

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



**BEACON FALLS WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Monthly Meeting
January 20, 2015
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jeff Smith called the meeting to order at 7:39 P.M.

Member Present: Jeff Smith, Rob Pruzinsky, Jim Weed, Charlie Edwards, Dave Finn, Jim Galligan, and Dave Prickett

Not Present: Rich Komar, Walter Opuszynski, and Jay Sheehan

2. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion to accept the minutes from the December 16, 2014 meeting as submitted by the clerk for tonight's meeting: Edwards/Weed; no discussion; all ayes.

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

J. Smith indicated that there are applications for tonight's meeting but they are not really new. The first one is from United Rental for the vehicle maintenance wastewater discharge permit for their wash bay. They have already applied and now they are applying for the State. A copy of the permit was submitted to the WPCA. A copy was given to Jim Galligan since he did not receive it.

The second one is from Charlie Edwards. He is stepping off the Commission at this time since he is the application.

Charlie Edwards, 30 Lorraine Drive, Beacon Falls, is the applicate and represents C. Edwards Company. J. Smith stepped off the Commission since he is an adjacent property owner. Rob Pruzinsky is in charge of the meeting at this point.

Motion to accept the application for review: **Pruzinsky/Weed**; *no discussion*; all ayes.

C. Edwards is submitting prints for his development Tiverton 2. He asked what the fees would be and was informed that the maximum/minimum amounts would be on the application by J. Smith. C. Edwards asked if there was a package in the WPCA mailbox that was submitted by his engineer. J. Smith indicated that there wasn't anything from the engineer in the mailbox for WPCA. C. Edwards indicated that he will have the form and payment for the next meeting. It was noted that everyone will need to present at the meeting since J. Smith and C. Edward will both have to step off the Commission. It was also noted that if a quorum is not met, then the First Selectman would be called to sit on the Commission.

J. Smith and C. Edwards are back on the Commission at this time.

5. **Public Hearing**

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

6. **Old Business**

a. Industrial Park

J. Smith noted that he has not heard anything new on Jimmy Martin's place. J. Galligan mentioned that someone came into Planning & Zoning on a preliminary basis looking to occupy the rest of the building. The Commission directed the person to come back with the proper application and site plan. They will have to come before this Commission to get the permits and connections. J. Smith noted that they will have to be informed about the outstanding fees. J. Smith indicated that he will take care of that. There is nothing else in regards to the industrial park.

This topic will remain on the agenda.

b. Nitrogen & Phosphorous Removal

Dave Prickett indicated that they are still finalizing the report based on the motion carried at last month's meeting to include the Seymour alternative. They are expecting to submit it to the State next month. They are a little behind with the holidays.

One new item of business is that Walter Opuszynski and he met with Chris Bielik last week to go over things, including the interest that the Selectmen have in exploring the sewer user fee system for wastewater. This would be a starting point to getting the WPCA on their own and with their own enterprise account. C. Bielik agrees that the WPCA could use the money that was appropriated a few years back towards the plant; you could use the money from that towards the evaluation.

D. Prickett indicated that there are three steps that need to be done. The first being that we do not know who is connected and who isn't. We know where the sewers are in town and have some records but they are not comprehensive. C. Edwards noted that when they started talking about this, it was thought that there were approximately 2,000 units and at some point, it went down to 1,500 units. J. Galligan also noted that we need to know how many units are fronted by the sewers and how many units are connected. J. Smith indicated that there was a discussion on doing smoke testing but that will not work if the house has traps because it will prevent the smoke from coming out. R. Pruzinsky asked about dye testing and J. Smith indicated that that would take too long.

J. Smith suggested that letters be sent to the homeowners stating that fees for tie-in fees will be charged. The people who are not connected would call and inform the Commission of that. J. Smith noted that there should be a map there as the calls come in to document. C. Edwards felt that written documentation from the homeowner would be better. J. Smith suggested that a dye test could be done to confirm.

