

**MINUTES**  
**Becket Conservation Commission**  
**Becket Town Hall, 557 Main Street**  
**6:30 PM, April 16, 2015**

**Commissioners Present:** Scott Morley, Chair; Alison Dixon; Karen Karlberg  
Shepley Evans, Agent.

**Commissioners Absent:** Richard Pryor, Vice Chair; Cindy Delpapa

**Members of the Public:** Benjamin Naylor of Berkshire Engineering; Timothy Maginnis;  
Paul Merrill of Center Pond Estates

**Meeting opened at 6:31 PM** with Mr. Morley presiding.

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of meeting of March 19, 2015**  
**Motion by Ms. Dixon, seconded by Ms. Karlberg to accept the minutes of March 19, 2015 as distributed. Unanimous approval.**
  
- 2. Request for Determination of Applicability – Timothy Maginnis R.S. for Mary Carty 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. Mr. Maginnis reviewed a revision to the plan whereby the house has been reduced in size and pulled farther back from the edge of the pond. The Commission had previously reviewed and permitted removal of some vegetation and establishment of erosion controls during proposed demolition of two small houses. **Motion by Ms. Karlberg, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to issue a Negative Determination #3 with Standard Becket Conditions. Unanimous approval.**

**Miscellaneous:**

- 1.** Mr. Evans reported that Commissioner Richard Pryor had announced that he would not be submitting his name for re-appointment when his term runs out in June.
  
- 2.** Ben Naylor of Berkshire Engineering presented photos of the damage to the shore of Lancelot Lake from Maid Marion Lane by a vehicle. The Commission asked him to consult with his client, the Sherwood Forest Road District, and return at the next meeting, May 21<sup>st</sup>, with proposals for restoration of the shoreline and some means to preclude other vehicles causing similar damage by driving off the road into the lake.

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3. The Commission discussed Mass General Law Chapter 44 Section 53G, which enables the Conservation Commission to require applicants to pay the cost of retaining third party consultants to advise the Commission on projects the Commission itself may not be fully qualified to evaluate. **Motion by Ms. Karlberg, seconded by Ms. Dixon to adopt the procedures of MGL Ch. 44 Sec.53G relating to the employment of outside consultants. Unanimous approval.**

**Motion by Ms. Karlberg, second by Ms. Dixon, to adjourn the meeting.  
Unanimous approval.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Shepley Evans  
Conservation Agent