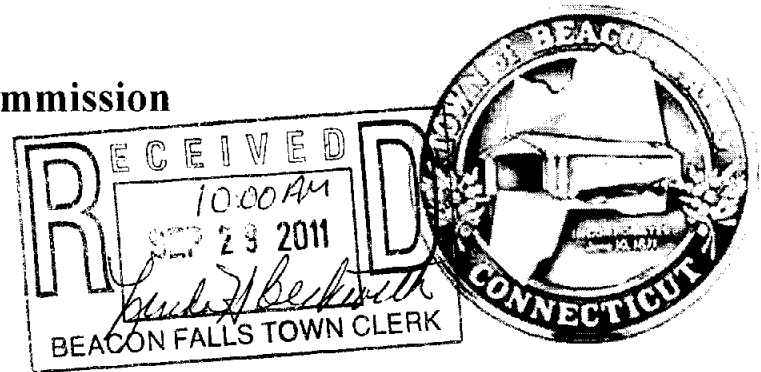


**Beacon Falls Conservation Commission**  
**10 Maple Ave**  
**Beacon Falls, CT 06403**

September 29, 2011

Town Clerk – Kurt Novak  
10 Maple Avenue  
Beacon Falls, CT 06403

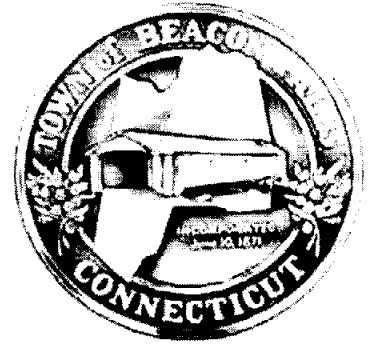


The Beacon Falls Conservation Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, October 3rd, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Assembly Room. The agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes –September 2011
3. Public Comment
4. Correspondence
5. Storm Drain Management
6. Outreach
  - Duck Race Oct 1
  - Boy Scout Troop 104
  - Community Forum
  - Discovery Day
7. Natural Resource Inventory
8. Open Space Management
  - Lantern Ridge – ERT Report
  - Updates from Seymour
9. Land Use Committee Update
  - Ordinance
  - Plan of Conservation & Development Update
  - Toby's Pond and Recreational Area
10. Payment of Invoice
11. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Melville

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



November 30, 2011

Town Clerk – Kurt Novak  
10 Maple Avenue  
Beacon Falls, CT 06403

11:35 AM  
NOV 29 2011  
*Kurt Novak*

The Beacon Falls Conservation Commission is cancelling its regular meeting on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Assembly Room. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2012 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Martha Melville*  
Martha Melville  
Conservation Commission Clerk

**Town of Beacon Falls  
Plan of Conservation and Development  
10 Maple Ave  
Beacon Falls, CT 06403**



November 7, 2011

Kurt Novak, Town Clerk  
Town of Beacon Falls  
10 Maple Avenue  
Beacon Falls, CT 06403

9:01 AM  
NOV - 8 2011  
*Kurt Novak*

Dear Mr. Novak:

Re: Schedule of Plan of Conservation and Development Meetings for Year 2012

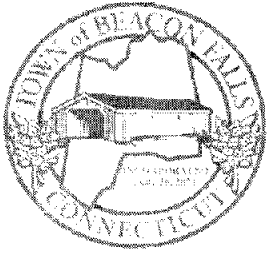
The schedule of meetings for the Plan of Conservation and Development for the year 2012 is as follows:

- January 25<sup>th</sup>
- February 22<sup>nd</sup>
- March 21<sup>st</sup>
- April 25<sup>th</sup>
- May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- June 27<sup>th</sup>
- July 25<sup>th</sup>
- August 22<sup>nd</sup>
- September 26<sup>th</sup>
- October 24<sup>th</sup>
- November 28<sup>th</sup>
- December – no meeting

Sincerely,

*Maryann Kempa*  
Maryann Kempa  
Clerk

Cc: Board Members



November 8, 2011

9:19 AM  
NOV 18 2011  
*Kurt Novak*

Mr. Kurt Novak  
Town Clerk, Town of Beacon Falls  
10 Maple Avenue  
Beacon Falls, CT 06403

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

TOWN OF BEACON FALLS  
10 MAPLE AVENUE  
BEACON FALLS, CT 06403

Dear Mr. Novak:

The Conservation Commission will hold regular meetings in the Assembly Room of the Beacon Falls Town Hall on the following Mondays at 6 p.m.:

**CHAIR**

DIANE BETKOSKI

**VICE-CHAIRMAN**

ANITA GOERIG

**SECRETARY**

CHRIS YANARELLA

**COMMISSIONERS**

CHRIS BIELIK

JEFFREY GOERIG

RAY KUNZ

**CLERK**

MARTHA MELVILLE

December 5, 2011

January 9, 2012

February 6, 2012

March 5, 2012

April 2, 2012

May 7, 2012

June 4, 2012

July 2, 2012

August 6, 2012

September 10, 2012

October 1, 2012

November 5, 2012

December 3, 2012

- January 2, holiday

- September 3, holiday

Respectfully Submitted,

*Martha Melville*

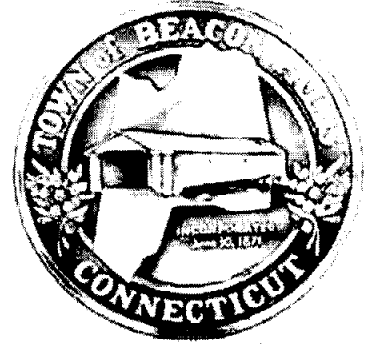
Martha Melville  
Conservation Commission Clerk

Cc: Karen Wilson  
Diane Betkoski, Conservation Commission Chair  
Anita Goerig, Conservation Commission Vice-Chairman  
Conservation Commissioners:  
Chris Yanarella  
Chris Bielik  
Jeffrey Goerig  
Ray Kunz

**Beacon Falls Conservations Commission**

**10 Maple Ave.**

**Beacon Falls, CT 06403**



**BEACON FALLS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
November 7, 2011  
MINUTES  
(Draft Copy-Subject to Revision)**

10:00 AM  
NOV 7 2011  
*Richard A. Beckwith*

**1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Diane Betkoski called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

Board Members present: Chris Yanarella, Ray Kunz, Chris Bielik

Absent: Vice Chair Anita Goerig, Jeff Goerig

Public present: James Agostine, Superintendent, Regional School District #16  
Hugh Potter, Region 16 Business Manager  
Sheryl Feducia, Region 16 Board of Education member  
Priscilla Cretella, Region 16 Board of Education member  
Donna Cullen, Region 16 Board of Education member  
Turner Construction representatives – cost estimators  
Fletcher Thompson representatives – scope and design architects

**2. Approval of Minutes – October 2011**

Motion to accept the October 3, 2011 meeting minutes: Yanarella/Kunz; all approved.

- 3. Public Comment** – Mr. James Agostine, Superintendent, Regional School District #16 Presented an informational session about the upcoming school project going to referendum in December 2011. He provided background on the issues of the two elementary schools in Prospect, Community & Algonquin schools which are dated, inadequate buildings, a fragmented education (K-3 and grades 4 & 5 are separate), plus Community school needs a roof. He noted that 2 years ago Region 16 purchased a 47 acre parcel on Route 69 now known as “75 New Haven Road”; the proposed 85,000 sq ft K-5 school will use 17 acres of the property which also has some wetlands. The Board of Education’s solution: to have a school all in one building that is more energy efficient and would make more efficient use of custodian and food services. There’s an opportunity to take advantage of the property for an outdoor classroom and walking trails.

Laurel Ledge renovations – the campus style design is not practical. This is not safe for the children or energy efficient to leave the doors open for so long, plus much education time is lost when students have to dress to go outside to get to other parts of the school. There are many deferred maintenance issues such as the concrete above doorways is deteriorating and handicapped bathrooms facilities are needed.

District office – inefficient space for \$56,000 per year in rent

Steps toward a solution:

- Purchased property
- The Board of Education formed an ad hoc committee and brainstormed 32 possibilities.
- A building committee is now in place with representatives from Prospect and Beacon Falls.
- There is a deed restriction on the Algonquin property, that it can only be used for education, recreation or town hall activities. Given this restriction, it is no longer marketable.

Laurel Ledge renovation will include adding corridors to connect buildings, keeping grades separate, each pod will have toilets and office areas; and new science and music rooms. The renovation will occur while the students are in school.

Board of Education offices: ~10,000 sq ft, requirement; project includes renovating Algonquin by demolishing 20,000 sq ft of the existing school.

Projected costs: [net cost after state reimbursement which has a deadline of June 2012]  
New K-5 school at 75 New Haven Rd = \$36,608,000 [net \$13,911,040]  
Laurel Ledge renovations & additions = \$7,746,000 [net \$4,260,300]  
District Office in Algonquin space (excavation, abatement) = \$2,371,000 [net \$1,553,005]  
Total project costs = \$46,725,000.00 [net \$19,724,345]

#### 4. Correspondence

D Betkoski informed the Board of Selectmen that the Storm Drain Marker program is complete and requested how to report any unmarked drains and missing water valve covers.

**ACTION:** If any Conservation Commission members note missing water valves or drain markers, email the location(s) to Diane Betkoski.

September Minutes from P&Z Nothing to report concerning the Conservation Commission CTNOFA organic groups – received 3 sample pamphlets on organic gardening, cannot be downloaded but can be purchased through CTNOFA.

**ACTION:** Clerk Martha Melville will deliver the 3 sample CTNOFA pamphlets on organic gardening to the BFPL to add to their reference section in the library.

Received Audubon society magazine.

Membership renewal for Audubon Society is due.

Received a memo from First Selectman Susan Cable about keeping town hall thermostats at conservative settings.

Received a newsletter from CT Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands

Vice Chair Anita Goerig and commissioner Jeff Goerig will attend the CT Association of Conservation & Inland Wetlands annual meeting in Wallingford on November 12.

**5. Storm Drain Management – Diane Betkoski**

Project is complete, final memo sent to the Board of Selectmen on October 5, 2011.

**6. Outreach – Anita Goerig - No report**

- Wrap up Community Forum and Discovery Day events

Diane Betkoski had kudos for Vice Chair Anita Goerig for her outstanding effort in coordinating these outreach events.

Chris Bielik feedback: the hands-on portion was well attended, photos online of Discovery Day and suggestion that any future presentations be recorded.

**7. Natural Resource Inventory – Jeff Goerig - No report**

**8. Open Space Management**

- Lantern Ridge – ERT
- Chair Diane Betkoski talked with Roman Rosinski from the South West conservation district who suggested having an intern from the Yale School of Forestry help with the planning trails as well as to provide some ideas for keeping ATVs off open space property. She will get more information.
- Diane Betkoski spoke to Tom Harbinson, Chair of the Shelton Conservation Commission, and compared what the two towns are doing, BF doing the right things, good contact for networking
- Chris Yanarella spoke to Roman Rosinski & Elaine Sych about other towns allowing ATVs to use open space, he also talked to NE ATV rider's assoc, clubs, etc. all agreed it was a bad idea. The question came up if the local police would have authority to ticket offenders of misuse, suggestion a mandatory fine and attendance of a conservation course on proper ATV riding.

**ACTION:** Chair Diane Betkoski will write a letter to the Board of Selectmen asking if the Beacon Falls police have the authority to issue citations for misuse (littering, ATV abuse) of town open space parcels.

- SWCD-Yale Intern School of Forestry Proposal

**9. Land Use Committee Update – Diane Betkoski**

- Ordinance – Nothing to report
- Plan of Conservation & Development Update – No meeting, nothing to report

## 10. Planning for 2012

- Meeting dates for 2012  
Motion to accept proposed 2012 Conservation Commission meeting dates: Bielik/Yanarella; all approved.
- Goals and Objectives  
Diane Betkoski will work on annual report, to include a list of accomplishments from the 2011 goals and objectives. She requested input from other members for any information to include in the Conservation Commission annual report.  
**ACTION:** Chris Bielik will contact Ron Holzman, Republican Town Committee Chairman, requesting suggestions for a 7<sup>th</sup> member for the Conservation Commission. Currently, there is one vacancy, depending on election results, there may be another opening.

