

Town of Becket Conservation Commission 27 November, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Commissioners in Attendance: Alison Dixon (Chair), Barbara Brand, Cindy Delpapa

Commissioner not in Attendance: Karen Karlberg, Agent Stacy Parsons

Members of the public: Mary Stucklen, Gary Danko, Shannon Boomsma

Chair Dixon called the 27 November, 2018 Becket Conservation Commission meeting to order at 6:34 PM, read the meeting guidelines, introduced the Commissioners, requested members of the audience to sign in and asked if anyone present was recording the meeting. No one was recording the meeting.

Public input and comment for items not on the Agenda. Gary Danko, contractor, wished to discuss the repair of two decks and rebuilding two decks within the buffer zone of Center Pond on Old Pond Road/Shorelands. The house extends almost to the side property lines of the 100 foot by 100 foot lot negating machinery accessing the work area. All work will be done by hand. The two decks require only cosmetic work- replacing floor boards and railings- while the other decks need to be rebuilt. G Danko would like to dismantle the decking before winter and replace the boards if weather permits. All old material will be removed from the site. An abbreviated NOI will be filed prior to the work on the decks. Commission will send a letter confirming the deck repair can move forward (address 54 Otis Road, Becket). Commission requested notification of the work being completed or if delayed to spring because of weather.

a. Informational meeting with Rob Gordon, 2588 Main Street (Map 208, Lot 9). A letter was received from R Gordon requesting an invitation to to the meeting. R Gordon or a representative was not in attendance. Agent Parson did some research and reported to R Gordon there were two closed filings on his property and the property is still in the floodplain.

b. Information meeting (sic) Mark Rosenman, 402 Alan A Dale Drive (Map 216, Lot 466D) regarding proposal for an addition. M Rosenman or a representative was not in attendance.

Continuing Business:

Review of rain garden proposed for 3805 Jacobs Ladder Road, Henry property, Map 201, Lot 17, DEP file number 102-0425. S Boomsma, representing the owner, explained the plan for the rain garden. Because of the proximity to the lake, excavation will be capped at six inches and the rain garden will be planted with gray birch. After some discussion about the proposed vegetation will thrive in the wet conditions Commission requested six hydrophilic native shrubs, (e.g. winterberry, elderberry and bunchberry) be used instead. S Boomsma will send an updated plan with the alternative native shrubs.

A **Notice of Intent Application** submitted by Michael Tosch (DEP File #102-0439) for a stream crossing replacement on Beaver Brook Road, Map 204, Lot 42. S Boomsma, representing the applicant, reported all abutters were properly notified and materials sent to the Conservation Agent. The owner has opted to install 48 inch diameter culvert, of the same length as existing pipe, embedded one foot below grade. The owner's lawyer is still working on the possibility of establishing a homeowner's association to help share the cost of implementation. The owner requested the current road and vegetation maintenance program be allowed to continue. There are time of year restrictions per MA Natural Heritage Program requirements to prevent impacts to the listed species; work allowed only from October 1st through March 1st. Motion made to issue an Order of Conditions for MA DEP file number 102-0439 for a stream crossing replacement at Beaver Brook Road with additional conditions: ongoing maintenance allowed as stated in the October

15, 2018 letter; Becket Standard Conditions; work will be done during the window permitted but the MA Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program of October 1st to March 1st; straw bales will be installed as shown on the plan prior to work beginning; and there will be no stockpiling of excavate at the site, (Brand/Delpapa). MSV. S Boomsma requested the paperwork be sent to her to file with the registry of deeds.

New Business:

A Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 31 Rosner Lane (Map 210, Lot 26), DEP file number 102-0426. Order of Conditions was issued October 20, 2017 for landscaping work within the buffer zone. Agent Parson inspected the site and found everything in order. Motion made to issue a complete Certificate of Compliance for DEP file number 102-0426 for landscaping work at 31 Rosner Lane, (Brand/Delpapa). MSV.

Ratification of Emergency Permit for the Becket General Store (Map 207, Lot 66) for the repair of a septic system pipe. The Becket Board of Health approved the emergency permit. Motion made to ratify the Emergency Permit for the repair of a septic system pipe at the Becket General Store (Map 207. Lot 66), (Brand/Delpapa). MSV.

Additional Continuing Business,

A Notice of Intent Application submitted by the Town of Becket for construction of a UV water treatment system including an 8' x 10' precast building to house (sic) public water system treated equipment and modification of existing water pipes at the Route 20/Chester Road Becket Spring (Map 417, Lot 1900). No one in attendance to speak for this project. Motion to continue this hearing to the December 18, 2018 Becket Conservation Commission Meeting, (Brand/Delpapa). MSV.

A review of the enforcement Order for S. Prum, 80 Beaver Brook Road regarding the unpermitted clearing in a resource area and buffer zone. Agent Parson was not in attendance but she did meet with the owner's representative at the site. The agreed to course of action was to allow vegetation to regrow and to remove the water chestnut.

Additional Items

Review and approval of the September and October meeting minutes. Motion to approve the 25 September, 2018 meeting minutes, (Brand/Delpapa). MSV. Motion to approve the 23 October, 2018 meeting minutes, (Brand/Delpapa). MSV.

Review and approval of FY20 budget. Chair Dixon explained the budget as drafted. She also met with the town administrator to share the budget and he expressed support. The budget is modestly higher than the approved FY19 budget. Chair Dixon will research what is allowable to be funded by the Wetland Fund. Motion to approve the FY20 as presented, (Brand/Delpapa). MSV.

Review and discussion of the annual report. Chair Dixon will be drafting the annual report soon. She will ask to be on the Selectboard agenda. A draft tribute for Mercedes Gallagher was sent via email and it would be nice to find out how many years Mercedes was on the Commission. Town clerk may be able to help.

Received notice of Planning Board meeting on 12/12 regarding 3425 Main Street for construction of a fence along the property line with 3417 Main Street.

Conservation Commission vacancies. Chair Dixon talked with S Morley recently and may consider returning to the Commission.

Motion made to adjourn the 27 November, 2018 Becket Conservation Commission, (Brand/Delpapa). MSV. Chair Dixon adjourned the meeting at 7:5 PM.

Action Items:

- 1.** Letter to G Danko to allow rehabilitation of decks at Old Pond Road property.
- 2.** Order of Conditions to S Boomsma for Beaver Brook Road stream crossing.
- 3.** Chair Dixon will draft annual report and meet with Selectboard.
- 4.** C Delpapa will check with Town Clerk about the number of years M Gallagher served on the Commission.