

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



BEACON FALLS WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Monthly Meeting
March 17, 2015
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jeff Smith called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M.

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

Not Present: Dave Finn, Walter Opuszynski, and Jay Sheehan

2. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion to accept the minutes from the January 20, 2014 meeting as submitted by the clerk for tonight's meeting: **Weed/Pruzinsky**; no discussion; 4 ayes and 1 abstention from C. Edwards since he was not at the last meeting.

3. Comments from the Public

Mark Tice, 186 West Road, owns Hillside Estates and submitted 3 sets of prints for sewer laterals. J. Smith noted that an application was not submitted with the prints. M. Tice will fill one out tomorrow.

Motion to accept the prints for review: **Edwards/Komar**; no discussion; all ayes.

Since the applicant already has an assessment then there will be no charge for the lateral on the existing house. M. Tice indicated that the house is still on septic; he has not hooked up as of yet since the septic works yet. He noted that he paid the assessment. R. Pruzinsky indicated that he will look at the as-built.

4. New Applications

There are no new applications at tonight's meeting. Also, J. Smith noted that there were no grinder pumps that failed.

5. Public Hearing

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

6. Old Business

J. Smith indicated that there was a discussion with the town attorney in regards to the grinder pump and who is responsible for the cost of maintaining the grinder pumps. Atty. Stanek drafted a preliminary letter for the homeowners to sign stating that they are now responsible for the grinder pump and lateral going up to the street. C. Edwards asked if they will be sent certified and J. Smith thought that a meeting may be held for the people to attend and given the information. R. Pruzinsky asked how many grinder pumps do they have and C. Edwards replied 30-40.

J. Weed asked J. Galligan for his recommendation. J. Galligan recommended that the attorney schedule the meeting and meet with the people to sign the paperwork. C. Edwards asked what happens if they do not show up. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Atty. Stanek mail certified letters to each of the homeowners. J. Smith asked for a motion.

Motion to recommend having Atty. Stanek mail certified letters to the homeowners with grinder pumps stating that the town of Beacon Falls is no longer responsible as of April 1, 2015: Edwards/Weed; no discussion; all ayes.

a. Industrial Park

There is no update on the industrial park and this topic will remain on the agenda.

b. Nitrogen & Phosphorous Removal

D. Prickett mentioned that he is no longer with Woodard & Curran and has his own company now. D. Prickett has conveyed to Woodard & Curran that they need to update the draft facilities plan to include the Seymour alternative. He will be a resource to WPCA and to J. Galligan with their consideration as well as C. Bielik's consideration. J. Sheehan is still the point of contact.

D. Prickett indicated that C. Bielik and the Selectmen are on board with the user fee because they want to know how many EDU's they have. He noted that costs could be cut based on who is and who is not connected. It is a 2-part project. One is going through the data. R. Pruzinsky has started and given a list of 1,100 homes who have taken out connection permits that are on record. W. Opuszynski has seepage receiving records for the past three years. J. Galligan has record plans from the sewers that have been constructed. This will all help identifying the EDU's.

J. Smith noted that he would like to have the residents notified that they are being forced to the user fee for the sewers by the State of CT. D. Prickett informed the Commission that since they do not have an enterprise fund, the revenues that have been collected could be reallocated to a different fund.

J. Weed asked if D. Prickett would like a motion to move forward and D. Prickett indicated that would be good if everyone is ready for it.

Motion to have WPCA approve the scope of services, schedule, and fee as presented in the memorandum dated 03/17/2015 as submitted by Dave Prickett for the proposed Sewer User Fee Evaluation Project, to be completed by DPC and Nafis & Young Engineers subject to the authorization of an agreement by the First Selectman: **Weed/Edwards; no discussion;** all ayes.

7. New Business

a. Treatment Plant Monthly Report

The Treatment Plant report was not submitted by W. Opuszynski for tonight's meeting.

b. Budget and Payment of Bills

There were no bills submitted for tonight's meeting.

c. Clerk's Invoice

There was a bill from the Clerk submitted for tonight's meeting in the amount of \$65.00 for the January 20, 2015 meeting.

Motion to pay the bill from the clerk in the amount of \$65.00 as submitted for tonight's meeting: **Edwards/Komar; 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 8:26 P.M.: **Edwards/Weed; no discussion; all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Water Pollution Control Authority

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