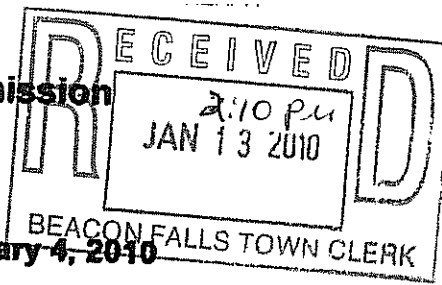


**Beacon Falls Conservation Commission**  
**10 Maple Ave**  
**Beacon Falls, CT 06403**



**Meeting Minutes, January 4, 2010**

Chair Diane 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. Parzuchowski, Commissioners: J. Mylen and W. Chellis.

Absent: Commissioner Christian Yanarella

Also Present: Rich Minnick

#### **Minutes of December**

**Motion was made by Vice Chairman Parzuchowski and seconded by Commissioner Chellis to approve the minutes of December with noted changes.**

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

Commissioner Mylen also noted that as he is also on the Energy Review Commission he will keep the board posted of any matters of interest to this Commission.

The Chair and Commission members welcomed Jeffrey Goerig as a member of the Conservation Commission.

#### **Correspondence**

Commissioner Mylen noted that the following correspondence has been received:

1. IWWC Minutes for December
2. Planning and Zoning Minutes
3. Letter from Byrne & Byrne concerning increase in fees.
4. Letter from Byrne & Bryne concerning Open Space Ordinance
5. Letters from First Selectman re: appointment of J. Goerig, and reappointments of A. Parzuchowski and W. Chellis
6. Letter from First Selectman re: 2010-2011 Budget due by 1/29/2010
7. Hand Out of NVCC Courses
8. Letter from First Selectman re: Educational Information

Discussion was held concerning Land Use Seminars and Training – Conducting Effective Municipal Meetings. Chair Betkoski and Vice Chair Parzuchowski will be attending this Seminar on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Therefore, the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting Conservation Commission Meeting will be cancelled.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Mylen and seconded by Commissioner Chellis to cancel the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting so members can attend the training session regarding Conducting Effective Municipal Meetings.**

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

**A Special Meeting will be held on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**

#### **Public Comment**

Rich Minnick came before the Commission to discuss current open space properties. Rich stated that the Lantern Ridge/Holt McCord property marking has been started and needs to be continued. The markers are in the filing cabinet and the rods are in the Town Garage. Rich submitted drawings from O&G Industries the pond closure and the greenway trail. Rich stated he met with Sam Gold, COG. The greenway trail was walked and suggestions have been made.

Rich Minnick discussed the Lantern Ridge open space. A GPS was used to record the areas currently done and have been submitted to COG. Parcel mapping needs to be continued. Rich stated he would like the Town Engineer involved in the marking and is asking for this Commission's permission. There are two accesses to this open space; one for storm water drainage and the other is a Conservation easement. Rich submitted the open space inventory to the Commission.

First Selectman Susan Cable entered the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Rich mentioned that the Town's parcel mapping is on the COG website. The Town Engineer received the digitized CD of the parcel mapping. Rich explained the open space parcels and their accesses to each other. Rich submitted to the Commission a copy of the existing zoning map. Rich also mentioned that Mike Horbal volunteered to go out with the Commission members to help identify and mark parcels. Rich suggested that the Lantern Ridge piece be marked first and then Smith parcel.

Rich mentioned there is \$800 available for this Commission to do a study. There are areas on the parcels where trees need to be cut down. The landfill property across from Oakwood Estates was discussed. The wetlands markers should still be on the trees there. Chair Betkoski stated she would want Rich to be involved with the marking of the parcels. The first step is to mark the boundaries and continue with the checklist. Also, to determine the type of activity that would be permitted. A draft ordinance has been submitted to the Commission by Atty. Steven Byrne.

First Selectman Susan Cable left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Rich stated it is his understanding that the Plan for Conservation and Development will be turned over to the Land Use Commission, but any final decisions will be made by the P&Z.

The land swap (MJJ Properties) is ongoing and has to be approved by all the Land Use Boards. Plans must be completed for Kings Mark to do a study.

### **Storm water Management**

Commissioner Mylen noted that there will be no activity for the winter. The program will resume in March or April. The storm drain marking is 80% complete.

### **Outreach**

Commissioner Mylen will forward information concerning the storm water program to Vice Chair Parzuchowski.

Selectman Mike Krensky entered the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Discussion was held concerning the scheduling of a Special Meeting for February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

### **Natural Resource Inventory Program**

Commissioner Chellis stated that once the report is completed, it will be presented to the Commission.

### **Land Use Committee Update**

Chair Betkoski noted that no other meetings will be held until further notice.

**Membership**

Jeff Goerig was sworn in by First Selectman Susan Cable as a member of the Conservation Commission. Chair Betkoski noted that one more member is needed.

Commissioner Mylen left the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

**2010 Goals and Objectives**

Chair Betkoski noted that the Goals were emailed to each member. Changes were discussed and will be made and a revised copy will be emailed to each member.

**Regional Greenway (discussion how it ties into our agenda)**

Nothing to discuss currently.

**Classes and Workshops 2010**

Chair Betkoski and Vice Chair Parzuchowski will attend training sessions on February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Events: Community Presentations 2010**

Nothing to discuss currently.

**Open Space Ordinance**

Draft ordinance has been received from Atty. Steven Byrne and will be reviewed by the Commission. A copy of the draft is in the file. Atty. Bryne will attend next month's meeting.

**Ideas for Article (CONSERV)**

Nothing to discuss

**Payment of Bills**

M. Kempa - \$80.50

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

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

**Motion was made by Vice Chair Parzuchowski and seconded by Commissioner Goerig to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Kempa, Clerk