

MINUTES
Becket Conservation Commission
Becket Town Hall, 557 Main Street
6:30 PM July 17, 2014

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

Commissioners Absent: Laurel Burgwardt

Members of the Public: Mark Volk, Foresight Land Services; Mike Kulig, Berkshire Engineering; Darrin Herrick, Hill Engineering; Bart Margheim, Camp Watitoh; Jame Morano; Julia Maynard; Linda Gurski; Pasquale J. Cristo; Colleen O'Connor; Walter Marande; Eve Cholmar; Sid Cholmar; Jeanne Pryor; Bob Hirsch; Joan Monroe; Chuck Gorman; Carl Rosenstein; William Elovirta; Johanna Cornock.

Meeting opened at 6:35 with Mr. Morley presiding.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the June 19, 2014 meeting.

Motion to approve the Minutes by Mr. Winters, seconded by Ms. McEwen. Unanimous approval.

- 2. Request for Amendment of Order of Conditions DEP# 102-0377.** Mark Volk of Foresight Land Services for Robert & Mary Cohen, 1210 Main Street, Map 413 Lot 24.3 Widening an existing driveway to accommodate a private 18 foot wide subdivision road serving two house lots. The driveway crossed a vegetated wetland and required replication. Widening the driveway will require additional replication, which will be at a ratio of greater than one for one. A site visit was organized prior to the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Moylan, seconded by Ms. McEwen, to amend the Order of Conditions to accommodate the widening as proposed. Unanimous approval.

- 3. Request for Determination of Applicability.** Mike Kulig of Berkshire Engineering for William Roche. Property at 62 Highland Road, Map 204 Lot 192. This is a residential septic system upgrade. Mr. Kulig reviewed the plan. It is a tight , smaller lot with no room to store material. The system includes higher technology to facilitate a smaller footprint. **Motion by Ms. McEwen, seconded by Mr. Pryor, to issue a Negative Determination #3 with standard Becket conditions and any materials on site must be tarped. Unanimous approval.**

- 4. Request for two Certificates of Compliance** for Scott & Kimberly Siegel at 402 Alan-a-Dale Drive. Letter from Mike Kulig confirming that none of the work originally permitted was started, and none has been completed. All orders of condition have expired. **Motion by Ms. McEwen, seconded by Mr. Pryor to issue Certificates of Compliance. Unanimous approval.**

5. **Notice of Intent, DEP File # 102-0401.** Dan Lovett of Hill Engineers for Camp Watitoh, property at 1885 Main Street, Map 210 Lot 34. Construction of a new septic collection and soil absorption system to serve the entire camp property. This is a seasonal septic system that will collect effluent from the entire camp and will pump across the street to a new leaching field to be constructed in the woods behind the residential structure and parking area. Much of the collection system will be in buffer zone adjacent to BVW, and will provide extensive new tanks and septic lines, offering improved resource area protections. Construction will continue through 2014 and 2015, finishing up in the spring of 2016. **Motion by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. Pryor to approve the project and issue an Order of Conditions including: that all resource areas are to be re-flagged after the summer camp season has concluded before any contractor begins work; that all material storage areas are to be tarped or surrounded with silt fence, regardless of their distance from wetland resource areas; and inclusion of standard Becket NOI conditions. Unanimous approval.**
6. **Notice of Intent, DEP File # 102-0399.** Mark Bellaud of Aquatic Control Technology for the Sherwood Forest Lakes District. Cutting and harvesting nuisance native aquatic plant growth to maintain desirable open water habitat in several Sherwood Forest Ponds. Map 216. **Continued to August 21, 2014 at the applicant's request.**
7. **Public Comments:**

Carl Rosenstein: Long time property owner near Buckley Dunton Lake, has family members who are abutters to the lake who support herbicide application. Year round user of the lake for recreation. Disagrees with the use of herbicides in the lake. Would prefer mechanical harvesting or hand pulling of weeds.

Walter Maronde: Lives ¼ mile below the outlet of the lake, drinks the water and has been advised he should have his water tested. Did not know that herbicides were being applied to the lake.

Coleen O'Connor: Lives at 21 Maple Street. Opposed to herbicide use. Would like to have the Town take steps to avoid the risk of having herbicides infiltrating its water supplies.

Bob Hirsch: Looking for the Commission to reject the State's request to use herbicides.

Mercedes Gallagher: Does not believe that there has ever been a bylaw enacted to prohibit the use of herbicides. Would like to see an example if such a bylaw exists. Would like the Commission to consider the issue of balance in the aquatic plant community in lakes. Believes there are other alternatives to herbicides.

**Motion by Mr. Pryor, seconded by Ms. McEwen to adjourn. Unanimous approval.
The meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,
Shepley Evans, Conservation Agent