

**Beacon Falls Land Use and Open Spaces Committee
10 Maple Avenue
Beacon Falls, CT 06403**



**Land Use and Open Spaces Committee
July 27 2016**

MINUTES

(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Mike Opuszynski, Walt Opuszynski, Ruth Burritt, and Rich Minnick

Chairman Mike Opuszynski called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M.

2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 23, 2016 as submitted: W. Opuszynski/Burritt; no discussion; three ayes and one nay by R. Minnick since he did not attend the meeting held on 03/23/2016.

3. Comments from the Public

M. Opuszynski asked if there were any comments from the Public and there were none at this time.

4. Old Business

a. EDC Town Business Portfolio

There was no member of the EDC present at tonight's meeting. R. Minnick stated that the EDC is finding out about incoming businesses after they are already in town. A possible way to improve the town for economic development is acting on our Plan of Conservation and Development.

b. Plan of Conservation and Development Work Breakdown and Cost Structure

The Plan of Conservation and Development is due again in 3 years. Planning & Zoning owns this action, though it could be brought again into the Land Use Committee to be completed by a team of representatives from all of the Land Use Boards. It was noted that this seem to work very well last time.

W. Opuszynski questioned how funds are appropriated for the work on the Plan. M. Opuszynski indicated that there are grant opportunities through the State of CT, and if the activity was on state roads, then the state would likely have to approve and fund.

R. Minnick indicated that he will get actuals on the costs to create the Plan for the next meeting. Planning & Zoning needs to drive the plan and Land Use needs to see about the timing.

c. Development of an “Application Process” to be Provided to Builders and Developers Which Would Include All Appropriate Commissions/Committees and Building Officials (EDC / P&Z / All)

There was no update on the application process and M. Opuszynski will reach out to Planning & Zoning to get a status.

5. New Business

There was no new business discussed at tonight’s meeting.

6. Reports from Commissions Regarding Current Activities

a. Report from P&Z

There was no report submitted by P&Z for tonight’s meeting.

b. Report from IWWC

It was noted that Charlie Edwards is working with the town on the Pent Road modification. There is a site plan for a farm on the property and concerns over erosion controls have been voiced. There is a potential for a pedestrian walkway, also noted as a snow shelf, which was questionable. There were no identified concerns over runoff but the Members have concerns for this in the future. There were no permits made but are needed, even though work has started.

It was noted that there seems to be an exceeded amount of material that has been removed from a site regardless of classification and size. Also noted was that there are no applications filed with Planning & Zoning as well as Inland Wetlands.

A question about the land use attorney was brought up since there seems to be no real support relative to money paid.

c. Report from WPCA

There was no report submitted by WPCA for tonight's meeting.

d. Report from CC

It was noted that the focus has been on Maintenance and Financials. The Conservation Commission is looking for volunteers for long term support. The Boys and Girls Scouts are a good source but needs to come from other sources.

e. Report from P&R

There no report submitted by P&R for tonight's meeting.

f. Report from EDC

There was no report submitted by EDC for tonight's meeting.

g. Report on Riverbend Park

It was noted that the approval was out with Inland Wetlands and with Planning & Zoning. The bid will open at 6:00 PM on 08/08/2016. Another bid will open at 6:00 PM on 08/09/2016 as well as a Public Meeting at 6:30 PM on 08/09/2016. It was also noted that notices have been sent to adjacent property owners.

h. Report on the Greenway

There was no update on the Greenway.

i. Report from LU Steward

R. Minnick indicated that he putting together a letter to turn Toby's Pond over to Parks & Rec. The Budget is currently available for work there and an outside contractor needs to be found. It was noted that O & G still maintains the spillway and berm. The berm currently has brush along it and needs to be cleaned up. It was noted that Parks & Rec have been helping but they are busy. There has been no breach since 2011.

R. Minnick indicated that there has been no activity at the Streetscape and he may go out with some Round-Up and spray the weeds.

7. Comments from Members

There were no further comments by the Members.

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence submitted for tonight's meeting.

9. Payment of Bills

a. Invoices from Clerk

Motion to pay the clerk's bills dated 03/23/2016 in the amount of \$65.00 and dated 05/25/2016 in the amount of \$38.75 as submitted: Minnick/Burritt; no discussion; all ayes.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is for Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at 7:30 P.M.

11. Adjournment

With no further items to discuss, M. Opuszynski asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn tonight's meeting: W. Opuszynski/Minnick; no discussion; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Land Use Committee