

MINUTES
Becket Conservation Commission
Becket Town Hall 557 Main Street
6:30 PM May 15, 2014

Commissioners Present: Richard Pryor, Vice Chair; Purr McEwen; Marty Winters;
Bud Moylan, Laurel Burgwardt; Shepley Evans, Agent

Commissioners Absent: Scott Morley

Members of the Public: Colleen O'Connor, DEP Circuit Rider Mark Stinson

Meeting opened at 6:37 PM with Mr. Pryor presiding.

1. **Approval of minutes of the April 17th meeting.**

Motion to approve the minutes by Mr. Pryor; second by Mr. Winters.
Unanimous approval.

2. **Notice of Intent, DEP File #102-0398 continued from March 20, 2014**

Eleanor Thomas – 301 Beech Tree Lane – Map 407 Lots 72+73

Dredging and invasive species removal from a man-made pond.

Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Winters, to continue to the June meeting.

Unanimous approval.

3. **Request for Determination of Applicability – All Star Excavation.** Removal of a stone retaining wall in the buffer zone and regarding of the area behind the residence at 302 Sherwood Drive. Map 215 Lot 201D. There was a brief discussion of the work to be done and confirmation that a silt fence would run the full width of the work area between the house and the lake.

Motion by Ms. McEwen, seconded by Mr. Winters, to issue Negative Determinations #3 with standard conditions added.

Unanimous approval.

4. **Notice of Intent DEP# 102-0399 Aquatic Control Technology for Sherwood Forest Lakes District, Marc Bellaud presenting.** Cutting and harvesting nuisance native aquatic plant growth to maintain desirable open water habitat in the several Sherwood Forest Ponds. Map 16. There was a discussion of the effect on fisheries habitat and the need to demonstrate that the work met performance standards for land under water. Mr. Bellaud indicated that he could provide that information at a subsequent meeting.

Motion by Ms. McEwen, seconded by Mr. Winters to continue the hearing until the June 19th meeting.

Unanimous approval.

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Notice of Intent DEP# 102-0400 – Aquatic Control Technology for Mass DCR Lakes & Ponds Program, Marc Bellaud presenting. Herbicide application for control of nuisance native aquatic plant growth to maintain desirable open water habitat using USEPA/Mass Dept of Agriculture approved herbicides at Buckley Dunton Lake Maps 402 & 203. There was a discussion of the nature of plant overgrowth and eutrophication. It was recognized that more information was needed on the rationale for the use of herbicides and the meeting of performance standards for land under water and fisheries habitat. Mr. Bellaud stressed the need to move quickly and that he could return with the needed information soon. **Motion by Ms. McEwen, seconded by Mr. Winters to continue the hearing to June 5th at 6:30PM.**
Unanimous approval.

Request for Certificate of Compliance for Kenneth Gazda of 21 Stoney Brook Road. The original order of Conditions was issued to Dr. Peter Pratt DEP# 102-35 in November 1988 for work that was never done and which Order has long ago expired.
Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Winters to issue Certificate of Compliance.
Unanimous approval.

Request to correct a scrivener's error. The Determination of Applicability issued to the Indian Lakes Association wrongly called for a 20 foot, instead of a 10 foot set-back from the lake of the new beach extension.
Motion by Ms. McEwen, seconded by Mr. Winters to make the correction.
Unanimous approval.

Colleen O'Connor of 21 Maple Street recited her several years struggle to deal with salty domestic water in her residence near the school at 12 Maple Street. Mr Evans agreed to look into the available records to see if there was an avenue the Commission could pursue within its jurisdiction.

Ms. McEwen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Winters
Unanimous approval.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shepley W. Evans
Conservation Agent