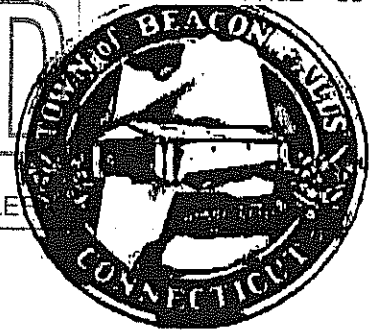
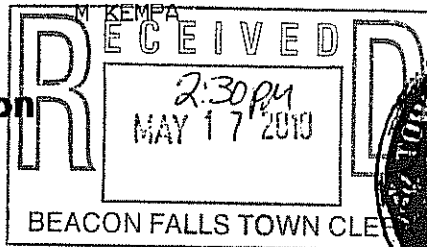


Beacon Falls Conservation Commission
10 Maple Ave
Beacon Falls, CT 06403



Meeting Minutes, May 3, 2010

Chair Diane Betkoski called the regular monthly meeting of the Beacon Falls Conservation Commission to order at 7:36 p.m.

Present: Chair D. Betkoski, Vice Chair A. Goerig, Commissioners: J. Mylen, J. Goerig, Chris Bielk and W. Chellis.

Absent: Commissioner: Christian Yanarella.

Also: Public (3)

Minutes of March

Motion was made by Commissioner Goerig and seconded by Commissioner Bielk to approve the minutes of April with the following modifications:

Outreach – Vice Chair received all copy, designed and printed Conserv and has been mailed. Vice Chair forwarded Greenway map to Commissioner Yanarella.

Page 2 – Discussion was held concerning the Regulations for Fats, Oil and Grease.

Land Use Committee Update – Land Use Committee is serving as an advisory committee and working with Brian Miller the Town Planner.

Vote: 5 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

Correspondence

Commissioner Mylen noted the following correspondence:

Town Lands Management Ordinance dated May 2010

IWWC Minutes

Letter was received from Selectmen regarding bathrooms key in designated area.

The current officers of the Conservation Commission will stay as is.

The ordinance has been forwarded to the First Selectman.

Storm water Management

Commissioner Mylen stated that the storm drain marking program is 90% complete. He will review what materials are available and designated areas are to be done.

Chair Betkoski explained to R. Kunz member of the public that the ordinance is for open space concerning the town's liability.

Outreach

Conserv Newsletter has been mailed. Vice Chair Goerig submitted a meeting schedule to the local newspaper. A storm drain marker program press release will be compiled. The website has been updated with the exception of Regional Greenway. Links need to be done to Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments. Photos are on the website of the property marking on Lantern Ridge. Twenty per cent of the marking is done. Also check lists are done for Lantern Ridge. The checklists will be compiled into one report. Vice Chair Goerig suggested the Boy Scouts being involved in the marking of the Lantern Ridge property.

It was mentioned that the river race is next week. Commissioner Mylen suggested that the Commission obtain tee shirts representing the Conservation Commission to wear at community events. It was mentioned to possibly include the fees for the shirts in next year's budget. Vice Chair Goerig stated she was under budget for the mailing of the Conserv.

Natural Resource Inventory Program

Commissioner Chellis stated he would like to review the checklists for the Lantern Ridge property. The Boy Scouts could be utilized to identify plants and animal markings in this area. It was suggested coordinating with the Town of Seymour. The property has been surveyed by Mike Horbal. Chair Betkoski stated the process can be started of compiling the data. There is more area to be walked. Commissioner Mylen feels the information should stay within the Commission until it is completed. A description of the property should be put at the entrance of the property. Vice Chair Betkoski stated that Rich Minnick will be in contact with Jim Galligan, Town Engineer regarding the parking area. The Town crew has been clearing the area.

Commissioner Chellis mentioned making an area of the open space at Oakwood Estates a star gazing area. He will be contacting Rich Minnick. Chair Betkoski stated that a review of Oakwood Estates would have to be done. Chair Betkoski feels that the focus should currently be on Lantern Ridge and Smith Farms open space. A follow up will be done concerning Oakwood Estates open space. May 22nd is being considered for the next marking of the Lantern Ridge open space. Chair Betkoski will contact Rich Minnick. Vice Chair Goerig will do a press release when a date is confirmed. Also Chair Betkoski will get an update from Rich Minnick concerning the Smith Farms open space. A GPS is needed. Rich Minnick may possibly have a GPS to use.

Vice Chair Goerig mentioned that the bench honoring Ed Jurzynski has been installed at Toby's Pond. It is base of the boat launch.

Chair Betkoski stated she will be contacting Mike Horbal regarding the Riverbend Property. Trout Unlimited has done some work there.

Land Use Committee Update

A Public Meeting will be held on May 26th at the Senior Center.

Membership - Nothing to report. This matter will be kept on the agenda.

2010 Goals and Objectives – committee reports.

Regional Greenway – previously discussed.

Classes and Workshops 2010

No classes or workshops currently. Commissioners Goerig and Bielik will attend classes when available.

Events: Community Presentations 2010 – nothing

Open Space Ordinance

The proposed ordinance has been forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

Payment of Bills

M. Kempa

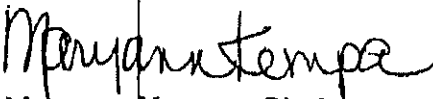
Motion was made by Vice Chair Goerig and seconded by Commissioner Chellis to approve the bill as submitted.

Discussion: None Vote: 6 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

Next meeting – June 7th.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Goerig and seconded by Commissioner Chellis to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maryann Kempa, Clerk