

MINUTES
Becket Conservation Commission
Becket Town Hall, 557 Main Street
6:30 PM, March 19, 2015

Commissioners Present: Scott Morley, Chair; Cindy Delpapa; Alison Dixon;
Shepley Evans, Agent.

Commissioners Absent: Richard Pryor, Vice Chair; Karen Karlberg

Members of the Public: Alexander Thorp of Accord Engineering, Alan Strassler of Palmer Brook Corp.; Mercedes Gallagher; Scott Pudlo of John Goddard Builders, Inc.

Meeting opened at 6:39 PM with Mr. Morley presiding.

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of meeting of February 19, 2015**
Motion by Ms. Delpapa, seconded by Mr. Evans to accept the minutes of February 19, 2015 as distributed. Unanimous approval.

- 2. Request for Determination of Applicability – Timothy Maginnis R.S. for Mary Canty and Robert Linden, property at 209 & 211 East Shore Road, Map 211 Lots 107 & 108.** Construction of a new 4 bedroom house, a new well and part of a new septic system within the Buffer Zone of Center Pond. **Continued to April 16, 2015 at 6:30.**

- 3. Request for Determination of Applicability – Scott Pudlo of John Goddard Builders, Inc. for Glen & Kathy Zeh, property at 269 Old Pond Road, Map 210 Lot 50.** Construction of a new slab foundation, new siding and a new roof for an existing 10 ft. by 16 ft. shed in the Buffer Zone of Center Pond. The applicant is proposing to install a row of silt fence and straw filled staked wattles between the shed and the edge of the lake. The proposed project would include jacking up the existing shed; hand digging to prepare new slab floor area, compacting and laying down stone; pouring and leveling cement floor (brought in via wheelbarrow); installing new vinyl siding over existing exterior; stripping and reshingling roof and installing a new overhead door. **Motion by Ms. Delpapa , seconded by Mr. Morley, to issue a Negative Determination #3 with standard Becket Conditions and with special conditions that a tarp be laid down to receive old shingles and scrap vinyl siding with accumulated shingles & scrap to be removed from the site at the end of each work day. Unanimous approval.**

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- 4. Request for Determination of Applicability. Alexander Thorp of Accord Engineering for Palmer Brook Corp., property at 398 Plumb Road , Map 408 Lot 37. Continued from February 19, 2015.** Construction of up to 44 parking places; a gravel access roadway, a gravel pad and utilities, and periodic temporary facilities for social events. It was acknowledged that, while some of the gravel roadway and the pad will be in the 100 year flood area, there will be no change in grade, and thus, no compensatory flood storage issues. At the February meeting, there was discussion of possible erosion of the gravel roadway on a short section of steep slope. In response, the applicant proposed that the roadway be crowned to deflect run-off and that a 5 ft. wide by 1 ft. deep swale lined with six inch rip-rap along the upgrade side of the gravel access roadway be installed. Grass would be allowed to grow up in the swale. **Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Dixon to issue Negative Determination #3 with Standard Becket Conditions and the added condition that grass will be allowed to grow in the rip-rapped swale. Unanimous approval.**

Miscellaneous:

- A.** The Commission signed the Emergency Certification issued by the Conservation Agent on 2-26-2015, in the interest of public safety, to allow the removal and relocation of accumulated snow banks at the intersection of McNearny Road and Main Street to within 50 feet of Yokum Brook, across the road and behind the guard rail.
- B.** The Commission welcomed Alison Dixon, the most recently appointed new member of the Commission. Alison and her husband live on Wade Inn Road and she serves as the Berkshire Outreach Manager for the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) at their regional office in South Lee.

**Motion by Mr. Morley, seconded by Ms. Dixon to adjourn.
Unanimous approval.**

The Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shepley Evans, Conservation Agent