

**Beacon Falls Water Pollution Control Authority  
10 Maple Avenue  
Beacon Falls, CT 06403**



**BEACON FALLS WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
Monthly Meeting  
December 16, 2014  
MINUTES  
(Subject to Revision)**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Jeff Smith called the meeting to order at 7:38 P.M.

Member Present: Jeff Smith, Rich Komar, Jim Weed, Walter Opuszynski, Charlie Edwards, Dave Finn, and Dave Prickett

Not Present: Rob Pruzinsky, Jim Galligan, and Jay Sheehan

**2. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting**

J. Smith indicated that the October minutes will be tabled at this time in order for everyone to review them. There was no quorum from November's meeting.

**3. Comments from the Public**

No members of the public were present at tonight's meeting. If anyone from the public attends later during the meeting, the members will address the comments at that time.

**4. New Applications**

There were no new applications presented at tonight's meeting.

**5. Public Hearing**

There were no Public Hearings presented nor discussion at tonight's meeting.

## **6. Old Business**

### **a. Industrial Park**

J. Smith spoke to the lawyer and found that the lien was never set because there was a question. C. Edwards asked if Jimmy Martin still owes the property and J. Smith indicated that he doesn't. It was decided that the Commission will hold up any building permits in the future and the property will be attached.

This topic will remain on the agenda.

### **b. Sewer Service Area Map**

This topic can be removed from the agenda.

### **c. Nitrogen & Phosphorous Removal**

Dave Prickett began by saying that we were heading in the right direction and the joint meeting with the WPCA, the Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Finance. Then, it seemed to go in another direction with the Board of Selectmen not wanting to move forward with the plant upgrades. C. Bielik's biggest concern is with not knowing who is and who is not connected. C. Bielik indicated that he would like to see an evaluation study and see who is and who isn't connected then the calculations will be more accurate.

D. Prickett indicated that he believes that there are approximately 2,600 households and roughly 1,300 household connected. The problem is that there are a lot on wells. J. Smith noted that you cannot go by water consumption. W. Opuszynski also noted that Cotton Hollow needs to be taken out of the equation since their source is from Naugatuck.

C. Edwards asked if Seymour crosses the river and J. Weed indicated that it does three times. It crosses by the Tressel and then again at Manors Avenue. D. Prickett indicated that they are running at about half their rate of capacity. He indicated that we can take a look at that. C. Edwards mentioned that is not just the cost of the mandated upgrades but an ongoing cost to the town to run the plant. This needs to be taken into consideration.

D. Prickett indicated that C. Bielik gave his ok to have WPCA to submit their draft report to the state. That's the purposed plan and the state will come back with comments, and once it goes final, they will say now implement it. If the Selectmen decide not to endorse it, there could be fines per day. It could be in 2 years or in 10 years. D. Prickett would like the WPCA to consider submitted the study to the state. C. Edwards noted that we don't know the number of units. D. Prickett indicated that this is saying that we looked at the system, we looked at II, looked at the drivers of the plant – nitrogen & phosphorous, and undersized equipment. However the town decides to recover the debt is the town's own decision. J. Smith asked if there is any harm in submitted the report and D. Prickett replied no, but "we own it".

Motion to submit the draft study to the State of Connecticut with the supplemental alternative of going to other towns: **Edwards/Weed**; no discussion; all ayes.

D. Prickett noted the C. Bielik has a meeting scheduled with W. Opuszynski and R. Pruzinsky on Thursday, and J. Smith will be attending it as well.

## **7. New Business**

J. Smith indicated that there have been no grinder pumps that failed. W. Opuszynski also agreed. J. Weed asked if we are viable for them or not as this point. D. Prickett noted that WPCA is clean and provided his interpretative to C. Bielik, as well as legal advice and Jim Galligan. He is not sure if they acted on it but since the note has been paid off, the responsibility to maintain the pumps has expired. Letters can be sent to the homeowners.

Motion to notify the homeowners with grinder pumps that the note has been paid off , and the Town of Beacon Falls is not responsible for maintain of the grinder pumps: **Edwards/Weed**; discussion was as of what date should be reflected in the letter as the date of the homeowner's responsibility. C. Edward noted that legally our responsibility ended when the note was paid off so that should be the date reflected. If someone got a repair, then it is our fault not notifying them. J. Smith noted that it should be as of today's date. E1 should send the letter to inform the homeowners that they can provide service but at their expense. W. Opuszynski noted that we don't want to upset anyone. J. Smith noted that the homes were upgraded to a 200 amp service and they got a grinder pump put in from the edge of the road. A grinder pump couldn't be done on a 100 amp service. It was determined to send the letters; all ayes.

### **a. Treatment Plant Monthly Report**

The Treatment Plant report was passed to the members to review.

### **b. Budget and Payment of Bills**

There is a bill for \$145.00 from Nafis & Young for the sewer treatment plant. W. Opuszynski indicated that he will pay the bill out of the Sewer Treatment Plant since it was for work done at the plant.

### **c. Clerk's Invoice**

There was a bill from the Clerk submitted for tonight's meeting in the amount of \$50.00 for the November 18, 2014 meeting.

Motion to pay the bill from the clerk in the amount of \$50.00 as submitted for tonight's meeting: **Weed/Finn**; no discussion; all ayes.

## **8. Correspondence**

A Christmas card from Nafis & Young received.

The minutes from October 21, 2014 will be voted on at this time.

Motion to accept the minutes from the October 21, 2014 meeting with the additional of Jim Weed's name listed as present: **Edwards/Komar; no discussion; all ayes.**

**9. Miscellaneous**

W. Opuszynski wanted to address a few items. The first item is that there is an issue with secondary tank on the west side. They are draining it to see what the problem is. J. Smith asked what the issue is and W. Opuszynski indicated that it could be the water, at the bottom of the tank, so we will see what it is after the draining. The other item is in the study we came up with I&I issues with liters, etc. He was wondering if they could start to address the issues, one being the fire house gutters. R. Komar asked when the next meeting for the firemen. W. Opuszynski indicated the first Monday in January 2015. Finally, W. Opuszynski had a meeting with O & G's engineers and they want to put fuel cells in their property on Railroad Avenue. They are looking to hook up with the sewer system to discharge of the water. C. Edwards asked if the electricity is going to be back feed into the grid and W. Opuszynski indicated yes. C. Edward asked if they are going to be chemical fuel cell and W. Opuszynski indicated no. They are going to need a 4" water main in there, minimum. They are also looking to discharge what they are going to be cooling but no number at that time. There is going to be an application or discussion with them at some time in the future. They also talked about wells. It was noted that we will have to see the plans.

**10. Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session discussed at tonight's meeting.

**11. Petitions from Commissioners**

There were no Petitions from Commissioners discussed at tonight's meeting.

**12. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:36 P.M.: **Edwards/Weed; no discussion; all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo  
Clerk, Water Pollution Control Authority