2012 goals – There was a review of the 2011 goals, noting what was completed and what to add; more will be discussed at the December meeting.

Ray Kunz questioned the line between Park & Rec and Conservation Commission, where does passive recreation such as fishing fall? Discussion that the Conservation Commission assesses open space and recommends use. The Board of Selectmen determines which commission will manage this space once activity use has been decided.

## 11. Payment of Invoice

Motion to accept Clerk Martha Melville's invoice requesting payment of \$76.25 for the October 3, 2011 meeting and pay the bill as submitted: Yanarella/Bielik; all approved.

## 12. Adjournment

The next meeting will be Monday December 5, 2011 at 6 PM.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Bielik/Yanarella; all approved.  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Melville  
Clerk

cc: Conservation Commission members  
Board of Selectmen  
Planning & Zoning Commission  
Inland Wetlands Commission  
Park & Rec Commission

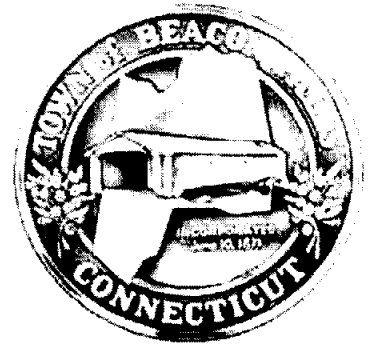


**Beacon Falls Conservation Commission**  
**10 Maple Ave**  
**Beacon Falls, CT 06403**

October 31, 2011

Town Clerk – Kurt Novak  
10 Maple Avenue  
Beacon Falls, CT 06403

12:04 PM  
NOV 11 2011  
Linda H. Beckwith



The Beacon Falls Conservation Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Assembly Room. The agenda is as follows:

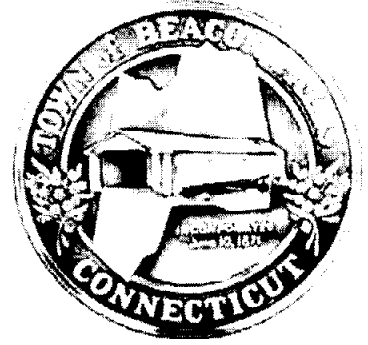
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**Beacon Falls Conservations Commission**

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**Beacon Falls, CT 06403**



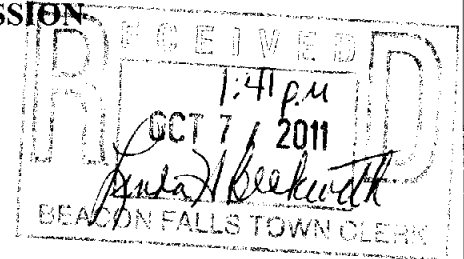
**BEACON FALLS CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

**October 3, 2011**

**MINUTES**

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**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Diane Betkoski called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Board Members present: Vice Chair Anita Goerig, Chris Yanarella, Ray Kunz, Chris Bielik

Absent: Jeff Goerig

Public present: Patrick O'Dell from Boy Scout Troop 104

**2. Approval of Minutes – September 2011**

Motion to accept the September 12, 2011 meeting minutes: A Goerig/Yanarella; all approved.

**3. Public Comment – Patrick O'Dell**

Chairman Betkoski welcomed him to the Conservation Commission meeting.

A Goerig asked Patrick to explain how the Troop proceeded with the Storm Drain Management. He reported that he worked with J. Mylan on the project for his Eagle Scout Badge with Boy Scout Troop 104. The Scouts met over 3 Saturdays and split in separate groups with adult drivers following maps to mark several hundred drains each weekend. Patrick O'Dell and the troop marked 876 storm drains for a total of 170 man-hours. He noted these obstacles: the planning and organizing to make most efficient use of volunteers and weather causing delays until spring as it was too cold for the labels to stick.

D Betkoski reiterated the importance of volunteers and involving younger adults in the work of the Conservation Commission

P O'Dell noted that the Boy Scouts are always looking for Eagle Scout projects.

R Kunz suggested the Scouts may wish to get involved with the bat habitats. R Kunz noted that one or more houses for bats must be installed in the right location, during the right time of year, 20 feet off the ground, near water/food source, and the need to identify appropriate locations in town for houses to be installed.

A Goerig noted that Park & Rec installed bat houses in Matthies Park & Pent Road facility and P O'Dell said this was an Eagle Scout project in the past.

Ideally the bat habitats should be put up in late summer/early autumn; a project for 2012.

#### **4. Correspondence**

A Goerig announced the receipt of a \$100 donation from the Lioness Club of Beacon Falls for the Community Forum.

**ACTION:** A Goerig will send the Lioness Club a thank you note for their donation.

Received a Water & soil newsletter; a letter from C'INOFA about their 3 publications available. C Bielik suggested having a link from the town/CC web site to these publications.

A Goerig suggested having a spot outside the library to keep brochures and related Conservation materials for reference.

D Betkoski shared several brochures that she picked up from the Kellogg Environmental Center.

Received a letter from the Land use academy offering training workshops on Sat. Nov 5 at CCSU.

#### **5. Storm Drain Management – Diane Betkoski**

Kudos to Patrick O'Dell for his report.

C Bielik remarked that he discovered a missing storm drain marker on Rimmon Hill Rd.

**ACTION:** D Betkoski will check on reordering markers for drains.

R Kunz noted that there was a clogged drain at Pent & Lopus Roads.

Discussion about ongoing maintenance of the drains.

**ACTION:** D Betkoski will inform the Board of Selectmen that the drain marking project is complete and inquire how the town plans to manage the ongoing monitoring and maintenance of these markers. One suggestion might be adding information on the town web site about whom to contact if someone finds an unmarked or clogged drain or an exposed water valve drain in the road.

#### **6. Outreach – Anita Goerig**

Duck Race: Saturday October 1: Thanks to Chris Yanarella for setting up and manning the table. C Yanarella noted that many people knew about the event beforehand, had some questions, kudos about the good publicity, and there was a lot of interest.

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**Community Forum** Thursday October 13 (4-9 PM) at WRHS Auditorium

- Anita Goerig will meet with the teachers again before the event.
- Volunteers are needed to fold program guides, to sell/serve pizza, sodas, snacks, water and to keep students moving from station to station during the CT science center interactive exhibits. Diane Betkoski and Chris Bielik will help in cafeteria.
- Jeff Goerig will welcome people and hand out bags.
- There will be a full page ad will be in the October 7 edition of Citizen's News
- Exhibitors will set up at 3:30
- The program guide is completed, just needs to be printed.

**Discovery Day** Friday October 14 (8AM-1PM) at Matthies Park

- 183 6<sup>th</sup> graders and 25 high school students will participate.
- Areas in Matthies Park will need to be roped off. Nine 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will chaperone.
- Expect 300 people at this event
- A Goerig commented that she has built great relationships with the educators through this event.

**7. Natural Resource Inventory – Jeff Goerig – N/A**

**8. Open Space Management**

- Lantern Ridge – ERT Report – D Betkoski has been researching various types of signage for passive recreational trail use, educational, directional, informational, warning, interpretative, and identification for species, foliage, and rocks. She also contacted Sam Gold from COG for suggestions on possible vendors.  
Once this information gathering is complete she can estimate how many signs are needed and the overall cost which will be included in a report to the Board of Selectmen.  
R Kunz suggested having an informational map at the entrance of the property.
- Updates from Seymour – Anita Goerig  
Regarding the February 23, 2011 letter to Mr. Jezierney, Town of Seymour inland wetlands enforcement officer, she spoke to him about the Seymour entrance point into Lantern Ridge. Discussion ensued about recommendations to limit use of ATVs by fencing the area and/or installing cameras but enforcement would be an issue. The question was raised on how many physical steps the Conservation Commission would take to deter damage and abuse, to include signage, rope fencing, boulders, and clearly mark that it is Beacon Falls town property for passive usage, and request self-report of violations.  
Chris Yanarella suggested opening the space to ATVs and let local clubs police the area and report any damage, any abuse and the clubs would lose the privilege of use.

D Betkoski questioned how this type of use could be incorporated as a mixed-use of this space since the recommendation of the ERT report is for passive use, conservation and recreation. There is also the question of liability to the town for use of open space.

**ACTION:** Chris Yanarella will research if any ATV clubs are allowed to use town open space and how other towns have dealt with it. This information can be added to ERT report as another aspect considered for the property.

#### **9. Land Use Committee Update – Diane Betkoski**

- Ordinance – D Betkoski NTR
- Plan of Conservation & Development Update – D Betkoski  
Attended meeting on September 28 with Brian Miller, Town Planner

The core of the down town will be retail; the industrial area and areas of future economic growth, the suburban neighborhood area, established residential areas and rural, undeveloped and/or protected open space.

The plan is to be completed by November, and then will go through P&Z for approval. The COG will look at it then it will go to a town meeting for approval.

- Toby's Pond and Recreational Area – D Betkoski  
Discussion at the Land Use meeting about the lack of maintenance performed at this area. Discussion on who owns this property, who is responsible for management and maintenance of the area.  
First Selectman Susan Cable was kept up to date on these problems.  
A Goerig noted that the granite bench dedicated to Ed Jurzynski needs to be moved further away from the river, it was under water. This was discussed in the meeting stating that the bench had been taken off site to repair but was put back in the incorrect location.

New Business:

Chris Bielik shared information about supporting wind power ([www.communityenergyinc.com/ct](http://www.communityenergyinc.com/ct)) by adding green energy sources into the energy grid. Discussions ensued regarding zoning, noise level, and if there are any restrictions or current zoning guidelines.

#### **10. Payment of Invoice**

Motion to accept Clerk Martha Melville's invoice requesting payment of \$72.50 for the September 12, 2011 meeting and pay the bill as submitted: Yanarella/Bielik; all approved.

## **11. Adjournment**

The next meeting will be Monday November 7, 2011 at 6 PM.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Yanarella/A Goerig; all approved.  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Melville  
Clerk

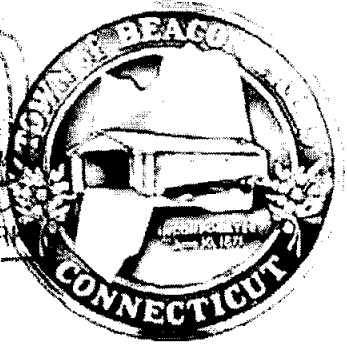
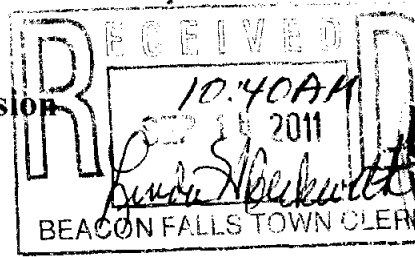
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Planning & Zoning Commission  
Inland Wetlands Commission  
Park & Rec Commission

OCT - 7 2011

Beacon Falls Conservations Commission

10 Maple Ave.

Beacon Falls, CT 06403



**BEACON FALLS CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**September 12, 2011**  
**MINUTES**  
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**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Diane Btkoski called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

Present: Board Members Vice Chair Anita Goerig, Jeff Goerig, Chris Yanarella, Ray Kunz, Chris Bielik

Motion to accept September 12, 2011 agenda: Yanarella/Bielik; all approved.

**2. Approval of Minutes – August 2011**

Motion to accept the August 1, 2011 meeting minutes: A Goerig/Kunz; all approved. C Bielik abstained as he was not present at the August meeting.

**3. Public Comment - none**

**4. Correspondence**

Received July 21 meeting minutes from Planning & Zoning; items included: heating oil storage improvements; discussion of a potential adult entertainment business in town. Nothing significant to impact the Conservation Commission.

**5. Storm Drain Management – Diane Betkoski**

Boy Scout Troop 104 will continue to monitor the markings on the drains. Discussion about exposed water valve drains on roads, probably due to the high ground water beneath the roads, which creates a possible liability to the town.

