

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

Commissioners Present: Alison Dixon; Cindy Delpapa; Karen Karlberg; Shepley Evans, Agent.
Commissioners Absent: Scott Morley

Members of the Public: John & Sandra Sayward; Robert Ronzio; Vernice Cowell; Elise Fitzsimmons; Charles Andrews; Sadie Mecca; Ed Jekot; Ben Naylor of Berkshire Engineering; Emily Stockman of Stockman Associates; Howard Lerner; Ann & Ken Smith

Meeting opened at 6:34 PM with Shepley Evans presiding.

1. **Approval of the Minutes of meeting of June 18, 2015.**
Motion by Ms. Delpapa, seconded by Ms. Dixon to accept the minutes of June 18, 2015 as corrected. Unanimous approval.

2. **Notice of Intent – Berkshire Engineering for Sherwood Forest Road Maintenance District, property location Maid Marion Lane at Lancelot Lake, Map 217.** Repair the bank of Lancelot Lake to mitigate damage caused by a vehicle entering the lake. Installation of a row of +/- 3 foot diameter boulders along between Maid Marion Lane and Lancelot Lake to keep vehicles from entering the lake or reinjuring the bank. Boulders will be spaced about a foot apart. In addition a gap of four feet width will be left to allow residents to access the lake with their small boats (canoes and kayaks) at the western end of the road frontage. **Motion by Ms. Delpapa, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the revised plan as submitted with standard Becket conditions. Unanimous approval.**

3. **Notice of Intent – Emily Stockman of Stockman Associates LLC for Kenneth Smith, property at 1017 George Carter Road, Map 403 Lots 13 & 14.** Select cutting of six large trees on Bank and within Buffer Zone of intermittent streams to establish an opening in the overstory tree canopy to accommodate an array of solar panels. **Motion by Ms. Karlberg, seconded by Ms. Delpapa, to approve with standard Becket conditions and special conditions that (A) replacement low growing trees or shrubs to be 2ft. to 4ft. tall, (B) replacement trees to be monitored and replaced if necessary for three years following planting, and (C) the cutting is to be done in dry conditions in the late summer or fall or frozen conditions in the winter. Unanimous approval.**

4. **Request for Determination of Applicability – Emily Stockman of Stockman Associates LLC for Andrew Jackson, property at 1054 County Rd., Map 401 Lot 8.** Construction of a gravel driveway running in the Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The Commission requested that the applicant examine the possibility of

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establishing a broad vegetated swale on the upgrade side of the proposed driveway and eliminating cross culverts for stormwater. **Continued to August 20, 2015 at 6:30 PM.**

- 5. Request for Determination of Applicability – Chris Tryon of Berkshire Geo-Technologies for Daniel & Marina Canale-Parola, property at 337 Prince John Drive, Map 216 Lot 757.** Construction of a replacement septic system within the Buffer Zone of an Intermittent Stream. Following a site visit, the commission discussed the need for erosion controls during and after construction. **Motion by Ms. Delpapa, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to issue a Negative Determination #3 with standard Becket conditions and a special condition that erosion controls consisting of straw wattles and erosion control blankets be employed during construction and until the site is well stabilized. Unanimous approval.**
- 6. Request for an Amended Order of Conditions – Sherwood Forest Lake District, property at Little Robin Lake, Alan-a-Dale Drive, Map 216.** A two year extension of the term of the Order of Conditions, DEP#102-0383, to allow time to complete the “Little Robin Hood Lake Dam Repair Plan”. **Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Dixon to issue the two year extension as requested. Unanimous approval.**
- 7. Request for a second Amended Order of Conditions - Sherwood Forest Lake District, property at Little Robin Lake, Alan-a-Dale Drive, Map 216.** Following the Lake District’s receipt of a “notice of non-objection” from the Mass Office of Dam Safety, the Commission discussed the installation of a system of “Stop Logs” on the spillway of Little Robin Dam to raise the water level of the lake by four inches. It was decided that the best way to phase in the “stop logs” would be to install the steel brackets to hold the “stop logs” during the summer or early fall, and to install the “stop logs” themselves at the end of October 2015. This method would reduce the impact of reduced flow downstream of the dam spillway. **Motion by Ms. Delpapa, 2nd by Ms. Karlberg, to issue an amended Order of Conditions with the phased installation of the brackets and stop logs. Unanimous approval.**

Motion by Ms. Dixon, seconded by Ms. Delpapa, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shepley Evans
Conservation Agent