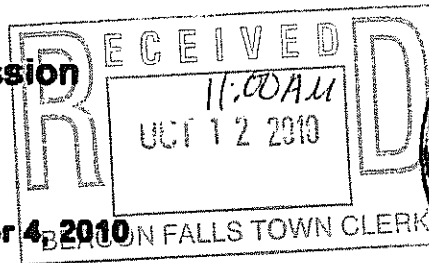


Beacon Falls Conservation Commission
10 Maple Ave
Beacon Falls, CT 06403



Meeting Minutes, October 4, 2010

Chair Betkoski called the regular monthly meeting of the Beacon Falls Conservation Commission to order at 7:35 p.m.

Present: Chair D. Betkoski, Vice Chair A. Goerig, Commissioners: J. Goerig, C. Bielik and W. Chellis.

Absent: Commissioner: C. Yanarella.

Minutes of July

Motion was made by Commissioner Goerig and seconded by Commissioner Goerig to approve the minutes of July as submitted.

Discussion: None Vote: 4 In favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

Public Comment – none

Correspondence

Commissioner Chellis noted the following correspondence:

P&Z Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes of 9/16/10.

October 21, 2010 – Naugatuck River Greenway Meeting Notice

Memo from S. Cable re: Clerks increase in salary

Minutes Sept. 13th Special Meeting re: Land Ordinance

Storm water Management

Chair Betkoski noted that she has a list that shows the outstanding storm drains which need to be marked. She will be contacting persons still interested in assisting to continue marking the storm drains.

Outreach

Vice Chair Goerig noted the Naugatuck Greenway presentation which will be held on October 21st at the Senior Center at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Bielik entered the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Vice Chair Goerig noted that the greenway is mapped out and the engineering study is completed. Money is needed to get it done. There are three segments to the project, explaining which segment is the most important to get done.

Vice Chair Goerig noted she received from UConn information concerning a workshop regarding Invasive Plants to be held on Thursday, October 14th from 8 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. at UConn Storrs. Chair Betkoski noted that there are invasive plants around the town which are getting worse and there is no plan to deal with them.

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Vice Chair Goerig asked if anything was going to be done regarding Joe Mylen and the Boy Scouts concerning the drain marking program. She will follow up with Joe Mylen.

Chair Betkoski noted she received a call from the Lions Club to attend one of their meetings to speak concerning conservation. Chair Betkoski and Vice Chair Goerig will be speaking at their November 9th meeting at the Senior Center.

Chair Betkoski received a call from the President of the Beacon Falls Senior Center concerning a booth at the Duck Race this past weekend and the purchase of conservation dog tags. She will research how many tags are available and mentioned that there are plenty of green conservation bags which are available.

Natural Resource Inventory Program

Commissioner Chellis noted a subcommittee has been set up. He and Commissioners Goerig and Bielik reviewed the material he has been compiling. Commissioner Goerig included information from Tony Domonski which was compiled for the Town of Weston. Commissioner Chellis explained the information for the Town of Weston can be used as a template for the information compiled for the Town of Beacon Falls. A date will be arranged to meet to develop a document for the Town of Beacon Falls which when completed will be put on line. A hard copy will be filed at the Town Hall, Library, High School, Laurel Ledge and Long River. Chair Betkoski mentioned grants for funding.

Open Space Management

Chair Betkoski stated there is a drawing of the Lantern Ridge Parking Plan. The plan shows a 15 foot x 70 foot easement leading to a 40 foot x 80 foot parking area which will accommodate 8-10 parking spaces. About 14 boulders will be placed to prevent passage of RVs and vehicles and there will be a second gate which will be locked at the far entrance. There is a question as to who will be controlling the gate? Chair Betkoski stated probably Parks & Rec. Sue Cable and other selectmen will be informed what has been done to date regarding the drafting of the plans. An official wetlands application has to be completed with Dave Keating, Wetlands Enforcement Officer. On Wednesday, October 13th, Chair Betkoski will be attending the IWWC meeting to get approval for the plan. Vice Chair Goerig will meet with Dave Keating. Maps and plans will be given to Dave Keating for review. There is a question as to who will be doing the work.

Vice Chairman Goerig stated that she feels that the Conservation Commission does a lot of the leg work for Park & Rec. Chair Betkoski stated that it has been recognized. Vice Chairman Goerig's concern is if they get more responsibility and are not stepping up to the plate for the basic things which need to get done, why give them more responsibility. Chair Betkoski feels this is a discussion for the Land Use Committee. There is no representation from Parks & Rec at meetings and follow through is not being noted.

Chair Betkoski noted:

The ERT is waiting for the forestry report.

The Martin Property agreement is in place.

At 7 p.m. on October 12th there will be a Special Town Meeting re: Land Use Ordinance.

She spoke with a representative from the US Fisheries regarding the Riverbend Project - \$100,000 is available. The paperwork is still to be done and has been sent to Brian Miller, Town

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Planner. Again, whose responsibility is it? She will get clarification. Discussion was held as to what will be done with any funds received.

Land Use Committee Update – no meeting as there was no quorum

Education

CACIWAC – Saturday November 13th.

Payment of Bills

August meeting bill submitted for \$22.50

M. Kempa – September bill

Motion was made by Vice Chair Goerig and seconded by Commissioner Chellis to approve the bill as submitted.

Discussion: None Vote: 5 In favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

Tally of Hours

Discussion was held concerning the logging of hours for commissioners on the spreadsheet.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bielik and seconded by Vice Chair Goerig to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maryann Kempa, Clerk

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