Motion for Chairman Diane Betkoski to write a memo to the Board of Selectman identifying the exposed water valve drains on roads as a problem as well as gravel washing out in several locations. Also she will inquire what the plan is to address these problems along with the vegetation growing out of the storm drains: Bielik/Yanarella; all approved.

## 6. Outreach – Anita Goerig

- A Goerig has invited the Boy Scout troop 104 to the October 3 meeting.
- Chris Bielik passed on positive feedback to Anita Goerig on the CONSERV Publication.
- Kudos to A Goerig from D Betkoski on the quality of the CONSERV brochure.

### **Community Forum Thursday October 13 (4-9 PM) at WRHS Auditorium**

- A Goerig will have a list of duties for Conservation Commissioners to sign up for at the October 3 meeting.
- C Yanarella will look for materials needed to construct a sandwich board sign to put on the median downtown to advertise these events.
- Food – pizza and snacks will be available during the Community Forum.
- A Goerig requested that members distribute the flyers she handed out.
- The CT Parks and Forests Association will have a vendor table at Forum
- A Goerig created a display outside the library to promote the 2-day event.
- Gabriel's Bike Shop and CT Outdoors will have tables. COG, Boy Scouts, and sponsors will also have tables.
- Tabletop exhibits and **student volunteers** have been secured for the Forum.
- All vendors have received a map of the location of their table at the Forum.
- Press releases have been sent out on the 2-day event and sponsors who are donating funds. The latest article in Citizens News was presented.
- The commissions' web site, Blog, Twitter and Facebook pages are updated continually for viewers to see current information.

*The Forum and Discovery Day events have been generously sponsored by community businesses and non-profit agencies.*

### **Discovery Day Friday October 14 (8AM–1PM) at Matthies Park**

- A Goerig has secured Lori Brandt, Education Director with CT Parks and Forests Association as another leader for the event.
- A Goerig met with 6 teachers: Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, Post University; Jill Blasi & Lisa Croce, WRHS; Kristin Bernier, Sandra Pantaleo & Diana Shiboski LRMS to flush out all the details of the event. Next meeting date 9/26 at 2:30 PM.
- A Goerig has a list of action items as a result of the meeting.
- A Goerig reports that the number of students attending the Discovery Day event is 250. Students will be broken into 8 groups for manageability.
- Total number of science stations is 6, including the soil pit. The day will end with a scavenger hunt.
- A Goerig hired the buses to transport the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to Matthies Park.
- Discovery Day will be filmed by R-Media of Danbury.
- A Goerig has asked Peter Betkoski to dig 2 soil pits with his back-hoe. She has put Professor Elizabeth Johnson in touch with Peter to work out details.
- D Betkoski will contact Park & Rec about using the sign on the corner of 42 & S Main St.



**Other Outreach** Saturday October 1 (10:30 AM–4:30PM)

- A Goerig has reserved a table at the October 1<sup>st</sup> Duck Race for the Conservation Commission. She asked for volunteers to man the table during the day to answer questions and distribute flyers. Both Goerig's and D Betkoski will be unavailable.
- C Yanarella volunteered to set up and take down the table and man the table part of the day during the Duck Race.
- D Betkoski will contact former Conservation Commissioner Bill Chellis to ask him to help out as a volunteer to man the table.

**7. Natural Resource Inventory – Jeff Goerig**

J Goerig continues to incorporate information from 7 key reports into the NRI which is ongoing process.

Bird & bat habitat: J Goerig has asked R Kunz to help with building blue bird houses. Ray Kunz – reported that he gathered information from the CT DEEP & Audubon society about optimum materials for bird houses. He volunteered to create a how-to sheet including picture of what the blue bird house would look like and would make up the kits, using wood with pre-drilled holes, etc.

R Kunz requested help on the administrative part of this project to include advertising, collecting money for kits, handling signups for children and their parents as this would be a good project for an adult and a child; using this as a program in conjunction with the library was suggested as it has these mechanisms in place.

R Kunz requested some research help as he would like to include some information on the structure of the bird house to include in the kit: why it's built the way it is, how it attracts the birds, it uses imitation suet embedded with sunflower seeds rather than the whole sunflower seed, it would include dowels on the outside so the birds can sit and eat.

A Goerig commented that Toby's Pond would be an ideal site for them to be installed.

D Betkoski cited the Conservation Commission goals for 2011 to develop a habitat program for birds & bats as well as reaching out to the community and promoting student involvement in activities. This project may need to be coordinated with other town commissions and boards.

D Betkoski suggested keeping the Park & Rec department involved.

R Kunz suggested getting the Boy Scouts to help assemble and distribute the houses.

Tabled until 2012. J Goerig will contact R Kunz offline to discuss plans. J Goerig would like set a spring 2012 target date to have bird & bat houses ready for distribution.

**8. Open Space Management**

- Lantern Ridge – ERT Report

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- J Goerig sent this report to J Galligan, town engineer, but no response yet.

D Betkoski sent the open space & land management plan report to members for review in advance of this meeting.

A Goerig recommended adding a financial estimate on what it will cost to implement.

D Betkoski will include a financial projection for the Lantern Ridge project in a summary at the end of the report. She will contact Tony SanAngelo on costs for similar projects at Matthies Park. She will finalize this report for next months' meeting.

#### **9. Land Use Committee Update – Diane Betkoski**

- Ordinance – D Betkoski informed the commissioners that this will not go to a public meeting until November or December.
- Plan of Conservation & Development Update – D Betkoski  
Nothing to report; may get more information from next meeting which is at the end of the month, there should be a 10-year plan in the works.

#### **10. Payment of Invoice**

Motion to accept Clerk Martha Melville's invoice requesting payment of \$68.75 for the August 1, 2011 meeting and pay the bill as submitted: A Goerig/Yanarella; all approved.

#### **11. Adjournment**

The next meeting will be Monday October 3, 2011 at 6 PM.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Bielik/A Goerig; all approved.  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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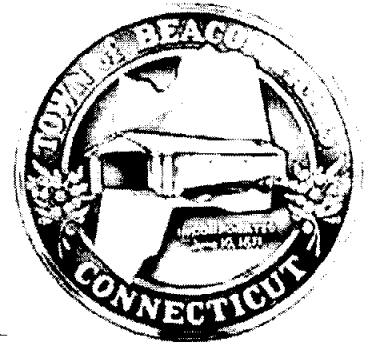
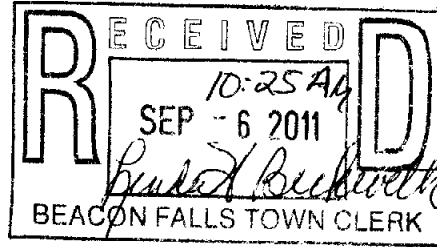
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**Beacon Falls Conservation Commission**  
**10 Maple Ave**  
**Beacon Falls, CT 06403**

September 6, 2011

Town Clerk – Kurt Novak  
10 Maple Avenue  
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4. Correspondence
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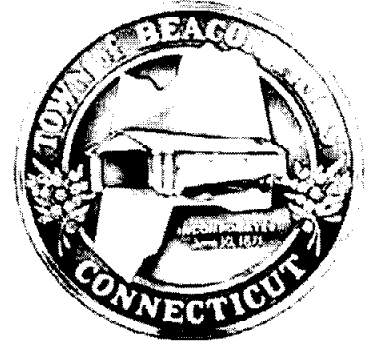
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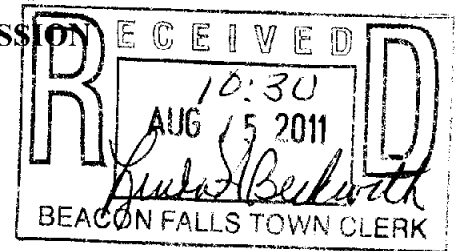
**BEACON FALLS CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

**August 1, 2011**

**MINUTES**

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**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Diane Bctkoski called the meeting to order at 7:37 P.M.

Present: Board Members Vice Chair Anita Goerig, Jeff Goerig, Chris Yanarella, Ray Kunz

Member absent: Chris Bielik

D Bctkoski began with introductions of members to new member Ray Kunz and described an outline of the Conservation Commission including subcommittees, projects and focus.

R Kunz asked about the relationship between Park & Rec and the Conservation Commission, and suggested improvements for use of Toby's Pond.

D Bctkoski gave an example of River Bend Park open space property (1-2 acres primarily for fishing) that the Conservation Commission was the manager of this property which was then turned over to Park & Rec. The Conservation Commission has no decision making responsibility, only can make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on what to do with open space. The Conservation Commission has input to 10-year strategic plan for the town.

**ACTION:** D Bctkoski will forward goals & objectives to R Kunz to get him up to speed.

**ACTION:** M Melville will forward recent meeting minutes to R Kunz.

A Goerig adds under 6. Outreach: Community Forum and Discovery Day events. D

Bctkoski adds under 9. Open Space Management: ERT Satisfaction Survey

Motion to accept amended agenda: **Yanarella/A Goerig**; all approved.

A Goerig: followed up on the February 23, 2011 letter sent to Mr. Jezierney, Town of Seymour inland wetlands enforcement officer, he informed her that he never received the letter, A Goerig faxed it to him.

J Goerig was unsuccessful in contacting J. Galligan, Town Engineer, to assist in determining the GPS boundaries of the Lantern Ridge parcel.

**ACTION:** D Betkoski will email J. Galligan and cc J Goerig and the Board of Selectman requesting he contact Jeff Goerig.

**2. Approval of Minutes – July 2011**

Motion to accept the July 11, 2011 meeting minutes: **A Goerig/J Goerig;** all approved. C Yanarella and R Kunz abstained as they were not at the July meeting.

**3. Public Comment - NTR**

**4. Correspondence**

The Habitat newsletter was distributed.

**5. Storm Drain Management**

100% complete. D Betkoski gave kudos to A Goerig for press release sent out thanking Boy Scout Troop 104 and their leader, Anne O'Dell for their help. The entire troop was invited to the Conservation Commission October 3 meeting and the troop is expected to participate in the Community Forum.

**6. Outreach – Anita Goerig**

Community Forum Thursday October 13 4-9 PM at WRHS – newsletter going out to the printer this week. A Goerig asked members to submit mailing addresses for anyone outside of Beacon Falls who should receive the newsletter. They will be mailed out to all Beacon Falls households the week of September 5, 2011.

A deposit made to the Connecticut Science Center for interactive activities to be held in the WRHS cafeteria for grades K-8. She reiterated that this event can only be accomplished with help from sponsors. A Goerig will have table at Duck Race to advertise these events. A variety of vendors will be at this event.

Motion to pay \$50.00 for a one-day food vendor permit: Yanarella/J Goerig; all approved.

Discovery Day – Friday October 14 8 AM – 1 PM at Matthies Park  
Post University students will be act as guides.  
She suggested having conducted walks in Matthies Park for adults.

A Goerig requested help with:

- setting up a display space in the library area to be completed by the end of August to advertise the Outreach events. – D Betkoski volunteered
- making sandwich board signs to put downtown for advertising

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- posting flyers downtown also needed. – C Yanarella volunteered

A Goerig distributed copies of the community forum flyer to CC members. A press release will go out this week to papers.

#### 7. Natural Resource Inventory – Jeff Goerig

J. Goerig continues to review the data he received from former CC member Bill Chellis. He will incorporate the environmental reviews into the NRI.

#### 8. Open Space Management

- Lantern Ridge – ERT Report

Using J Goerig's suggestions from last meeting; D Betkoski presented a preliminary report to the members. Discussion:

- Complete boundaries by November 1, 2011, dependent on cooperation from the town engineer.
- Invasive species: suggestion to recruit the Boy Scouts to pull out the Japanese Slit Grass infestation
- Adding another category: signage to address types, costs, etc.
- Maintenance: jobs will have to be determined if it should be outsourced professionally, done by paid staff (town crew) or by volunteers, then make those recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.
- Potential grant: A Goerig found a grant source, submission is due by September 1, 2011; C Yanarella questioned if the CC has all the info needed to apply for this grant.

