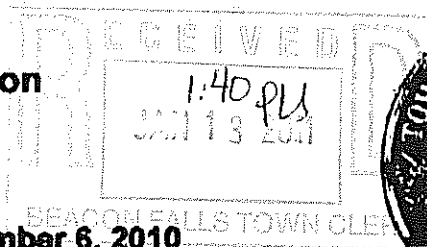


Beacon Falls Conservation Commission
10 Maple Ave
Beacon Falls, CT 06403



REVISED Meeting Minutes, December 6, 2010

Chair Betkoski called the regular monthly meeting of the Beacon Falls Conservation Commission to order at 7:40 p.m.

Present: Chair D. Betkoski, Vice Chair A. Goerig, Commissioners: J. Goerig, C. Bielik and W. Chellis (8:20 p.m.).

Also Present: E. Groth and Melissa Leonard, Naugatuck Land Trust.

Absent: Commissioner: C. Yanarella.

Minutes of November

Motion was made by Commissioner Bielik and seconded by Commissioner Goerig to approve the minutes of November as amended.

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

Correspondence – none

Public Comment

Chair Betkoski welcomed Mr. Groth to the meeting. Chair Betkoski also welcome Melissa Leonard of the Naugatuck Land Trust to the meeting. Mr. Groth inquired about the Land Use Ordinance. Chair Betkoski explained to Mr. Groth that the Town is covered for liability in terms of its property. This past year a Land Use Committee was formed which is represented by members of each of the board and/or commissions. The Conservation Commission has been asked to begin manage open space as designated by the Land Use Committee. The Conservation Commission was asked to manage Lantern Ridge and the Bonna Street parcel as of December 2009. Liability has been addressed associated with these open space property. This open space is yet to be marked and determined the usage. The Town Land Use Attorney Steven Byrne was consulted. He has encouraged the Conservation Commission to propose a land use ordinance for the Town. The proposed ordinance is ready to move forward for a vote.

Vice Chair Goerig stated that Lantern Ridge was visited in June 2010 by an ERT who will submit a complete report on the property for use in determining usage.

Storm water Management

Chair Betkoski noted that since the last meeting she has worked with individuals to continue the drain marking. Ninety percent of the drains are marked. The remainder will be done in the spring. The seals do not adhere to the drains if it is below 50 degrees. Beacon Falls is one of the town's in the State that has moved this along so far. The boy scouts have been working on the drain marking.

Outreach

Vice Chair Goerig was contacted by Mayor Mezzo of the Town of Naugatuck who is looking to form a Conservation Commission in Naugatuck and has passed along Rich Minnick's name. Melissa Leonard from the Naugatuck Land Trust was invited to this meeting to observe. She is a strong advocate for the Conservation Commission to be formed in the Town of Naugatuck. Ms. Leonard referred Mayor Mezzo to Vice Chair Goerig.

Vice Chair Goerig noted that the Beacon Falls Conservation Commission website is updated and information is available.

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Chair Betkoski mentioned the presentation herself and Vice Chair Goerig gave to the Lion's Club at their November meeting.

Vice Chair Goerig noted that she would like to have a Community Forum in 2011 and publish the Newsletter Conserv in the late Spring.

Natural Resource Inventory Program

Commissioner Bielik noted that the subcommittee met in November. The subcommittee is developing a plan for the Natural Resource Inventory. Commission Chellis has developed a data base. The subcommittee has received samples from other Towns. Commissioner Goerig stated they are using the Town of Weston's Natural Resource Inventory for an outline for the Beacon Falls Natural Resource Inventory. The Beacon Falls Natural Resource Inventory document will be a living document.

Open Space Management

Chair Betkoski stated that the Conservation Commission is managing two parcels. The ERT report has been received. The forestry report has not been received for Lantern Ridge. Ninety percent of the modifications have been made to the entrance of the Lantern Ridge Property. Thank you notes have been sent to volunteers: Jeff, John and Tony Smith, Charlie Edwards, Brian Swan and Steve Knapik.

Land Use Committee Update**Plan of Conservation and Development Update**

The December meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2011.

Open Space Ordinance

Chair Betkoski noted that an ordinance has been reviewed by Atty. Byrne. Atty. Byrne supports the Town moving forward with an ordinance. The proposed ordinance will be brought to next week's Selectmen's meeting. Then a Town meeting will be scheduled for vote.

Riverband Project

Chair Betkoski stated they are waiting for authorization as to what commission is going to continue with this project. Chair Betkoski met with Brian Miller and Manny Gomes.

Discussion was held as to how obtain grants. What is the process to be followed?

Annual Report

Chair Betkoski stated the Commission is required to submit an annual report to the Board of Selectmen. Her report will include: Commission's goals, fiscal performance, sharing volume statistics (number of conservation meetings, miscellaneous meetings, public hearing – land use ordinance, plan of conservation and development meetings, greenway event, educational conferences attended and volunteer hours).

Payment of Bills

M. Kempa

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

Discussion: None

Vote: 5 in favor

Abstained: 0

Opposed: 0

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Motion was made by Vice Chair Goerig and seconded by Commissioner Chellis to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Maryann Kempa, Clerk

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