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**Town of Beacon Falls** Open Space & Land Use Committee ON FALLS TOWN CL Acting As The Plan of Conservation and **Development Committee** 10 Maple Ave Beacon Falls, CT 06403

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **MARCH 24, 2010**

The Regular Meeting of the Open Space and Land Use Committee Acting As the Plan of Conservation and Development Committee was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chairman R. Minnick.

Present: Chairman R. Minnick, Commissioners: D. Betkoski, E. John Smith, A. SanAngelo, First Selectman S. Cable, B. Miller, Town Planner and C. Oliver.

Absent: Commissioners: D. Sorrentino, A. Parzuchowski, J. Rodrigo, P. Betkoski, S. Ruhl, J. Trzaski, K. McDuffy, S. Knapik, A. Sirowich, M. Krenesky and R Kunz.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Minnick explained that this Committee will now be known as the Open Space & Land Use Committee Acting As The Plan of Conservation and Development Committee.

Brian Miller, Town Planner stated that this Committee was appointed at this month's meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission as the advisory committee for the formulation of the update of the Town Plan of Conservation and Development as required by the State Statutes specifically Section 8-23A1. By Statutes the Planning and Zoning Commission is the powering body that adopts the Plan of Conservation and Development. The Board of Selectmen has the final decision. The Committee consists of representatives from each of the Town's Commissions (except the WPCA currently). Mr. Miller has proposed public sessions. A draft plan will be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the consideration. The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to adopt the Plan. The Planning and Zoning Commission can make changes to the Plan. The Plan needs to be updated every ten years but can be changed before the ten years. The Planning and Zoning Commission did make a change to the current plan concerning Active Adult - Chatfield Farms that has been presented to the State of Connecticut. The goal is to revise the plan. Currently, the State Plan and the Town Plan do not coincide. The Downtown Plan will be included and is being reviewed.

Mr. Miller submitted to the Committee a copy of the most recent Plan of Conservation for the Town which was adopted in 2002. A copy is on file. Discussion was held concerning the Sewer Service Area Map. The draft plan is divided into the following: Conservation Strategies for Discussion, Development Strategies for Discussion, Infrastructure Strategies for Discussion and Tomorrow's Downtown Development Plan.

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Discussion was held concerning: Natural Resources, Open Space, Historic Resources, Community Character, Community Structure, Housing and Residential Areas, Economic Development, Community Facilities and Transportation, Utilities.

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The Plan would be put together as follows: Goals, Objectives and Strategies. The Plan needs to be specific. A Vision Session will be held. Maps are needed concerning a land use analysis, vacant land within the town, wetlands and slopes. There are maps available through the Council of Governments. Commissioner D. Betkoski suggested putting an announcement of the Community Vision Session in the Conservation Commission's CONSERV which will be published in May. Mr. Miller suggested putting the announcement on the Town Website and First Selectman Cable suggested the Code Red Announcement System.

First Selectman Cable noted that Commissioner P. Betkoski is sick and Commissioner J. Trzaski had to work and unable to attend this meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28th at 7:30 p.m.

The first vision session will be scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center at 7:30 p.m. - Plan of Conservation & Development Committee – Visioning Our Future.

Motion was made by Commissioner D. Betkoski and seconded by C. Oliver to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

These minutes are subject to modification.

Respectfully submitted.

Clerk

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