

MINUTES
Becket Conservation Commission
Becket Town Hall, 557 Main Street
6:30 PM November 20, 2014

Commissioners Present: Scott Morley, Chair; Marty Winters; Cindy Delpapa; Shepley Evans, Agent.

Commissioners Absent: Laurel Burgwardt; Richard Pryor

Members of the Public: Doug Ingram, Jaime Garanzuay, Shannon Boomsma of White Engineering.

Meeting opened at 6:33 with Mr. Morley presiding.

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of meetings of September 18, 2014 and October 16, 2014.**
Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Winters to accept the minutes of September 18, 2014 as distributed. Unanimous approval.
Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Winters to accept the minutes of October 16, 2014b as distributed. Vote: 3 in favor, Ms. Delpapa abstained.
- 2. Request for Determination of Applicability.** Christopher Tomich for Leonard Churnetski, property at 41 Lancelot Lane, Map 217 Lot 79. Landscaping in the Buffer Zone adjacent to Lancelot Lake. The Commission had conducted a site visit prior to this meeting.
Motion by Ms. Delpapa, seconded by Mr. Winters, to issue a Negative Determination #3 with standard conditions and special conditions that no herbicides, pesticides or concentrated fertilizers are to be used on an ongoing basis; all heavy equipment must be stored and/or re-fueled on the driveway; and any material such as dirt, sand, or gravel must be covered with tarpaulins staked out or otherwise secured.
Unanimous approval.
- 3. Request for Determination of Applicability.** Andrew Zale property at 279 Old Pond Road, Map 210 Lot 51. Removal of six aged and diseased Blue Spruce trees on land adjacent to Center Pond. Stumps to be left in the ground. Trees to be flush cut taken away from the premises.
Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms Delpapa, to issue Negative Determination #3 with standard conditions.
Unanimous approval.

- 4. Request for Determination of Applicability. Douglas Ingram, property at 138 Greenwater Drive, Map 202 Lot 34.** Removal of two trees on the shore of Greenwater Pond. One is lightning struck and diseased, and the other is threatening to fall into the lake. If left in place, both will likely compromise a retaining wall that holds back the bank above the high water line. Stumps will be left in the ground.
Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Delpapa, to issue a Negative Determination #3 with standard conditions.
Unanimous approval.
- 5. Request for Determination of Applicability. Christopher Porter for Lance & Lucy Cerutti, property at 249 Old Pond Road. Map 210 Lot 47.** Removal of existing rotten decks and construction of new ones in the Buffer Zone adjacent to Center Pond.
Motion by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. Winters, to issue a Negative Determination #3 with standard conditions.
Unanimous approval.
- 6. Notice of Intent. Shannon Boomsma of White Engineering for Gregory Cohen, property at 74 Bow South, Map 214 Lot 47G.** Construction of a septic system to upgrade the existing non-compliant system and other site work including revegetation of the buffer zone and establishment of a narrow footpath leading to the waterfront. If a new well is to be drilled, a slurry pit and erosion controls will be employed and the contractor will call the Conservation Agent to inspect before drilling commences.
Motion by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. Winters, to approve with standard conditions.
Unanimous approval.
- 7. Notice of Intent. Shannon Boomsma of White Engineering for Neal Gersony, property on Hamilton Road, Map 414 Lot 16.** Construction of a gravel driveway in a deeded ROW in the 200 foot Riverfront Resource Area adjacent to Hamilton Brook and in the 100 foot Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland adjacent to Hamilton Brook. There is an eroded swale at the edge of Hamilton Road in the frontage of subject lot which carries stormwater from the road into the brook. It is proposed to place two courses of 8" stone in that swale to reduce the velocity of runoff and promote natural filling-in of the swale. Check dams of 4" to 6" stone will be placed in the drainage swales running along side the driveway every +/- 25 ft.
Motion by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. Winters, to approve with standard conditions and the added condition that a machine built stone wall be installed at the edge of the wetland to reduce the possibility of erosion traveling from the driveway into the wetland. Vote: 3 in favor 1 opposed.

- 8. Notice of Intent. Edward Gibson for the Town of Becket, property is Ballou Park on Main Street, Map 206 Lot 96.** Removal of a large bush and construction of a concrete foundation for a monument in the Riverfront Resource Area adjacent to Yokum Brook. Erosion controls will be installed and approved by the Conservation Agent prior to any work beginning. Any excavated material will be removed from the site the same day as the excavation.

Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Delpapa, to approve with standard conditions.

Unanimous approval.

Miscellaneous Items

- A.** Distribution of the 2014 Annual Report of the Greenwater Pond Association.
- B.** Signing of Certificates of Compliance for various projects that have been completed.
- C.** Review of several budget items, including 2016 MACC dues and Cons Comm share of the Becket Federated Church calendar subscription.
- D.** Circulation of the Western Mass Electric 2015 Yearly Operational Plan for vegetation management.

Motion by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. Winters to adjourn.

Unanimous approval.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Shepley Evans, Conservation Agent