

MINUTES
Becket Conservation Commission
Becket Town Hall, 557 Main Street
6:30 PM, October 15, 2015

Commissioners Present: Richard Pryor; Cindy Delpapa; Shepley Evans, Agent.

Commissioners Absent: Alison Dixon; Karen Karlberg

Members of the Public: Emily Stockman of Stockman Associates; T.J.Crowe; Marc Volk of Foresight Land Services; Shannon Boomsma of White Engineering.

Meeting opened at 6:34 PM with Vice Chairman Richard Pryor presiding.

1. **Approval of the Minutes of meeting of September 17, 2015.**
Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Delpapa to accept the minutes of September 17, 2015. Unanimous approval.

2. **Response to enforcement letter of June 15, 2015** concerning possible wetlands violation on Crowe property on Werden Road, Map 205 Lot 88. Emily Stockman of Stockman Associates for T.J.Crowe. Ms. Stockman presented the results of her investigation to date and her plan for completing the investigation of the site area under the trap rock and gravel followed by a restoration plan for the wetland area based upon the final results of her investigation. **Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Delpapa to issue an enforcement order including Ms. Stockman's site description and restoration action plan. Unanimous approval.**

3. **Response to enforcement letter of July 13, 2015** concerning grading work in the R.O.W. of Jacob's Hollow Road and on abutting land at 258 Jacob's Hollow Road. Marc Volk of Foresight Land Services on behalf of the Jacob's Hollow Association presented a temporary fix to be installed as soon as possible including straw wattles to be placed as check dams about 40 feet apart in the swale on the north side of the road, straw bale(s) to be staked between the two large boulders adjacent to the +/- 50 square foot area of sediment deposit, straw wattles to be placed around the perimeter of the sediment deposit and the removal by shovel of approximately 50 SF of sand and gravel sediment +/- 4" deep. Mr. Volk presented a more permanent and more complete mitigation plan which he suggested should be constructed in the spring of 2016. **Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Delpapa that an enforcement order be issued mandating that the temporary fix be installed ASAP, that the Association insure that the straw bales and wattles be inspected regularly, that any sediment which accumulates at the bales or wattles should be removed after any ½ inch rain event in a 24 hour period and that the Association should keep a log of inspections and sediment removals. Finally, that the Association must file a Notice of Intent for the more permanent mitigations to be completed in the spring of 2016 and for all planned road maintenance work that would impact jurisdictional wetland resource areas. Unanimous approval.**

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4. **Request for Determination of Applicability** – Leonard Churnetski , property at 41 Lancelot Lane, Map 217 Lot 79. An old foundation in the Buffer Zone of Lancelot Lake will be excavated around, knocking down the walls, covering with soil and graded and seeded to stabilize the site. At a site visit, the commission had seen erosion controls encircling the foundation. **Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Delpapa, to issue a Negative Determination #3 with standard Becket conditions. Unanimous approval.**

5. **Request for Determination of Applicability** – Shannon Boomsma for Avigdor Konig, property at 33 Lady Lucille, Map 215 Lots 181 & 182. Removal of nine trees in the buffer zone of Robin Hood Lake between the house and the water. **Motion by Ms. Delpapa, seconded by Mr. Evans, that the applicant add a five foot wide strip of native shrubs, grasses and flowers along the shore line as replacement vegetation and to issue a Negative Determination #3 with standard Becket conditions. Unanimous approval.**

6. **Request for Determination of Applicability** – Shannon Boomsma of White Engineering for Andrew Cortez-Greig, property at 208 Sherwood Drive, Map 216 Lot 410. Working in the Buffer Zone of Robin Hood Lake, activities will include grading soil in the outer 50 ft. associated with a septic upgrade; removal of two small saplings and placement of a gazebo on a bed of stone in an existing clearing; and replacement of a one to two foot high concrete and block retaining wall 18 feet from the edge of the lake with a new dry laid Goshen Stone retaining wall.. **Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Delpapa, to issue a Negative Determination #3 with standard Becket conditions. Unanimous approval.**

Miscellaneous

- Mr. Evans announced that there would be a free workshop on Forestry and the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations on October 29th at the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission meeting room. Presenters would be Mark Stinson, the Western Mass DEP Circuit Rider, and Tom Ryan, the DCR Service Forester covering southern Berkshire County.

- There was a brief discussion of possible changes in Conservation Commission meeting dates. Mr. Evans will check on meeting room and absent members' availabilities.

**Motion by Ms. Delpapa, seconded by Mr. Evans, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval.
The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Shepley Evans
Conservation Agent