**ACTION:** D Betkoski will forward this grant web site to members for review.

- ERT Satisfaction Survey – D Betkoski completed the Kingsmark survey, as required, everything was highly rated.

Motion to include the Park & Rec Commission as a recipient of the Conservation Commission monthly minutes to enhance communications: Betkoski/A Goerig; all approved.

#### 9. Land Use Committee Update

- Ordinance – Beacon Falls Town Attorney Byrne emailed the most updated copy of the Land Use ordinance to A Goerig at D Betkoski's request. This will be presented to the town for approval. D Betkoski recommended that everyone attend this town meeting when it comes up for a vote.
- Plan of Conservation & Development Update – Anita Goerig

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No quorum for meeting, held a workshop instead. Rimmon Hill discussion about storm water management, Brian Miller, Town Planner was in attendance. A Goerig would send open space project form to Brian Miller.

#### **10. Payment of Invoice**

Motion to accept Clerk Martha Melville's invoice requesting payment of \$91.25 for the July 11, 2011 meeting and pay the bill as submitted: Yanarella/Kunz; all approved.

C Yanarella suggested changing the meeting time to earlier in the day.

Motion to change regular meeting time from 7:30 PM to 6 PM on the first Monday: A Goerig/Yanarella; all approved.

#### **11. Adjournment**

The next meeting will be Monday September 12, 2011 at 6 PM.

Discussion:

New Conservation Commissioner Ray Kunz shares these comments about himself: retired engineer; likes to canoe, fly fisherman, teaches fly tying. Former Park & Rec commission member and Boy Scout leader. Available to teach tying flies potential library adult program. He also enjoys making landscaping models.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Yanarella/A Goerig; all approved.  
Meeting was adjourned at 9:3 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

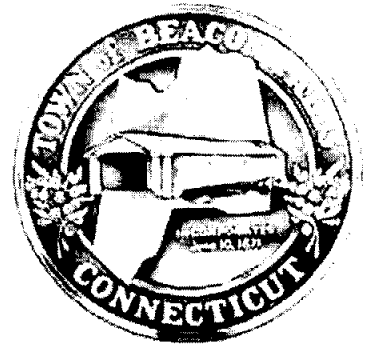


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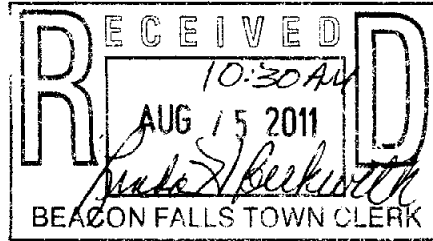
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**Beacon Falls Conservation Commission**  
**10 Maple Ave**  
**Beacon Falls, CT 06403**



August 5, 2011

Kurt Novak, Town Clerk  
Town of Beacon Falls  
10 Maple Avenue  
Beacon Falls, CT 06403



Dear Mr. Novak:

Re: Time change for Conservation Commission meetings for end of 2011

The Conservation Commission voted at their August 1, 2011 meeting to change the time of the following meetings for the remainder of 2011:

The Conservation Commission will meet at **6 PM** in the Town Hall Assembly Room as follows:

September 12, 2011  
October 3, 2011  
November 7, 2011  
December 5, 2011

Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – Holiday

Sincerely,

  
Martha Melville  
Clerk

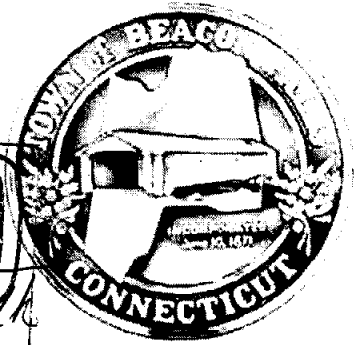
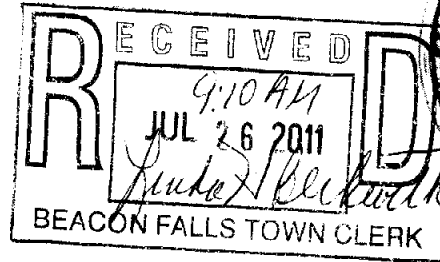
Cc: Board Members  
Karen Wilson, BOS Admin



**Beacon Falls Conservation Commission**  
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July 26, 2011

Town Clerk – Kurt Novak  
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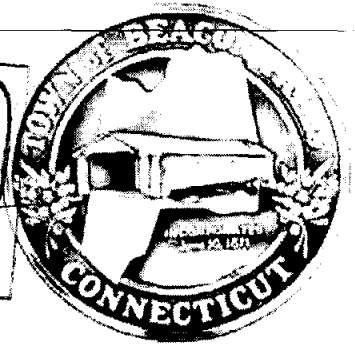
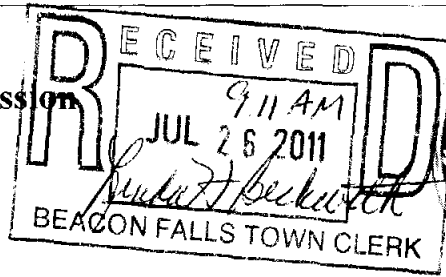
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**BEACON FALLS CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**July 11, 2011**  
**REVISED MINUTES**  
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**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Diane Betkoski called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

D. Betkoski adds agenda item "Correspondence" after Public Comment. Motion to accept amended agenda: A. Goerig/C. Bielik; all approved.

Present: Commissioners: Chairman D. Betkoski, Vice Chairman A. Goerig, J. Goerig, C. Bielik

Member absent: C. Yanarella

Also present: Joshua Carey from the Connecticut Community Foundation

**2. Approval of Minutes**

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Motion to accept the June 6, 2011 meeting minutes with the above changes: J. Goerig/C. Bielik; all approved.

**ACTION:** Clerk, M. Melville will re-file the June 6, 2011 minutes to include the above changes with the Beacon Falls Town Clerk.

**3. Public Comment - none**

**Correspondence**

P&Z activity via meeting minutes: Due to impact of housing market, not much activity; incentive housing was discussed. A motion was made to accept Oakwood Drive as a town

road. Blight issues are being addressed. Dr. Dey's office is moving forward by seeking a zone change so he can have a new facility built.

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Received a letter from the First Selectman sent to all commissions and departments about not spending any funds at the end of the last fiscal year.

Received Audubon magazine. D. Betkoski forwarded to J. Goerig.

#### **4. Connecticut Community Foundation – Presentation of Sponsorship Check**

Anita Goerig, as chair of Community Outreach, applied for a sponsorship for public education to use for the Conservation Commission's Community Forum and Discovery Day events on October 13 & 14, 2011. Joshua Carey from the Connecticut Community Foundation presented a \$750 grant to the Conservation Commission. She remarked that this was a very important sponsorship and that the Community Forum and Discovery Day events would not come into fruition had it not been for the generous support of sponsors like CCF. She warmly welcomed and thanked him for the support from the CCF which is especially critical in this tight economic climate.

Mr. Carey also distributed information packets to commission members and highlighted donations the CCF has made to other organizations in Beacon Falls.

#### **5. Storm Water Management**

D. Betkoski spoke with Ann O'Dell, Boy Scout Troop 104 leader, who reported that the storm drain markings are 100% complete. She volunteered to hold onto supplies as the troop will retrace their steps and replace any missing insignia on the drains.

**ACTION:** A. Goerig will send a press release thanking Boy Scout Troop 104 for their work on the Storm Water Draining Marking project.

#### **6. Outreach** – A. Goerig

Conservation Commission's Community Forum and Discovery Day events on October 13 & 14, 2011: fund-raising efforts are helping to make these events a reality. Discussion of topic tabled until the August 1 meeting.

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The Connecticut Science Center has a deposit ready to be signed off.

The newsletter invoices were paid.

She is holding off publishing the newsletter awaiting a town email address to use as a contact.

A potential Conservation Commission member, Ray Kuntz, has been named.

**ACTION:** D Betkoski will check on the status of when Ray Kuntz will be sworn in and be available for Conservation Commission meetings.

## 7. Natural Resource Inventory – J. Goerig

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Motion for Jeff Goerig to assume the chair position of the Natural Resources Inventory subcommittee: C. Bielik/A. Goerig; all approved.

## 8. Open Space Management

- Land Use Management

At June 22 Land Use Management Committee meeting the proposed Land Use Ordinance was reviewed. The public was present, no adverse comments were received. The ordinance was forwarded to Board of Selectmen to decide if it will go to public vote for approval. Members are asked to attend once the date of town meeting for this vote is announced.

- Open Space Usage and Management for Lantern Ridge – Discussion and Recommendations

J. Goerig provided recommendations on the ERT report for this 97 acre parcel: recommending signage necessary for points of interest, adding trails, limiting access would control use of 4x4, ATV, and horses using these narrow trails. He stressed a balance between nature and hikers for passive use. J. Goerig stated that dogs should be leashed at all times so that nest disturbance and general harassment of wildlife is minimized, biking and walking trails should be made and hunting should be allowed due to the large population. Such a practice could prevent extensive poaching, suspected from the deer stand on the site. An invasive species, Japanese silk grass, was spotted and needs to be pulled out by hand to avoid further seeding especially by hikers. This plant will produce seeds in the August/September time frame. Limiting vehicular access, by working with other property owners, would eliminate the further spread of invasive plants. The rest of the boundaries need to be marked. **ACTION:** J. Goerig will continue to try to contact J. Galligan, Town Engineer, to assist in marking the boundaries of the Lantern Ridge parcel.

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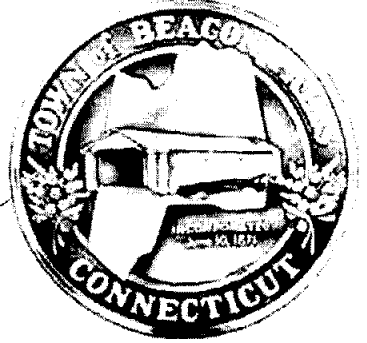
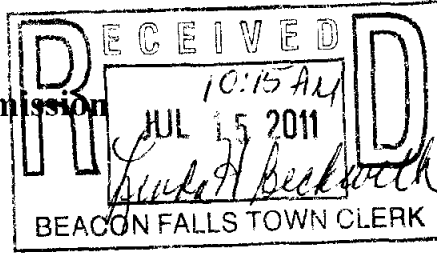
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The Conservation Commission has created a subgroup, chaired by Jeff Goerig, to look into CT State resources for GPS and map updates. This report will provide information to decision makers and include goals and objectives, using existing reports to give a broad brush of the town.

- Map of Open Space Parcels

A. Goerig has posted open space maps to the town web site which will be available once the web site is open to the public. There are links that will be on the final web site.

**ACTION:** A. Goerig will email D. Betkoski the overview open space map file for inclusion in this report.

## 10. Payment of Invoice

Motion to accept Clerk Lauren Classey's invoice requesting payment of \$198.00 for April & May meetings and pay the bill as submitted; A. Goerig/C. Bielik; all approved.

