

Minutes
Lee Conservation Commission
Town Hall 32 Main Street Courtroom/Meeting Room
July 15, 2020

Commissioners Present: Kathy Arment, Chair; John Philpott

Commissioners Absent: John Coty, Jr.; Stu Dalheim; Marilyn Hansen; James Wickham

Members of the Public Present: Tom Farley, Farley Landscaping

Goose Pond Tom Farley Presentation of a future project on Goose Pond involving stairs/ramp to the pond and cutting of trees Mr. Farley presented 3 options for the project. No matter which one is accepted, 10 trees will need to be removed. Wheelchair accessibility to the pond needed. Two of options are off the table as there is the probability of erosion with heavy rainfall. Because of the location, the amount of tree cutting, and the fact that it is a sensitive location, a Notice of Intent (NOI) will need to be filed. The deadline for filing is July 22, 2020 for the hearing on August 5, 2020.

A short discussion was had dealing with some of the items that would need to be addressed in the NOI. These included the impact of the removal of the trees; the type of plantings to be done—their size, the canopy, etc.; the machinery that would be used to remove the trees and take them off the property. Abutter comments are needed.

Motion by Ms. Arment to carry this forward to the August 5, 2020 meeting. Second by Mr. Philpott. Unanimous decision.

An email was received from David Cohen dated July 6, 2020 about some floating structures attached to moorings with GPYU on them. These structures have no lights, etc. and he is concerned about boat safety. The Environmental Police will need to deal with this as the town of Becket has no harbor master. A letter will be sent to Mr. Cohen informing him of this and giving the Environmental Police contact information. (The Commission has consulted with DEP about the situation.)

As there was no quorum, the minutes will be put on the agenda for approval next month.

Ms. Hansen and Ms. Arment both noted work was being done on Bradley Street.

It appears that there is no Order of Conditions on file for the work and it is near the river and by the cove. Ms. Arment has sent out emails to those in charge of the work.

Discussion on whether the next meeting will be in town hall or will be via “zoom”. Because there will be at least 2 hearings on the agenda, it is most likely going to be via “zoom”.

Discussion on the request for an Eagle Scout project. The Commission has no project at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 7: 45 pm.