house smaller than the one now. The new house will have a foundation (the one to be demolished does not). Silt fence and straw bales are proposed as erosion control. Mr. Pryor stated that at the site visit Mr. Danko stated that he would put in a double row of erosion control. Mr. Danko stated that he would do that. Mr. McColgan suggests straw bales rather than straw wattles. Ms. McEwen asked why they filed a RDA rather than a NOI. It was done as the project is over 50' away from the lake and the house will be constructed in the same footprint as the one being demolished; also, overall it will be further from the lake as there will be no deck as there is now. They will need to take down a birch tree which is dying and a danger to the house. A new septic system will be installed and it is outside the 100' buffer zone. Scott Krzanik went out with Berkshire Engineering to advise on the septic and well. These are not in a jurisdictional area for conservation. All demolition material and construction equipment will be taken and/or stored outside the 100' buffer zone.

- **Motion by Ms. McEwen to issue a negative determination with Becket Standard Conditions. Second by Mr. Moylan. Unanimous approval.**

Administrative

- MACC conference Ms. Vsetecka, Mr. Pryor and Ms. Burgwardt are registered. Mr. Winters stated that he would like the information. Mr. Pryor will send it to him.
- Ms. McEwen will not be at the next meeting

Motion by Ms. McEwen to adjourn at 7:01 PM. Second by Ms. Burgwardt. Unanimous approval

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen A. Vsetecka