

## Town of Becket Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Becket Conservation Commission (BCC) Meeting was held at the Becket Town Hall in compliance with the MA hybrid open meeting laws allowing applicants, contractors, and consultants to participate in person, virtually, or by audio.

Commissioners in Attendance: Chair David Johnson, Jim Schaefer, Doug Bessone, Henry Scarpo, Hank Hagenah, and Nic Pietroniro Conservation Agent

Commissioners participating virtually: Chris Clapper

Commissioners Not in attendance: John Verity

Others in Attendance: Michael Parsons, Al Blake, Ken Smith, Morgan Proko

Others participating virtually: none

The Chair called the December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. having a quorum of six (6) Commissioners and indicated the meeting is being recorded. The chair emphasized that the meeting agenda included introduction comments that wouldn't be read and that it is the responsibility of each applicant and all others in attendance to review.

The Chair opened the meeting for public comment for items not on the agenda. Not hearing any comments, it was closed for public comment.

### New Business:

- 1. Request for a Determination of Applicability:** Submitted by Klye Bailey for work associated with the replacement of an existing septic tank at 1034 Benton Hill Road (Map 207, Lot 76).

Issues: erosion controls

Motion: to approve a Negative 3 Determination for work in the Bufferzone by Jim, seconded by Hank, carried unanimously 6-0-0

Order of Conditions:

- a. straw waddles along the side of the stream
- b. disturbed dirt area to be reseeded and covered hay

### Continuing Business:

- 2. Request for an Amendment to an Order of Conditions:** Submitted by the Sherwood Forest Like District to amend the OOC issued under MASSDEP#102-0420 to allow for management of cattails (*Typha* spp.)

Issues: Commission didn't feel there was sufficient information to make an informed decision about removing any of the cattails and questioned the impact on the resource area

Motion: to issue a positive Determination for work in the Bufferzone by Jim, seconded by Hank, carried by unanimously 6-0-0.

Note: the applicant will need to file Notice of Intent with supporting documentation for any further consideration by the Commission.

- 3. Enforcement Order:** Issued to Eric Dorn and Mary Jean for unpermitted activity in protected resource areas. Work includes the placement of fill and two culvert pipes to create a passageway for vehicles within a BVW at 442 County Road (Map 409, Lot 18.5).

Issues: Property owners did not attend the meeting

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Motion for a continuance to the 01/23/2024 BCC meeting by Hank, seconded by Jim, carried unanimously 6-0-0

- 4. Enforcement Order:** Issued to Sean Rilla for unpermitted work within the Bank of an intermittent stream and violations to an open Order of Conditions under MassDEP# 102-0473 at 659 Leonhardt Road (Map 208, Lot 24).

Issues: Property owners did not attend the meeting and respond to the conditions set forth in the enforcement order

Motion for a continuance to the 01/23/2024 BCC meeting by Hank, seconded by Jim, carried unanimously 6-0-0

OOCs

- a. Secure the bottom of the perimeter erosion control fencing
- b. Remove the bridge that is crossing the stream
- c. Remove the concrete sediment from the equipment washing
- d. attend the BBC scheduled meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup>

Ken Smith – describe reason for his visit

**Minutes Approved: none**

**Next regular scheduled meeting:** Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Community Room.

**Motion for Adjournment** – motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm carried unanimously 6-0-0

Prepared by Dave Johnson, BCC Chair, 12/28/2023