

**MINUTES**  
**Becket Conservation Commission**  
**Becket Town Hall 557 Main Street**  
**6:30 PM June 19th, 2014**

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

**Members of the Public:** Greg Strattner, Shannon Boomsma, Emily Stockman, T.Maronde & John Field

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

**1. Approval of minutes of the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

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

**2. Notice of Intent DEP# 102-0398 Emily Stockman of Stockman Associates,LLC for Eleanor Thomas – 301 Beech Tree Lane – Map 407 Lots 72+73.** Dredging and invasive plant species removal from a man-made pond. Hearing continued from May 15, 2014. At the request of the Natural Heritage Program, the project Plan has been revised to show separation/segregation of Phragmites from sediments in the enclosed disposal and composting area. Ms. Stockman has been in close touch with the DEP, the Corps of Engineers and the Natural Heritage Program. She expects the DEP Water Quality Certification and the Army Corps Category II Permit any day and is confident there will be no further changes to the project design or work schedule going forward.

**Motion by Mr. Pryor, Seconded by Ms. McEwen, to approve the project as presented, subject to the applicant's receipt of the DEP Water Quality Certification and the Category II Permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. Also subject to the standard Becket Conservation Commission Conditions. Unanimous approval.**

**3. Request for Determination of Applicability. Shannon Boomsma of White Engineering for William Cullen. Property at 263 Tyringham Road, Map 404 Lot 49.1** Cleaning up slash and downed trees remaining after logging, partially in the 100 foot buffer zone. Also resurfacing the existing right of way with  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches of dense grade stone and cleaning out existing drainage swales.

The Commission discussed best measures to protect the shoreline and buffer zone of the adjacent pond and requested that the applicant install erosion controls upgrade from the pond at the “grade break”, as well as along the shore. They also requested that erosion control seed mix be used in the disturbed areas within the buffer zone. Finally, the Commission requested that heavy equipment be refueled and parked over-night away from the pond at the top of the hill.

**Motion by Mr. Morley, seconded by Ms. McEwen, to issue a Negative Determination #3 with standard Becket Conservation Commission Conditions and including Erosion Controls at the shore and the “grade brake”, erosion control seed mix on disturbed soils, and refueling and parking equipment at the top of the hill. Unanimous approval.**

**4. Request for Determination of Applicability. Greg Strattner of GPS Builders for Robert Wollenberg, property at 177 Mystic Isle Way. Map 216 Lot 438.**

The project consists of a list of repairs and renovations on the exterior of a waterfront cottage including changing the roof pitch, residing the cottage, installing a new small entry deck, repairing several existing concrete piers, Installing new windows and an entry deck door. Any digging associated with work on piers will be by hand, and erosion controls will be installed across the width of the property between the cottage and the lake before any work begins.

**Motion by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. Pryor, to issue a negative determination #3 with the usual Becket Conservation Commission conditions. Unanimous approval.**

**5. Request for Determination of Applicability. John Field of John W. Field Tree Service for Jonathan & Erin Daspin. Property at 72 Leonhardt Rd. Map 203 Lot 23.**

Removal of five diseased trees in the buffer zone of Yokum Pond and removal of three small Red Maples at the shore of Yokum Pond where a dock is being installed. The trees will be taken down carefully by climbing arborists and removed from the property, leaving the stumps and root masses in the ground.

**Motion by Ms. McEwen, seconded by Mr. Pryor, to issue a Negative Determination #2 with standard Becket Conservation Commission Conditions and a stipulation that refueling and parking equipment must be away from the lake. Unanimous approval.**

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6. Tom Maronde of Leonhardt Road brought to the Commission's attention his concern that someone or some animals may have dug an opening in the marsh next to the Yokum Pond access road and cut a narrow channel across the access road. The channel appears to be draining the swamp. Ms. McEwen and Mr. Evans will visit the site and report back to the Commission.

**Motion by Ms. McEwen, seconded by Mr. Pryor, to adjourn. Unanimous approval.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Shepley W. Evans  
Conservation Agent