## 11. Adjournment

The next meeting will be Monday August 1, 2011. C. Bielik noted he may be out of town for that meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: C. Bielik/A. Goerig; all approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

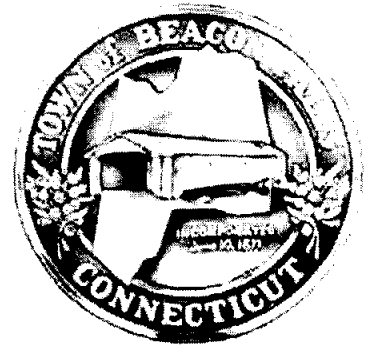
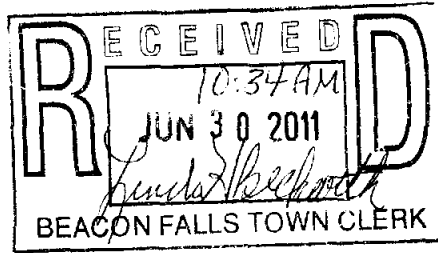


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**Beacon Falls Conservation Commission**  
**10 Maple Ave**  
**Beacon Falls, CT 06403**

June 29, 2011

Town Clerk – Kurt Novak  
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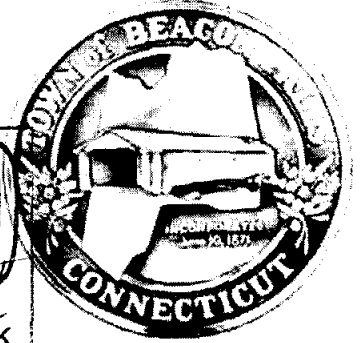
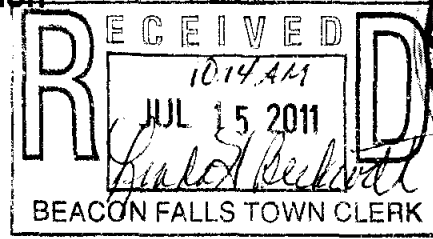
1. Call to Order
2. Minutes – June 6, 2011
3. Public Comment
4. Connecticut Community Foundation-Presentation of Sponsorship Check
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6. Outreach
7. Natural Resource Inventory
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**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**June 6, 2011**  
**MINUTES**

Chairman D. Betkoski called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.

**Present:** Board Members A. Goerig, J. Goerig, C. Bielik. C. Yanarella arrived at 7:50 P.M.

**ALSO PRESENT:** R. Minnick arrived at 8:15

**Approval of Minutes**

A. Goerig motioned to accept the May 2011 meeting minutes. C. Bielik 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.  
All voted aye.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Correspondence**

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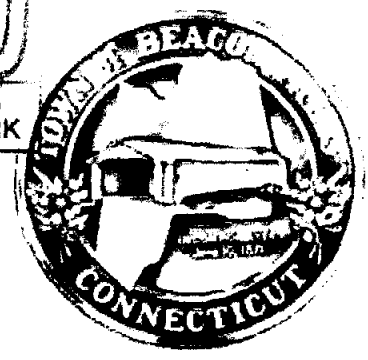
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# BACKYARD CONSERVATION

The new Changing Your Own Compost Material

Your garden will benefit from nutrient-rich compost material. Composting your kitchen and yard waste keeps lots of organic matter out of landfill too.

## Composting Made Simple

Composting turns household wastes into valuable fertilizer and soil organic matter. It's the ultimate soil amendment — experienced gardeners call it *black gold*.

To begin, put your bin in a level, well-drained area in full sun, with good air-circulation. Add equal parts brown and green wastes, set flat right. To aerate the pile, mix or toss frequently with a garden fork, or poke air holes into it with a broom handle. Keep the pile moist, like a sponge, but not soaking wet. The process is finished when the bottom of the pile has dark, rich soil that crumbles in your hand.

## Compost Mantra

If your compost has an ammonia odor, you need more carbon-rich brown debris. If you need more nitrogen-rich green debris, add more nitrogen-rich

Here are a few common sources of green and brown debris:

### Green Wastes (Nitrogen)

- Fruit wastes
- Spent annuals
- Grass clippings
- Manure
- Seaweed and kelp
- Vegetable peelings
- Coffee grounds

### Brown Wastes (Carbon)

- Composts and cobs
- Evergreen needles
- Paper
- Sawdust and wood chips
- Straw and hay
- Most tree leaves

### What NOT to Compost

- Disease and insect-infested plants
- Charcoal ashes
- Fabric
- Fruit clippings treated with weed killer
- Meat, fish, and bones
- Egg whites, yolks and fats
- Pet, bird and human waste



## PLAN of CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

In Beacon Falls, Connecticut  
by Keith Stamm, K. & C. Hall  
Land Use Committee



### Appointed by the Planning and Zoning Commission the Land Use Committee acts as its subcommittee to update the town's 2002 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). The plan is to be updated at least every ten years, under Section 8-23 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

### Future Growth and Development

The most important function for the Plan is to help guide the future growth and development of Beacon Falls through a series of publically approved goals, policies and strategies.

The Plan should record the best thinking of the town for its future physical growth and development and give direction to both the public and private development.

In addition, it will serve as a reference for Regional and State representatives to evaluate various developments and projects including potential funding.

The Board of Selectmen thought that the town would be best represented in

developing the Plan by a diverse Land Use Committee. P & Z agreed. The Committee consists of representatives from Planning & Zoning, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses, Parks & Recreation, Conservation, Economic Development and the Water Pollution Control Authority.

### Get Involved and Informed

Citizens are encouraged to take an active role in development. To view the POCD visit the town web site at: [www.beaconfalls-ct.org](http://www.beaconfalls-ct.org) and click on the Planning & Zoning Department for more information about this important document.



## FOR VILLAGE LIVING HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF WONDER

Hidden around countless hearths, over innumerable nights, the ancients watched the ceaseless movements of the heavens overhead and more together a legacy of timeless tales. They imagined the night sky itself as a grand canvas upon which the epic struggles of the mythological figures in their constellations played out. The light cycle of the sun and moon set a natural pace for human activity.

In this way, man found order and meaning and began to understand his place in the Universe. Sadly for many, that connection, that meaning, is now lost. We instead choose to huddle around the cold glow of countless, comparably tiny, fluorescent televisions.

When we do look up, we now wonder: where have the stars gone? The skies of our ancestors are still there, but they are now drowned out, endangered, and lost in the garish glow of the lights millions use to turn back the night. *That wasteful glow carries steep economic and health costs.*

According to the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) "Human-produced light pollution not only mars our view of the stars, poor lighting threatens astronomy, disrupts ecosystems, affects human circadian rhythms, and wastes energy to the tune of \$2.2 billion per year in the U.S. alone."

Of course, some lights at night are needed for safety or for recreation. The IDA recommends you only light what you need, when you need it. Doing so cuts electric costs, light trespass, and helps restore the natural balance of night and day.

The next time you step outside on a clear night, leave the light off and look up first. Give your eyes just a few minutes to take in the night. Let your mind wander among bright stars. Look for the moon or the Milky Way—let the cosmos in. When you come to realize the true grandeur hanging right over your head, you will never take the night sky for granted again.

## RECYCLING & PHANTOM LOADS

When the time comes to finally buy a shiny new cell phone, computer or TV, you may find yourself asking what to do with your old one.

The term *e-waste* is what people in the recycling industry consider discarded electronics. Some big box retailers offer trade-in programs to dispose of older technology.

Computers can be recycled in a couple of ways, depending on the state of the machine.

Hamshing down older working technology to friends and family or donating to a non-profit organization.

Non-working electronics should be recycled with a reputable electronics recycler who will dismantle the technology and separate the parts into its most recyclable form.

Ensure that your personal information has been wiped clean from its hard drive, whether destroyed or recycled. For more information please visit [www.beaconfalls.org](http://www.beaconfalls.org).



Phantom load is the amount of electricity that's being drained by equipment when it's off, or in standby mode. CD/DVD players, microwave, video game systems, cell phones fully charged computers and TVs are slow draining your power. UNPLUG these items to keep the meter from spinning.

To save time, put these devices on a power cord that can easily be switched off. Unplugging appliances could ease personal savings or other data that has been programmed. Be sure to consider when setting up your items to shut off.

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# CONSERVATION COMMISSION of BEACON FALLS

We can never  
have enough of  
nature.

*Hemp David Thorpe*

## OUR -SPACE BULLETIN



The *Nature Conservancy* offered an exciting great article with tips that I'd like to share. We try to employ these tips regularly at home:

- 1) **Eat Smart.** Know your food — what's in it, where it came from and how it impacts.
- 2) **Eat Local.** Support local farmers.
- 3) **Eat Sustainable.** Learn about sustainable food and how to prepare.
- 4) **Eat Green.** Incorporate more fruits and vegetables into your diet.
- 5) **Eat Fun.** Enjoy a picnic at one of our beautiful parks and *Manga*.

*-Anita Coerig*

## CAPTURE FREE RAIN WATER Keep Your Garden Lush

Collecting water in a rain barrel will help keep your garden lush this summer and conserve water.

Rain barrels typically hold about 50 to 60 gallons each enough to irrigate a small garden. A rain barrel should include an intake line, siphon, overflow attachment, screen cover to keep out leaves and removable solid cover.

Position the barrel beneath a downspout. To keep the rainwater pure, remove the solid cover an hour or two after rainfall has washed pollen and other pollutants off the roof. Average cost about \$150.

*-Jeffery Coerig*

## THE 10 ESSENTIALS For a Safe Hike

1. **Extra clothing and sturdy footwear.** Be prepared for unexpected weather changes; dress in layers.
2. **Food and water.** High calorie foods, granola bars, candy, and nuts supply energy and drink plenty of water.
3. **Pocket knife.** This lightweight tool provides a variety of options for repairs, food preparation, handgrip cutting, etc.
4. **Map and compass.** Lost? Disoriented in the fog? A compass can get you home if you know how to use it.

5. **Timepiece.** Allow enough time to return to the trailhead before the sun goes down.
6. **Flashlight.** An injury or miscalculation may keep you on the trail after nightfall.
7. **Waterproof matches/fire starter.** Warmth of a fire could save your life.
8. **First-aid kit.** Bring the basics: bandages, pain relievers and antiseptic ointment.
9. **Whistle.** A far-reaching, energy-efficient signal for help.
10. **Hunting calendar.** Always obtain up-to-date information about hunting season. Wear blaze orange for added protection.

Courtesy of the CT Forest and Park Association [www.ctwoodlands.org](http://www.ctwoodlands.org)

## GODIVA CHOCOLATES & ROSES *The sweet benefits of a Walk*

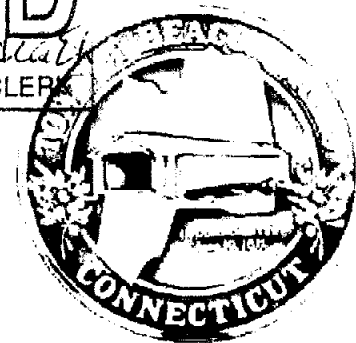
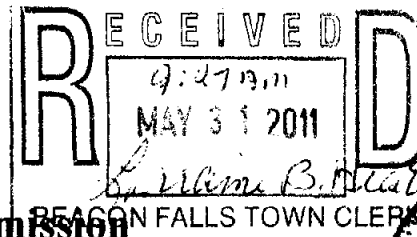
I appreciate living in a rural community and enjoy my daily walks. A walk allows for a healthy heart, quiet time, good chat time, neighborhood visits, the discovery of nature and picking up after litter bugs.

Two fun occasions while my sister and I were walking occurred when a neighbor stopped and thanked us for keeping his neighborhood free of litter; he gave us a box of Godiva chocolates. On another occasion a neighbor presented us with a dozen roses! Start walking for your health, the community and unexpected benefits!

*-Diane Belkovic*

## OUR SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNITY FORUM EVENT promises to be a fun-filled evening featuring:

- \*Three interactive display from the **Connecticut Science Center** for young science enthusiasts.
- \*An exciting educational science component for students.
- \*An informative program for the entire community, young and old alike.
- \*Earth-friendly vendors from around the community will be on hand to display their products and services in a trade-show like atmosphere. A few vendors are noted below.
- Connecticut Outdoors LLC.
- Gabriel's Biopic Shop.
- Boy Scout Troop #104.
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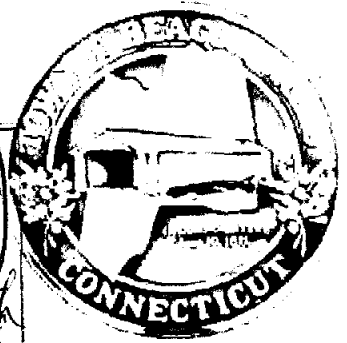
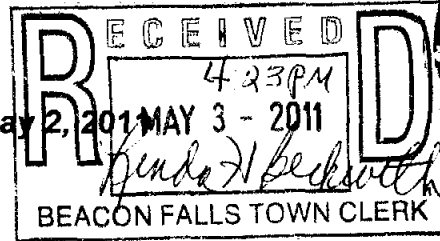
1. Call to Order
2. Minutes – May 2, 2011
3. Public Comment
4. Correspondence
5. Town of Beacon Falls New Web Page
6. Storm Drain Management
7. Outreach
8. Natural Resource Inventory
9. Open Space Management
  - Lantern Ridge – ERT Report
  - River Bend Park
10. Land Use Committee Update
  - Ordinance
  - Plan of Conservation & Development Update(see attachment)
    - TMJ General Land Use
    - Inventory of open space
10. Payment of Invoice
11. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,  
Lauren Classey, Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Classey".

