

**MINUTES**  
**Becket Conservation Commission**  
**Becket Town Hall 557 Main Street**  
**6:30 PM June 5th, 2014**

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

**Members of the Public:** Sydelle & Lee Blatt, Cindy Delpapa, Marc Bellaud

**Meeting opened at 6:37 PM** with Mr. Morley presiding.

1. **Approval of minutes of the May 15th meeting.**

**Motion to approve the minutes by Ms. McEwen; second by Mr. Winters. Unanimous approval.**

2. **Notice of Intent DEP# 102-0400 Marc Bellaud of Aquatic Control Technology(ACT) for MA DCR Lakes & Ponds Program.** 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. Mr. Bellaud presented the results of surveying the plant growth in the cove proposed for treatment, identifying key areas of focus for the application of two herbicides. ACT's contract is for only the 2014 growing season. There was a discussion of the term of the control effort and the Commission was unanimous in their preference that this Order be for one growing season, only. If DCR wishes to make additional applications of herbicide, they will need to reapply. The Commission also discussed and agreed that there should be an end-of-growing season report to the Commission on the effectiveness of the herbicide treatments which should include dissolved oxygen (DO) readings taken on the day of herbicide application and again at the end of the growing season. **Motion by Mr. Morley , seconded by Mr. Winters, that in the 2014 growing season there shall be no more than two applications of the herbicide Sonar (fluridone) and one application of Reward (diquat) in the southernmost cove of Buckley Dunton Lake. That, if DCR wishes to continue herbicide applications in 2015 or beyond, they will have to reapply to the Commission. That, DCR or ACT will report to the Commission at the end of the 2014 growing season on the effectiveness of the herbicide applications and the DO levels on the days of herbicide application and during the fall reporting period. Unanimous approval.**

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3. The Commission has received an inquiry as to whether an RDA or a NOI should be filed for the installation of a replacement septic system in a riverfront resource area. Following discussion, a **Motion by Ms. McEwen, seconded by Mr. Pryor, that for work in the Riverfront Resource Area the Commission should require the filing of a Notice of Intent. Unanimous approval.**
4. The Commission has been approached by property owners who have long outstanding Orders of Conditions and Enforcement Orders on their property. None of the work permitted has been completed. The property owners wish move out of the area for medical reasons and wish to clean up the outstanding matters in order to convey title to new owners. Mr. Evans suggested that he consult with the DEP Circuit Ryder to develop a way to handle the situation. All agreed.
5. The Mass DOT has reported a serious beaver related flooding issue on Route 20 at the underpass of the Turnpike east of Greenwater Pond. Beaver Solutions LLC expects a formal request from DOT to secure an emergency permit to breach a dam and install flow control devices. The Commission agreed to supply any necessary permits on short notice.

**Ms. McEwen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Winters  
Unanimous approval.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Shepley W. Evans  
Conservation Agent