

**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Public Hearing – Johnson Street Property Lines
January 23, 2012
CONTINUATION**

CALL TO ORDER

Selectman D. D'Amico called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge to the Flag.

Present: Selectman D. D'Amico and Selectman C. Bielik

Also Present: Attorney F. Stannick, M. Treppca and approximately 10 town residents

The clerk L. Classey read the call.

D. D'Amico explained that this meeting was being continued so that the maps could be available to all parties and asked if there were any additional questions at this time.

D. D'Amico noted that seeing there are no additional questions at this time, he will close this Public Hearing and noted that it will be put on the agenda for the next Selectman's meeting.

R. Minnick, Cedar Lane, motioned to close the Public Hearing. W. Mariano 2nd the motion. D. D'Amico asked if all were in favor.

R. Minnick noted that since some people just arrived, could he table his motion to close the Public Hearing or table it so that the people who just arrived could speak.

W. Mariano did the same.

J. Gabriel, 89 Johnson Street, asked if they were going to put up a fence from pole to pole before the town takes it or leaves it to him noting that they were promised a fence from pole to pole. She noted that the owner promised the fence.

M. Treppca, LLC, explained that he has no intentions of putting up a fence. He explained that he has no intentions of putting up any fence or barrier unless he is required to do so by P & Z.

J. Gabriel asked if no one knew who's property it was, what gave him the right to cut down the trees.

M. Treppca responded by saying that before he cut down any trees he received permission from P & Z and the building department to do so. He noted that all he did was clean the slope to make it look nicer.

W. Carl, Johnson Street noted that while his property looks nice, Gabriel's and Russell's property now have open noise from Route 8 that was never there before.

M. Treppca explained that before he did anything to the property he received permission from P & Z.

W. Carl explained that they would be interested in having either a sound fence or some tall shrubbery replacing what was cut down to block for one the sun light that now gets very hot in the summer time, the noise is loud. He noted that they are all wondering if he now owns Ray Shea's building. M. Treppca responded that is correct.

The conversation continued.

Attorney F. Stannick representing the Applicant reminded the board again that they are here for one reason and that is to define the property line for Johnson Street. He would like to contain the discussion to the property line which is the sole purpose of this meeting. He noted that he does understand the neighbors concern but that is not the purpose of this meeting. We are here to define the line on Johnson Street.

D. D'Amico noted that as far as he believes, any other decision would be up to P & Z.

W. Carl asked that in the future, will the people on Johnson Street have a say as to what happens to their view of route 8 or the Naugatuck River, is it going to be a 1, 2 or 3 story building. He noted that none of these things have been defined yet. He noted that this will go beyond the street line.

D. D'Amico noted that he believes that this will be in the hands of P & Z and if there are any wetlands issues that will be up to them noting that we are here for one reason.

W. Carl asked what the rest of the process as they continue to build will be.

D. D'Amico asked if there were any other questions regarding the property line.

R. Minnick, Cedar Lane, explained the process for the benefit of the home owners on Johnson Street. He noted that if buildings will be going up the next step would be to go to the Wetlands Commission (because there does not appear to be any evidence of wetlands, there may or may not be a Public Hearing – an application showing that there are no wetlands would have to be submitted and a decision will have to be made.) R. Minnick explained that the Wetlands Commission is charged with storm water management as well and because of the nature of this, they may or may not need a Public Hearing. He noted that the property owners may or may not get a notice. He also noted that depending on what P & Z comes up with, they may or may not have a Public Hearing. He noted that with them being adjacent property owners, should there be a Public Hearing they will get a notice. For now, the best thing for these property owners to do is keep their ears to the ground as to what may be taking place. He noted that this is what is legally required.

D. D’Amico asked if there were any additional questions three times.

W. Carl asked if they could bring up questions regarding what’s coming next.

C. Bielik answered that it is beyond the scope of this meeting.

With no further questions,

R. Minnick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 P.M. W. Marion 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Classey
Clerk for the Board of Selectmen