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

Meeting Minutes, May 2, 2011



### **Call to Order**

A. Goerig called the regular monthly meeting of the Beacon Falls Conservation Commission to order at 7:45 p.m.

Present: Vice Chair A. Goerig, Commissioners: J. Goerig, C. Bielik and C. Yarnarella

Others present: Resident Marlene Sandel, 135 Beacon Valley Road and guest speaker Amy Blaymore Paterson - Executive Director, Land Conservator Council

### **Minutes of March 7, 2011**

**C. Bielik motioned to approve the minutes of March 7, 2011. C. Yarnarella 2nd the motion. All voted aye.**

### **Public Comment**

Marlene Sandel, 135 Beacon Valley Road, spoke about the Osprey and wondered if they could get another platform nest. She suggested that there be a webcam that could stream it into the town website and maybe have a day dedicated to the Osprey return. She suggested that maybe the children could get involved with a guessing game as to when they would return. She noted that this is done in other towns. A. Goerig thought it was a great idea. The only draw-back would be that they are on the rail line.

A discussion continued regarding WIFI and how it would be possible.

M. Sandel suggested that she will be contacting DEP because she is worried about their mortality.

A lengthy discussion continued regarding the Osprey.

M. Sandel also asked about Toby's Pond and why the gate is locked. It was noted that the gates are locked because they are working on the flood plain. It was noted that the park is open on weekend.

### **Correspondence reviewed**



A. A. Goerig read an email from R. Minnick regarding marking up plans as they pertain to trails linking to the greenway.

Land use, economic development and environmental planning from Turner Miller was briefly discussed. It was noted that it is good information and all should review it.

**Guest: Amy Blaymore Paterson, Executive Director, Land Conservation Council.**

Amy introduced herself noting that they are an organization that works together in protecting land forever. Amy spoke noting that after speaking with the committee that she does not believe that it is a Land Trust that this committee is looking for but suggested a "Friends Of" which would suit this committee more appropriately.

A. Paterson noted that "Friends of" groups have grant opportunities as private non-profit. They can get grant funds (usually which have to be matched). Amy noted that they are great groups and work very well.

A. Goerig asked if CLCC could assist them. A. Patterson basically noted that if they were to help, it would be on a fee for service. She noted that she is the only person on staff and she could trouble shoot with them but really only point them in the right direction. She noted that they would need an attorney to help get the 501C3. She noted that she could point them in the right direction of an attorney to have a legal entity bringing in funds. She suggested that this Conservation Commission talk with other "Friends Of" groups. C. Yarnarella suggested that they start with Vernon since it is such a successful group.

M. Sandal noted that she works with a "Friends of" group in Ansonia and they do a lot of work to raise money.

The discussion continued with A. Paterson noting that they considered themselves the Umbrella Organization for Land Conservation groups throughout the state and part of her job is what she is doing here tonight. She noted she is there to find out how she can help them and which direction should she point them in.

A lengthy discussion continued regarding encouragement to research "Friends of" further.

A. Paterson suggested that everyone get on her informative ENews list so that all are kept informed on what's going on in Hartford. She also suggested that A. Goerig will be her point of contact going forward for informational purposes.

A. Paterson encouraged the group to research further and stay informed. She suggested that they rally people to get to Public Hearings. She noted that networking, collaboration and cooperation is very important. A. Paterson suggested that one person from each group rally people for networking and workshops and she suggested that A. Goerig be that person. A. Paterson also suggested that this group contact all the neighboring land trusts. She suggested that they be invited to one of their meetings or visa-versa to share thoughts and ideas and what they could do to work with each other.

A. Paterson handed out booklets on Conservation Options for Connecticut Farmland.

All thanked A. Paterson for coming and her presentation. It was noted that they will stay in touch and informed.

### **Storm Drain Management**

a. A. Goerig received a confirmation from S. Peterson that they will present to troop 104, Patrick O'Dell for what they did with their Eagle Troop and to J. Mylen. A. Goerig noted that she is trying to get J. Mylen to one of these meetings.

### **Outreach**

a. A draft of the newsletter was presented - A conversation took place regarding changes that have been made and more changes that will be coming. C. Yarnerella will review the changes that A. Goerig made and respond to her via email if it's all set.

b. A. Goerig noted that Habitat is something that this group should be focusing on. Maybe it's something they can announce for next year. M. Sandel noted that she has been involved with blue bird trails and noted that she has written a paper on them. M. Sandel noted that she's been involved in a lot of different things.

The Conservation Commission asked M. Sandel if she would be interested in being on this Commission. A. Goerig asked that she send a letter to S. Cable noting that was invited to be a part of the Commission and also that she is aware that there is a vacancy. M. Sandel will consider this after her surgery.

A discussion continued regarding wildlife, bird house platforms, bat international conservations, etc. It was again noted that M. Sandel would be able to make good contributions to this Commission.

A. Goerig continued to review the newsletter with the Commission noting that she will be printing it at the end of the month.

### **Community Forum**

A. Goerig noted that she has secured a Professor from Post University, Dr. Elizabeth Johnson. She is an Environmental Science Professor and will be the keynote speaker at the Community Forum which will be hosted by the Conservation Commission on October 13th.

A. Goerig noted that J. Blasi , the Chair of the Science Department at Woodland and Lisa Croce, honors Biology, are both supporting A. Goerig in getting the Community Forum through.

A. Goerig noted that October 14 is the Discover Day and the rain date will be October 21st.

A. Goerig explained that students who want to make a career out of environmental sciences as well as the 6th grade class of middle school (if the school approves it) and also some students from Post will be at the Discovery Day at Matthies Park. It will be an interactive day with upper grade levels teaching lower grade levels.

A. Goerig noted that she's looking for sponsors. She noted that she has already done 2 or 3 grants and has heard back from NEU asking her to re-do the grant as there is more money.

A. Goerig noted that she's feeling really confident about the Connecticut Community Foundation.

A. Goerig also noted that because Post University is a private school, they have funds and a marketing department that is pushing their teachers to brand the school, noting that she believes she will get something from them. A. Goerig also noted that she thinks she will get something from O&G as well.

C. Yarnarella noted that Naugatuck Valley Saving Bank and Naugatuck Savings and Loan are someone who could be reached out to. C. Yarnarella said he would be happy to do that.

A. Goerig is meeting with the Lionesses next week and she will ask them for money as well.

A discussion took place regarding the Citizens News and due to scarce advertising, they cannot publish anything for free any longer therefore posting dates for meetings cannot take place.

A. Goerig noted that their Commission has received the outreach award on Saturday.

A discussion took place regarding the ceremony that took place and A. Goerig will share this information with the rest of the group. Sharing of farms was discussed.

A. Goerig noted that she feels very confident that she can raise \$6,500.

M. Sandel asked about Katharine Matthies and how they used to give out money. A. Goerig noted that she will look into this.

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**Lantern Ridge** was discussed and C. Bielik suggested that they pick a month and dedicate a working group to discuss this.

A. Goerig asked that everyone read the reports and go through them and bring some ideas to the June meeting. She noted that once they have some solid ideas, they should then *meet on specifics*.

It was noted that **River bend Park** is something that Diane has been working on so they will have to wait on that.

**Land Use Committee Update** - it was noted that nothing has happened with this, C. Bielik noted that J. Rodrigo seems to be content with the recent revision which takes "Parks and Rec" by name, out of the ordinance. It was noted that this should move forward. A. Goerig will look into this.

## **Adjournment**

**C. Yarnarella motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M. C. Bielik 2nd the motion. All voted aye.**

Next meeting June 6, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

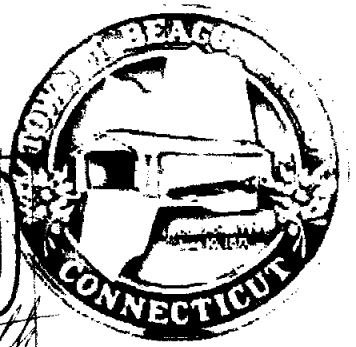
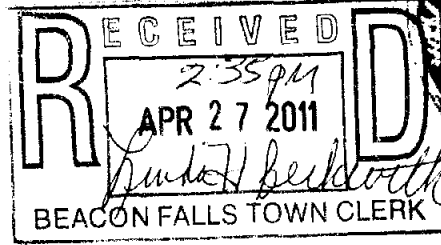


Lauren Classey, Clerk

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

April 25, 2011

Town Clerk – Kurt Novak  
10 Maple Avenue  
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The Beacon Falls Conservation Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, May 2, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Assembly Room. The agenda is as follows:

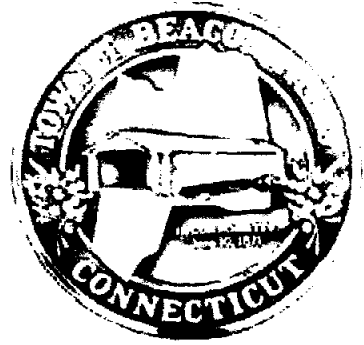
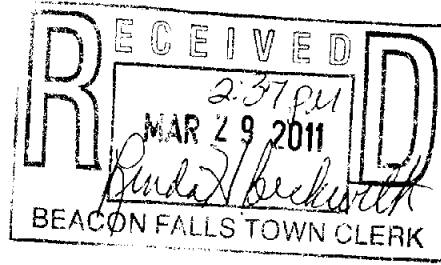
1. Call to Order
2. Minutes – March 2011
3. Public Comment
4. Correspondence
5. Amy Pattern
6. Storm Drain Management
7. Outreach
8. Natural Resource Inventory
9. Open Space Management
  - Lantern Ridge – ERT Report
  - River Bend Park
10. Land Use Committee Update
  - Ordinance
  - Plan of Conservation & Development Update(see attachment)
10. Payment of Invoice
11. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,  
Lauren Classey, Clerk

**Beacon Falls Conservation Commission**  
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March 29, 2011

Town Clerk – Kurt Novak  
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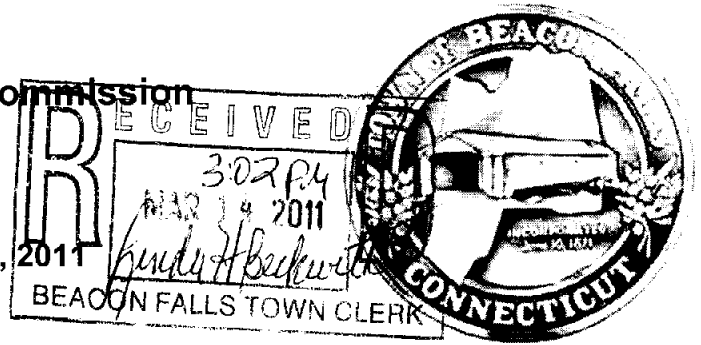


The Beacon Falls Conservation Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, April 4, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Assembly Room. The agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes – March 2011
3. Public Comment
4. Correspondence
5. Storm Drain Management
6. Outreach
7. Natural Resource Inventory
8. Open Space Management
  - Lantern Ridge – ERT Report
  - River Bend Park
9. Land Use Committee Update
  - Ordinance
  - Plan of Conservation & Development Update
10. Payment of Invoice
11. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,  
Lauren Classey, Clerk

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



**Meeting Minutes, March 7, 2011**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Betkoski called the regular monthly meeting of the Beacon Falls Conservation Commission to order at 7:34 p.m.