D. Prickett made the suggestion that has been done in other towns is to mail a letter that includes a number to go to a website and type in the number and complete the information. D. Prickett indicated that we have flow data from the plant and we reconcile it against the pipes and count houses. One of two things is happening – 1) less people are physically connected that we think, or 2) people don't use water, which is hard to believe. R. Pruzinsky asked how many sewer and well areas does the town have. J. Weed indicated that all of Rimmon Hill is well. C. Edwards made note of the sewers going down Burton Road, through Cedar Circle, came down Burton Road to connect the loop. It goes by many houses that are not connected. He asked if a report could be received from Aquarion to help get the information. J. Smith doesn't think that will work because there is water on septic.

C. Bielik would like a plan of how people are going to call and respond to find out if they are connected to the sewer. J. Weed asked how hard it would be to set up a dedicated website for D. Prickett's suggestion. D. Prickett noted that it won't be hard but would cost a little bit of money. C. Edwards suggested that the homeowners mail in their responses so we have written documentation.

J. Smith felt that a special meeting may be needed to discuss this a bit further. He asked for a motion.

Motion to schedule a special meeting to establish sewer users, how many units are actually on the sewer system, and method of charging the homeowners: Edwards/Weed; *discussion was by J. Galligan as to the date for the special meeting. C. Edwards suggested meeting before our regular monthly meeting at 7:00 P.M. The members agreed to the date of Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.; all ayes.*

D. Prickett next mentioned that C. Bielik is open to revisiting the proposed budget. Last year, a fourth person, sludge, and chemical was proposed in the budget. C. Edwards asked how we came in. D. Prickett indicated that they were at \$615,000 last fiscal year and this current fiscal year is down to about \$570,000. The actual is going to be way over due to the chemical for phosphorous and sludge. They don't want to entertain a fourth operator and D. Prickett proposes that WPCA doesn't fight that. The opportunity to advocate for what should be an appropriate budget to include for the sludge and chemical for phosphorous is good for this coming fiscal year budget.

7. New Business

a. Treatment Plant Monthly Report

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

C. Edwards indicated that there is an issue with the report submitted that he would like to question. The report shows that there was a problem on Christmas Day with the well at the treatment plant. R. Pruzinsky indicated that he didn't get the call. C. Edwards asked who opened the gate. He also would like to know what was the incident, why did he have to go on Christmas Day, and what well had the problem. A full report should be given to WPCA.

Motion to have a full report submitted to WPCA by the next meeting in regards to the incident on Christmas Day with the well at treatment plant, what was the incident, why did he have to go on Christmas Day, what well and what was wrong with the well, as well as who unlock and locked the gate: Edwards/Weed; no discussion; 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention from Rob Pruzinsky.

b. Budget and Payment of Bills

A bill dated 01/27/2014, #166, from Water Resource Technologies was received and is confusing. The invoice shows that the bill was for \$2,700 and the amount paid was \$500.00. J. Smith indicated that more information is needed from Denise in the Finance Dept. as to what property, etc. J. Weed asked if we approved it and J. Smith replied yes.

An invoice dated 12/29/2014 from Woodard & Curran was received in the amount of \$2,943.9. J. Smith asked for a motion to pay the invoice as submitted.

Motion to pay the bill from Woodard & Curran in the amount of \$2,943.93 as submitted for tonight's meeting: Edwards/Weed; no discussion; all ayes.

J. Smith noted that the amount left in the original contract is \$29,455.35.

c. Clerk's Invoice

There was a bill from the Clerk submitted for tonight's meeting in the amount of \$68.75 for the December 16, 2014 meeting.

Motion to pay the bill from the clerk in the amount of \$68.75 as submitted for tonight's meeting: Pruzinsky/Weed; no discussion; all ayes.

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence submitted for tonight's meeting.

9. Miscellaneous

There was no discussion under this agenda item.

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 8:28 P.M.: **Edwards/Weed; no discussion; all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Water Pollution Control Authority