



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

**Meeting Minutes, June 7, 2010**

Chair Diane Betkoski called the regular monthly meeting of the Beacon Falls Conservation Commission to order at 7:43 pm (late due to being locked out)

Present: Chair D. Betkoski, Vice Chair A. Goerig, Commissioners: J. Goerig, Christian Yanarella and W. Chellis.

Absent: Commissioner: Chris Bielik

Also: Public (0)

**First item, not on agenda, Chair Betkoski asked for one of the commissioners to act as secretary for the meeting. Commissioner Chellis volunteered.**

**Minutes of May**

Motion was made by Commissioner A Goerig and seconded by Commissioner Yanarella to approve the minutes of May with the following modifications:

**Attendance**

Public (3) Matthew, Amy, R. Kunz

**Correspondence**

The land management ordinance has been forwarded to the First Selectman.

**Outreach**

Vice Chair A. Goerig stated she came in under budget for the mailing of the Conserv.

**Vote: 5 in favor**

**Abstained: 0**

**Opposed: 0**

**Correspondence**

Chair Betkoski noted the following correspondence:

Budget Memo from First Selectman Susan Cable re: BFCC needs to submit all outstanding bills by June 10, 2010

Vision of Beacon Falls Meeting announcement

Dept of Environmental Protection re: BF Sewage Discharge Permit Notice

April 15<sup>th</sup> P & Z minutes

Bryne & Byrne – Fee increase notice

Economic Development Initiative – June 9, 8am @ Senior Center

Memo from May 11, 2010 re: resignation of Commissioner J. Mylen

Southwest Conservation District – Site audit on Toby's Pond

### **Storm water Management**

Chair Betkoski to contact former Commissioner Mylen re: status of the storm drain marking program.

Chair Betkoski made motion to reorganize board by having Commissioner Chellis serve out remainder of former Commissioner Mylen's term as Secretary. Motion seconded by Vice Chair A. Goerig.

**Vote: 4 in favor**

**Abstained: Commissioner Chellis**

**Opposed: 0**

### **Outreach**

Vice Chair A. Goerig is looking for volunteers and listed several ideas for recruitment and awareness. She is considering more educational events, and maybe a display space at the BF Public library. She also suggested possible monthly notices, a discovery day public event at one of the open space sites, and a possible Natural Resources Inventory event.

Commissioner Yanarella suggested a possible Junior Commission member/student recruited from Woodland HS.

Vice Chair A. Goerig also wants to leverage the BFCC existing relationships with other Associations for more interactions.

Chair Betkoski suggested the BF Public Library due to their many activities.

Commissioner Chellis asked about getting scouts or volunteer organizations to create trails on the town's open space areas. Vice Chair A. Goerig suggested that the Watershed Fund Scholarships may fund such projects.

Chair Betkoski also suggested tapping into the Academia (Yale, other colleges) resources in the region for help and guidance with BFCC initiatives.

Vice Chair A. Goerig also mentioned upcoming issues concerning Streetscape & the Regional Greenway study.

Commissioner Yanarella asked about the status of the domain name for the BFCC website.

He will follow up with First Selectman S. Cable.

### **Natural Resource Inventory Program**

Commissioner Chellis reported on the status of the NRI draft report. Currently the draft report is stalled, however, a draft will be prepared in time for the July BFCC meeting.

Commissioner Chellis also reported an observation concerning the Seymour Land trust parcels. Those parcels are marked with prominent signs. Commissioner Chellis suggested that the BFCC look into marking local open space parcels in a similar manner. He will contact the Seymour Land Trust for information on the signs.

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**Land Use Committee Update**

Chair Betkoski reported on the Vision of Beacon Falls Public Meeting held May 26<sup>th</sup> at the BF Senior Center. It was not well attended.

Chair Betkoski also reported that the land management ordinance was presented to the Board of Selectman, and could be taken up at their next meeting on June 8.

**Open Space Management**

Chair Betkoski discussed the need to create a formal process for the BFCC management of open space parcels. She express concern that the BFCC is losing focus on the 2 parcels already entrusted to the commission. She passed around a draft progress sheet to keep track of the status of properties. The criteria on the sheets are suggestions from NEMO & Kingswood.

Chair Betkoski also passed out copies of the EPA NRI action plan booklet for reference.

Chair Betkoski reported on the ERT-Kingswood request for Latem Ridge, submitted on May 27, 2010. Site review is scheduled for June 22, 2010 at 10 am. Participants to meet at Town Hall, and then to site for a field walk. Chair Betkoski, Commission Goerig, and, according to Chair Betkoski, Rich Minnick are planning to be there.

Chair Betkoski also reports on request from Rich Minnick to update the Riverbend Park project. She passed around a brief written history of the park, prepared by Bob Gregorski of Trout Unlimited. Selectman Michael Krnesky, also present, states that there is a grant for use on completing the park. Chair Betkoski will check with Karen Wilson to find out more about those funds. The BFCC also reviewed a map of the site, and discussed the exsisting site layout.

**Payment of Bills**

No bills to present due to absence of M. Kempa

**Group Photo**

Postponed until next meeing

Next meeting – July 12th.

**Motion was made by Vice Chair A. Goerlg and seconded by Commissioner Yanarella to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner William Chellis, Acting Secretary

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