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

Others present: Selectman Mike Krenesky [arrived at 8:45]

**2. Minutes of February 7, 2011 meeting**

Changes to minutes: on page 2 the reference to "Toby's Landing" should be "Toby's Pond" and the spelling of Commissioner Bielik's name is incorrect. Motion was made by Vice Chair A. Goerig and seconded by Commissioner C. Bielik to approve the February 7, 2011 meeting minutes [with noted changes.]

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

**3. Public Comment – none**

**4. Guest: Sam Gold, ACIP and Senior Planner for the Council of Governments**

Discussion ensued on the Naugatuck River Greenway Routing project which is 44 miles of a multi-use recreational trail running from Torrington to Derby, all towns along the way are involved. COG received a grant to do routing study to see where trail could go, 5 towns along river are in this region. A report was completed in January regarding costs, phases, efforts. These reports are available online, as well as town-specific reports.

The road to Toby's Pond is a potential trail location, through the wash plant, connecting to hiking trails through Murtha Industrial Park, or to continue on route 42 to connect to River Bend Park. Building a small bridge across the water might be feasible. Options to connect to Naugatuck: go West up Cold Spring Rd through the state forest but the road would need to be improved. East side option: utilize about a mile and a half of old route 8, but that option would lose access to west side of the state forest. Routing study: even if the trail is not connected to other towns, from the center of Beacon Falls you can connect to Toby's Pond and the state forest. See [www.cogcnv.org](http://www.cogcnv.org) for links for these reports

A river bank clean up in all 5 towns is tentatively set for Saturday May 14 from 8:30-11:30 AM. Looking for volunteers; the kayak/canoe river race is set for May 7. The Beacon Falls 5k road race will be on Saturday morning, May 14.

Boy Scout Troop 104 may be planning a river clean up too, Vice Chair A. Goerig will check on that effort.

Haynes has a proposal for developing a project for the southern part of Beacon Falls with a connector road near Toby's Pond to Seymour.

## **5. Conservation Commission**

a. Clerical vacancy – Lauren Classey will be the new permanent clerk.  
Martha Melville will serve as relief clerk, when necessary.

b. Member Role & Responsibilities – outlined in ordinance

Commissioner C. Yarnarella suggests that the members use an electronic calendar with reminders of meetings.

Also, to save time at the meeting, minutes should be emailed in advance to be read before the meeting.

Chair Betkoski requested that commissioners let the chairperson know if you can't attend a meeting to ensure there is a quorum.

Education requirements – commissioners will get from attending conference/seminar or by having a guest speaker at regular meetings.

No other discussion.

## **6. Correspondence reviewed –**

The Conservation Commission sent a letter to First Selectman Susan Cable and the Board of Selectmen regarding recommending that the town prioritize its town web site and link to other commission web sites to foster good communication.

The Conservation Commission will send a letter to Mr. Jezierney of the Inland Wetland and Water coarse commission in response to a February 23 meeting with Joe Rabinski and Ron Skerit from Seymour re the ERT study on the soil erosion caused by people, ATVs, invasive species, stating the area towns need to work together to eliminate this problem. Rick Minnick, Vice Chair A Goerig & Chair Betkoski also attended this meeting.

Received minutes from the Planning & Zoning commission.

Received a memo from the Board of Selectmen on Feb. 7 re budget, asking all departments to refrain from spending any additional monies, other than normal expenses.

The Habitat newsletter was distributed. Secretary Chellis noted the New Haven representative position is vacant.

## **7. Goals & Objectives – sent to members**

Secretary Chellis inquired of the status of the Storm drain markings. Chair Betkoski reported that storm drains were 90% completed.

Good feedback from members about this list.

## **8. Outreach – Vice Chairman Anita Goerig**

Community forum set for Thursday evening October 13, 2011. VC A Goerig presented an updated report based on the 2008 communication plan.

- Potential guest speakers include: UCONN Director of Environmental Sciences, Michael Willig and Alex Felton, environmental science professor at Yale. VC Goerig suggested to the faculty that they bring their class to this event.



- UCONN, COG & Trout Unlimited have agreed to the table set up outside the WRHS auditorium.
- Traci Iott of the CT DEP will attend and present a plaque to Boy Scout Troop 104.
- Post University, NVCC, other and schools were contacted to participate at this event.
- This report included images of potential flyers to advertise this event.
- Looking for Sponsors for giveaways as well as volunteers.
- Audubon has money available for Scholarship - perhaps present it at the community forum which is to be educational and informational.
- Theme: celebrating our natural resources, recreation and greenways

PR – submitted to Citizen’s News, the Republican-American and the New Haven Register announcing the completion of an environmental review study of Lantern Ridge open space with photos. This is also posted on the web site.  
Also sent to the editor a schedule of events to newspapers.

Updated the web site with goals & objectives list.

May speaker will be Amy Blaymore Paterson, the first Executive Director for the Connecticut Land Conservation Council.

The CT Land Conservation Council is having a program on March 12 in Middletown. VC A Goerig would like to attend.

## **9. Natural Resource Inventory Program**

Secretary Chellis – did not meet this past month. He took a mapping seminar, will have kmz-format file to see the town via Google earth format, GIS info from state of CT.

The software he needs is pricey. Commissioner C Yarnarella will look into a cheaper price for the software subscription for municipal use.

Commissioner Jeff Goerig – distributed the Natural Resource Inventory & Assessment preliminary report to members.

## **10. Open Space Management**

### **a. Lantern Ridge – ERT**

Official copies were distributed. Copies also given to the Board of Selectmen, Land Use commission members, Inland Wetlands and Water Course Board and the Planning & Zoning commission.

Beginning to work with Seymour for planning cooperation, to work boundary management. Need to finish marking boundaries.

Need to have recommendations for open space usage & management based on Lantern Ridge ERT report, to be discussed at April meeting using the outline developed by cc – Commissioner Jeff Goerig reported that an evasive species was found in parking lot. This would be easy to eradicate while it's still in the lot before it gets carried further into open space.

b. River Bend Park

No update. This is now managed by Park & Rec. VC A Goerig requested that Selectman Mike Krenesky clarify with the Board of Selectman on responsibilities for this space. The BOS needs to provide clarification and direction. Chair Betkoski referenced a letter sent to the Selectmen with this request back in January.

**11. Land Use Committee Update – Diane Betkoski**

a. Ordinance – –Reviewed on 3/24 at the Land Use meeting. Input was given by all attending. Attorney Byrne will incorporate this feedback and update the ordinance. The attorney did confirm his recommendation that a Land Use ordinance is advisable in limiting Town Risk regardless of decision made by the CT legislature.

b. Plan of Conservation & Development Update – Diane Betkoski

Planning work continues with town planner, economic development discussed at that meeting to document and formalize town's activities.

**12. Payment of Invoice**

VC A Goerig presented a bill for \$16.94 for thank you note envelopes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chris Bielik and seconded by Commissioner Chris Yarnarella to pay the bill as submitted.

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

**13. Adjournment**

Next meeting April 4, 2011

Motion was made by VC A Goerig and seconded by Commissioner Chris Yarnarella to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



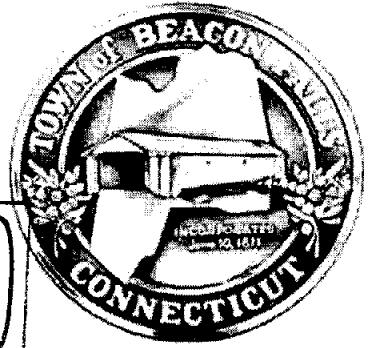
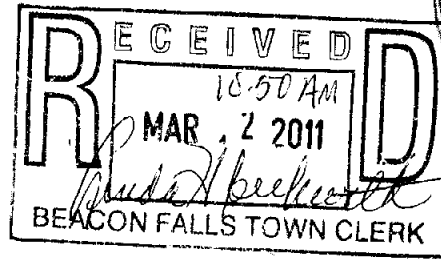
Martha Melville, Relief Clerk

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February 28, 2011

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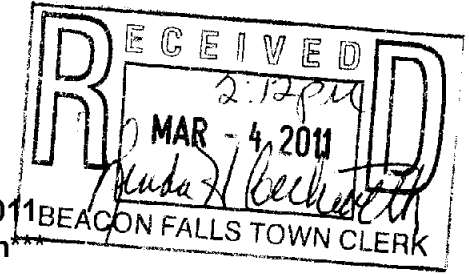


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3. Public Comment
4. Guest: Sam Gold, ACIP and Senior Planner for the Council of Governments
5. Conservation Commission
  - Clerical vacancy
  - Member Role & Responsibilities
6. Correspondence
7. Goals & Objectives
8. Outreach
9. Natural Resource Inventory
10. Open Space Management
  - Lantern Ridge – ERT
  - River Bend Park
  -
11. Land Use Committee Update
  - Ordinance
  - Plan of Conservation & Development Update
12. Payment of Invoice
13. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Betkoski, Chair-Conservation Commission

**Beacon Falls Conservation Commission  
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**DRAFT - Meeting Minutes, February 7, 2011  
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**Called To Order:**

Chair Diane Betkoski called the regular monthly meeting of the Beacon Falls Conservation Commission to order at 7:36 pm. Meeting took place in the Conference Room.

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

**Absent:** M. Kempa, Recording Secretary

**Also present: Public** (1), Joe Rodrigo, Land Use Committee Member, 42 Bonna St.

**First items, not on agenda. Chair Betkoski noted the absence of Recording Secretary Kempa, and asked Secretary Chellis to handle the minutes for the meeting. He agreed. No audio recording of meeting was made.**

**Second, Vice Chair Goerig made a motion to amend the agenda and to move up the Public Comment item and to then add an Executive Session. Motion was seconded, and unanimously passed.**

**Public Comment**

The public comment started with Joe Rodrigo, Land Use Committee Member & Parks & Recreation Commissioner from 42 Bonna Street. Mr. Rodrigo came to discuss his opposition and concerns regarding the recently defeated Land Use Ordinance.

Chair Betkoski said she is disappointed in the vote, especially seeing that the ordinance had been repeatedly revised, and at a cost greater than \$5000 in attorney fees.

VC Goerig says she felt that the proposed ordinance was driving a wedge between the member commissions of the Land Use Committee.

Chris Bielik asked Mr. Rodrigo why he felt that the ordinance was not a a good document. Mr. Rodrigo stated that he felt the ordinance was a bad document from the beginning.

He recommends that for it to move forward, it must not contain any restrictions on the Park & Rec commission.

VC Goerig suggests that BFCC and P&R meet to iron out the differences soon.

Mr. Rodrigo suggests that this occur at the next Land Use Committee meeting.

Chair Betkoski, agrees, and says that it will be on the agenda for that meeting.

She further adds that the intent of this ordinance is not self serving for BFCC, but is for the

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benefit of the whole Town.

Intent aside. Mr. Rodrigo is unhappy with the wording of the document. As an example, Mr. Rodrigo says that if passed, the Land Use Ordinance would allow the BFCC to block Parks & Rec from administering Toby's Landing as it saw fit. He objects to that.

VC Goerig & Commissioner Bielek suggest that Attorney Byrne be present at next Land Use Committee meeting. Chair Betkoski would like the Attorney to bring the source materials he used to help draft the ordinance.

**Executive Session**

The door was closed and an Executive Session to discuss an internal organization issue began at 8:00 pm. The door was opened and the Executive Session Ended at 8:25 pm. No minutes were recorded of the Executive Session.

**More Public Comment**

After conclusion of Executive Session, a reporter on deadline entered into the meeting with a few questions about the recent no vote of the Land Use Ordinance. Chair Betkoski and the BFCC took a few minutes to answer.

**Minutes of Jan Meeting**

Motion was made by Chair Betkoski and seconded Commissioner Yanarella to approve the minutes of January with the following modifications:

**“Outreach:** Vice Chair Goerig stated that she has received support from First Selectman Susan Cable for the conservation commission to host another Community Forum. She noted that this support does not include any additional budget dollars however. The target date is early fall possibly October 6 or 13<sup>th</sup>. Vice Chair Goerig stated that possible speakers would include the Connecticut ERT team, John Wargo, Environmental Studies Professor UCONN, and/or a professor from Yale of the Forestry and Environmental Studies. Including university professor will, it is her goal to involve / engage students and inspire them on the resources available in the community. She is thinking of obtaining a scholarship from speakers to present to a student during the forum. She will again ask for assistance from the Region 16 district.

