

**MINUTES**  
**Becket Conservation Commission**  
**Becket Town Hall, 557 Main Street**  
**6:30 PM, May 21, 2015**

**Commissioners Present:** Richard Pryor, Vice Chairman; Alison Dixon; Cindy Delpapa; Shepley Evans, Agent.

**Commissioners Absent:** Scott Morley, Chairman; Karen Karlberg.

**Members of the Public:** Steve Turner of Camp Becket; Ann Smith; John & Janet Spatcher; Fred Sears of Hill

Lea Abiodun; Engineers; Dave Lenart of Lenart Consulting Services; Robert Ronzio;  
Howard Lerner; Elise Fitzsimmons of Sherwood Forest Road District;  
Jessica Arrowsmith; Benjamin Naylor of Berkshire Engineering.

**Meeting opened at 6:30 PM** with Vice-Chairman Pryor presiding.

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of meeting of April 16, 2015**  
**Motion by Ms. Delpapa, seconded by Ms. Dixon to accept the minutes of April 16, 2015 as distributed. Unanimous approval.**
- 2. Request for Determination of Applicability – Kenneth Smith, property at 1017 George Carter Road, Map 403 Lots 13 & 14.** Construction of a 30 ft. by 36 ft. pole barn for the purpose of supporting a solar array. There will be no excavation or stockpiling of soils. The barn will be built on a set of steel posts with helical screws at their bottoms that will be mechanically driven into the soil. There are four large trees at the edge of the already cleared site for the barn that will be dropped into the clearing, cut up and removed from the site. The applicant will return at a later date with a cutting and planting plan to create an opening for solar exposure for the solar panels. The plan will take into consideration the intermittent streams nearby and will be submitted for Commission approval. **Motion by Ms. Delpapa, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to issue a Negative Determination #3 with Standard Becket Conditions and a special condition that the four trees be dropped into the cleared area before the barn is erected. Unanimous approval.**
- 3. Request for Determination of Applicability – Hill Engineers for Herbert Simmons, property at 250 East Shore Road, Map 211 Lots 114 & 115.** Repairs to an existing residence and septic system, the majority of which are located within the outer buffer zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The Commission reviewed the plan with Fred

Sears of Hill Engineers. No special concerns. **Motion by Ms. Delpapa, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to issue a Negative Determination #3 with Standard Becket Conditions. Unanimous approval.**

4. **Request for Determination of Applicability - Lea and Rowland Abiodun, property at 302 Sherwood Drive, Map 215 Lot 201.** Constructing a four foot extension to the deck on the back of their lakeside cottage. There was a discussion of the possible benefits of using helical screwed Techposts (speed and minimal soil disturbance) and it was agreed that if more conventional poured concrete footings and piers are to be used, all excavation will be by hand digging, rather than with an excavation machine, in order to assure minimal soil disturbance between the house and the lake. **Motion by Ms. Delpapa, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to issue a Negative Determination #3 with Standard Becket Conditions & Special Condition requiring hand dug excavation for support piers. Unanimous approval.**
5. **Request for Determination of Applicability – White Engineering for Brehan Bruce-Cole, property at #6 Carter Road, Map 207 Lot 63.** Construction of a private drinking water well to serve an existing single family residence in the buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and the Inner Riparian Zone of Yokum Brook. This is the replacement water supply for an existing residence with a contaminated antique water supply. **Motion by Ms. Dixon, seconded by Ms. Delpapa, to issue a Negative Determination #2 with Standard Becket Conditions. Unanimous approval.**
6. **Request for a Certificate of Compliance – Lenart Consulting Services for the Crystal Pond Home Owners Association.** The project included repairs to the low level outlet from Chrystal Pond at the Chrystal Pond Dam, Map 413 Lot 75. Following a site visit, the Commission requested that the disturbed areas on the crest of the dam and the approaches to the dam from the parking area be seeded and monitored to assure getting grass re-established to avoid erosion. The Association is to report back in the fall of 2015 and the spring and fall of 2016 with photos and description of progress on revegetation. **Motion by Ms. Delpapa, seconded by Mr. Evans, to issue a Certificate of Compliance with provision for grass seeding and progress reports on revegetation in October 2015 and June and October 2016. Unanimous approval.**
7. **Enforcement Letter of April 24, 2015 to Eric Twining and Jessica Arrowsmith, property on King Richard Drive, Map 216 Lots 308, 310 and 311.** Cutting and/or clearing in the 200 foot riverfront resource area adjacent to the West Branch of Walker Brook. Ms. Arrowsmith reviewed her progress developing a plan to restore the cutting in the riverfront area and agreed to return with a more complete scheme at the next meeting on June 18, 2015.

- 8. Enforcement Letter of March 20, 2015 to the Sherwood Forest Road Management District. Alteration of wetlands on the shore of Lancelot Lake at Main Marion Lane.** Elise Fitzsimmons of the Sherwood Forest Road District reported on the re-establishment of a management structure for the district, and confirmed that the District would be hiring Berkshire Engineering to help develop a plan for the restoration of the damaged shoreline and prevention of similar damage in the future.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. Town of Wendell vs. Attorney General** – Regulation of Herbicides and Pesticides. The Commission read and discussed the landmark ruling by the Supreme Judicial Court overturning the adoption of a bylaw regulating the use of herbicides in Wendell, Mass.
- B. De Minimis plan modifications for Roadway Improvements, YMCA Camp Becket.** The Commission reviewed and approved minor changes to the Roadway Improvement plans for YMCA Camp Becket proposed by Berkshire Engineering.

**Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Delpapa, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Shepley Evans  
Conservation Agent