Vice Chair Goerig stated she would like to publish CONSERV mid-Spring/Summer. The following are some of the articles which are being considered: Community Forum, Composting, Recycling, Electronic recycling, Phantom load, the Lantern Ridge ERT study and open space and a call for volunteers.

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Vice Chair Goerig designed a draft thank you note card for the Conservation Commission. A handwritten note can be written on the card. Chair Betkoski asked if it could just be a note card. Vice Chair Goerig stated she could print thank you cards and just a note cards also.

Vice Chair Goerig stated she would like to do a campaign on walks/tours of Lantern Ridge, Toby's Pond and River Bend Park. This is a way to conduct outreach with the community and introduce our natural resources. She would also like to schedule something educational and discussed a Discovery Day to tie into the NRI report once complete.

Vice Chair Goerig stated she would like to recognize for Joe Mylen, the boy scouts and volunteers involved in the storm-drain marker program during the Community Forum."

**Motion approved unanimously**

**Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

- US Army Corps of Engineers general notice
- Notice that CACIWC membership dues have been paid by IWLC
- P & Z December 16, 2010 meeting minutes
- Atty Bryne letter re: Land Use Activities dated 1/28/11

**Outreach**

Vice Chair Goerig stated that she has secured two speakers for the upcoming Community Forum including 3 members of the Connecticut ERT team (Lantern Ridge) and Phil Goff of Alta Planning + Design (greenway routing study). She is in contact with three university professors and hopes to have one or two commit as speakers as well. In addition she has secured a moderator. Jack Betkoski has agreed to again moderate the event. The date is confirmed for October 13<sup>th</sup>. Region 16 auditorium has been reserved.

\* The Forum is the ideal place to announce and launch the Natural Resource Inventory report.

\* She plans to organize a Discovery Day before or after the event to tie into the Natural Resource Inventory report. One goal is to have a university professor lead the event, working with fellow science teachers.

\* Acknowledging the work of Storm Drain Marker project by retired commissioner Joe Mylen and his team will take place. VC Goerig is looking to have DEP present

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a plaque to Mylen et al.

- She has received a quote to print the newsletter CONSERV at a lower rate than last year. The topics were discussed during the January meeting. Design, printing and publication will occur during the current budget year.
- This spring is the perfect time to promote the conservation commissions' outreach to the community. She stated that one possible venue is the Earth Day / River Race.
- The blank thank you note card was approved, it will be printed and distributed to the commission in March. Envelopes will be purchased and also distributed.
- In response to C. Parnell idea to purchase a separate domain (for web) and developing another web site for the CC, VC Goerig stated that it seems redundant. Her solution, develop a solid TOWN web site that represents and includes all commissions, boards, committees, etc.
- VC Goerig has requested that the commission become a member of the CT Conservation Council. She stated that this ties into outreach and networking with associations that support the commission' initiatives. It is a good foot in the door for the Land Trust research the commission discussed during the January meeting.
- VC Goerig noted that another commission member should be recruited to round out the commission. We are a 7-member commission based on the BFCC ordinance. Currently we have 6 members. Should we do PR? Or should the FS announce?
- VC Goerig made proposal for BFCC to join the CT Land Conservation Council. Dues are \$50/year. Chair Betkoski made motion & Commissioner Yanarella seconded.  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Natural Resource Inventory Program**

Due to Commissioner Chellis' absence the previous month, no subcommittee meeting took place in January. Commissioner Chellis discussed the goal of having the draft completed in time for presentation at the October 13<sup>th</sup> Community Forum.

Commissioner Goerig expressed his desire to take a lead on writing the first draft, a move supported by this subcommittee. A future subcommittee meeting date has not yet been set.

**Open Space Management**

Chair Betkoski states the the Land Use Committee next meets on Wed. 2/23 @ 7:30 pm.

Major item to discuss at that meeting is the future of the recently defeated Land Use

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ordinance. She is also reporting that the Forestry report for the Lantern Ridge ERT is now done, and available on the Kingsmark website. Chair Betkoski also has a letter prepared for the BOS regarding the completion and management of the River Bend Park.

**Land Use Committee Update**

Chair Betkoski states that the Town of Beacon Falls' Plan of Conservation & Development to be discussed & updated at next Land Use Committee meeting on 2/23.

**2011 Goals & Objectives**

Chair Betkoski asked the Commissioners to provide her with a list of this years goals & objectives. Commissioner Goerig mentioned a project of interest regarding the construction and installation of bird & bat houses. He says that Park & Rec has installed them in the parks.

Commissioner Goerig also brought up the importance of Toby's Pond for migratory birds, and pointed out that CT DEP has a program on building these bird houses, and that he would like to see some sort of Town involvement.

BFCC Audobon Society membership was also discussed, and Commissioner Yanarella made a motion that the Commission should pay the \$35 dues. Commissioner Bielik seconded the motion.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Bielik stated the need for the BFCC to plan ahead for membership renewals costs in the coming year.

**Payment of Bills**

No other bills or invoices needing payment were turned in.

**Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Commissioner C. Yanarella and seconded by Vice Chair A. Goerig to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously at 9:28 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Commissioner William Chellis, Secretary

Thursday, March 3, 2011

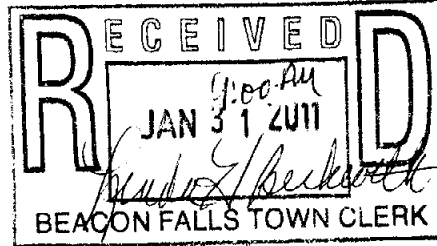


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January 31, 2011

Town Clerk - Kurt Novak  
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The Beacon Falls Conservation Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, February 7, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Assembly Room. The agenda is as follows:

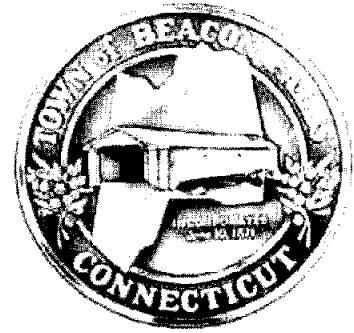
1. Call to Order
2. Minutes - January
3. Public Comment
4. Correspondence
5. Outreach
6. Natural Resource Inventory
7. Open Space Management
  - Land Use Ordinance
  - Lantern Ridge - ERT
  - River Bend Park
8. Land Use Committee Update
  - Plan of Conservation & Development Update
9. 2011 Goals & Objectives
10. Payment of Invoice
11. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

*Maryann Kempa*  
Maryann Kempa  
Clerk

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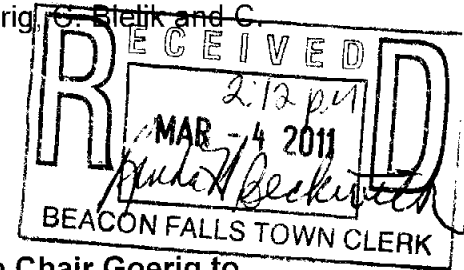


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Present: Chair D. Betkoski, Vice Chair A. Goerig, Commissioners: J. Goerig, G. Steljk and C. Yanarella.

Also Present: M. Krensky (8:15 p.m.).

Absent: Commissioner: W. Chellis.



**Minutes of December**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Yanarella and seconded by Vice Chair Goerig to approve the minutes of December with noted changes.**

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

**Public Comment – none**

**Correspondence**

Chair Betkoski noted the following correspondence was received:

The CACIWAC annual membership is due.

The Planning and Zoning Commission minutes were received.

A memorandum was received from the First Selectman regarding Chatfield Farms is at a standstill. Wyndham Homes is out of the Town of Beacon Falls and business.

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A thank note was received from Rich Minnick and family thanking the Commission for condolences at the loss of his mother.

A note from First Selectman and the Selectmen was received thanking the Conservation Commission for the all the volunteer work at Lantern Ridge.

The Habitant was received.

Information from the Southwest Conservation District was received.

A memorandum from the First Selectman was received regarding the Budget for 2011/2011 which is due by January 10<sup>th</sup>.

A letter was received from Atty. Byrne dated November 22, 2010 (a copy was emailed to each board member).

**BF – CC Reorganization of Officers**

The following nomination of officers was made:

**Motion was made by Commissioner Bielik and seconded by Vice Chair Goerig to nominate Diane Betkoski for Chair.**

**Discussion: None                      Vote: 5 in favor                      Abstained: 0                      Opposed: 0**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Goerig and seconded by Commissioner Yanarella to nominate Anita Goerig for Vice Chair.**

**Discussion: None                      Vote: 5 in favor                      Abstained: 0                      Opposed: 0**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Yanarella and seconded by Commissioner Bielik to nominate William Chellis for Secretary.**

**Discussion: None                      Vote: 5 in favor                      Abstained: 0                      Opposed: 0**

**Outreach** Vice Chair Goerig stated that she has received support from First Selectman Susan Cable for the conservation commission to host another Community Forum. She noted that this support does not include any additional budget dollars however. The target date is early fall possibly October 6 or 13<sup>th</sup>. Vice Chair Goerig stated that possible speakers would include the Connecticut ERT team, John Wargo, Environmental Studies Professor UCONN, and/or a professor from Yale of the Forestry and Environmental Studies. Including university professor will, it is her goal to involve / engage students and inspire them on the resources available in the community. She is thinking of obtaining a scholarship from speakers to present to a student during the forum. She will again ask for assistance from the Region 16 district.

Vice Chair Goerig stated she would like to publish CONSERV mid-Spring/Summer. The following are some of the articles which are being considered: Community Forum, Composting, Recycling, Electronic recycling, Phantom load, the Lantern Ridge ERT study and open space and a call for volunteers.

Vice Chair Goerig designed a draft thank you note card for the Conservation Commission. A handwritten note can be written on the card. Chair Betkoski asked if it could just be a note card. Vice Chair Goerig stated she could print thank you cards and just a note cards also.

Vice Chair Goerig stated she would like to do a campaign on walks/tours of Lantern Ridge, Toby's Pond and River Bend Park. This is a way to conduct outreach with the community and introduce our natural resources. She would also like to schedule something educational and discussed a Discovery Day to tie into the NRI report once complete.

Vice Chair Goerig stated she would like to recognize for Joe Mylen, the boy scouts and volunteers involved in the storm-drain marker program during the Community Forum.

**Natural Resource Inventory Program** Commissioner Chellis did not attend the meeting. A tentative meeting is scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Open Space Management**

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Chair Betkoski stated that the grant was updated. A decision is to be made by the Selectmen as to which Commission or Committee will pick up the ball and run with it. Vice Chair Goerig forwarded the original document dated 2007 for River bend.

**Land Use Committee Update**

**Plan of Conservation & Development Update**

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**2011 Goals & Objectives – cont.**

11. Learn more about Land Trusts

**2011 Budget**

Chair Betkoski reviewed the proposed Conservation Commission budget for 2011-2012. Commissioner Bielik stated to plan ahead properly for the next budget, the Commission should include an increase in the line item for Clerk. Discussion was held concerning pay in for the Clerk. Selectman Krensky suggested adding 3% to the line item. The operating expense line item will stay the same as previous budget.

**Payment of Bills**

M. Kempa

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

**Discussion: None      Vote: 5 in favor      Abstained: 0      Opposed: 0**

Selectman Krensky discussed the boy scouts volunteering to do projects within the Town.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Bielik and seconded by Commissioner Yanarella to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
William Chellis, Secretary

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**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.

**Riverbend 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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*9:00 AM  
Randa H. Betkoski*

**Meeting Minutes, January 3, 2011**

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Respectfully submitted,

  
Maryann Kempa, Clerk

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January 3, 2011

9:00 AM

*Sandra Beckwith*

Town Clerk – Kurt Novak  
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