

**Town of Beacon Falls
Inland Wetlands & Watercourse Commission
10 Maple Ave
Beacon Falls, CT 06403**



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 11, 2012

Chairman Edward Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission of January 11, 2012 to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Edward Smith, Vice Chairman Stephen Knapik and Commissioners: Richard Minnick, Arlene Brumer, Walter Opuszynski and Michael Opuszynski.

Absent: Commissioner: David Chadderton.

Also Present: Wetlands Enforcement Officer David Keating, Jim Cassidy representing Dr. Dey and Maryann Kempa, Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance – recited

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Knapik and seconded by Commissioner M. Opuszynski to allow the Chairman to rearrange the agenda to accommodate the public.

Discussion: None Vote: 6 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

Public Hearings & Considerations of Public Hearings

IWWC Regulation & Application Update

Commissioner Minnick submitted the new IWWC Application and the new Storm water Management Application. Also submitted to the board is the IWWC Map. The adopted date will be 1/11/12 and effective date 1/18/12.

Motion was made by Commissioner Minnick and seconded by Vice Chairman Knapik to adopt the IWWC regulations adopted date 1/11/12 and the effective 1/18/12, along with the wetlands map.

Discussion: None Vote: 5 in favor Abstained: 1 Opposed: 0

Note: Commissioner W. Opuszynski was reappointed to the board but has not been sworn in; therefore, he will be abstaining from any votes at this meeting.

Commissioner Minnick noted that Nafis and Young will be submitting 10 bound copies, along with the CD in PDF format. Three copies will be submitted to the Town Clerk's office, seven copies will be forwarded to the board to keep on file and information will be posted on the website.

The board thanked Commissioner Minnick for the great job he has done.

Commissioner Minnick noted that the map is only a guide.

Comments from the Public – none

Public Petitions – none

Application A-2011-291 – 128 Pines Bridge Road/Lot 45 – Dr. Dey

Chairman Smith stated he asked Jim Cassidy, representing Dr. Dey to come to the meeting concerning the entrance to the project which has been changed. Also, a storm water management permit was voted on but has not been issued. Jim Cassidy representing Dr. Dey presented the original plan to the board. He stated that in order to obtain building permits, they needed to apply to the State DOT for an encroachment permit because it is a state highway in front of the site. The DOT had a concern concerning the site line as you entered the driveway as there was a hump in the road in front of the old school. The site line distance was approximately 344 feet looking to the east. The speed of the road was 35 miles per hour. The required site line distance is 350 feet. Therefore, it is six feet short. The DOT stated they wanted the driveway on the other side of the property (west side). The driveway was revised to the west side. The impacts to the wetlands have not been changed. The corner of parking lot is now 22 feet off the wetlands was 15 feet previously. The driveway is now 20 feet off the wetlands, previously was 13 feet. An additional parking space has been added. There is no additional clearing to be done to the area. There is no water going to the wetlands to the west. All water will go to the detention basin. There is a zero net increase. Flow calculations have been reviewed by the Town Engineer. Mr. Cassidy has submitted to the Commission the revised plan dated December 9, 2011 in which the noted changes have been made and that has been approved by the Town Engineer. Commissioner W. Opuszynski requested an as built when the project is completed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Minnick and seconded by Vice Chairman Knapik to approve the revised proposed plans dated December 9, 2011 - A-2011-291 – 128 Pines Bridge Road/Lot 45 – Dr. Dey. The conditions of approval will be redone to reflect the December 9, 2011 revision date.

Discussion: None Vote: 5 in favor Abstained: 1 Opposed: 0

The conditions of approval for A-2011-291 – 128 Pines Bridge Road/Lot 45 – Dr. Dey will be redone and submitted to the Town Clerk's Office for filing.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Minnick and seconded by Commissioner M. Opuszynski to approve the regular minutes for December with the noted revision.

Discussion: None Vote: 5 in favor Abstained: 1 Opposed: 0

The December minutes will be revised and forwarded to the Town Clerk's Office for filing.

Commissioner Minnick noted the courses to be offered by the Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley in conjunction with the Connecticut Land Use Academy.

New Applications – none

Correspondence

1. Letter dated December 13, 2011 from David Nafis, Nafis & Young concerning Erica Reichard and David Lawton, 50 Burton Road, Beacon Falls, CT.
2. Interoffice Memo dated December 20, 2011 from Gerard F. Smith, First Selectman regarding bills and invoices from vendors.
3. Interoffice Memo dated January 4, 2012 from Gerard F. Smith, First Selectman regarding Purchasing Policies and Procedures, adopted on March 10, 2011 and must be adhered to.
4. Planning and Zoning Minutes dated December 14, 2011.
5. Connecticut Federation of Lakes - News Volume 16, Issue 2 – December 2011.

Administrative Reports

David Keating, Wetlands Enforcement Officer stated that the active projects are:

1. 128 Pines Bridge Road – Dr. Dey
2. Ryan Smith – 80 Pines Bridge Road
3. 50 Burton – Erica Reichard and David Lawton.

Application A-2011-295 – 50 Burton Road – Driveway Repair

David Keating, Wetlands Enforcement Officer stated that he feels that the 50 Burton Road project is going slower than he thought it would because of the rain. Vice Chairman Knapik stated that the material has been delivered for the sleeves. The road is three quarters of the way built to where the problem occurred. The anti-tracking pad is in. The hay bales are installed. Construction continues.

Application A-2010-287 – Lancaster Drive – Beaver Control

Vice Chairman Knapik stated he and Selectman David D'Amico visited the Industrial Park where the shoulder is dug up and water is running down caused by the beavers. A plan will be developed to pipe the water and put the shoulder back.

Application A-2004-246 Total Energy/Antar LLC – Industrial Park – take off agenda

Application A-2005-262 Alliance Circle – Lot 1 – take off agenda

Application A-2006-263 – Pines Bridge Industrial Park – Lots 2 & 3 – take off agenda

Application A-2011 – 289 – Smith Farms Dev. LLC – Storm water Drainage – take off agenda

Lasky Road/Refurbish Trail – Boy Scouts – take off agenda

Application A-2011-293 – Harmon Family, 53 Hubbell Ave. – Trailer Replacement

Chairman Smith noted that the old trailer is gone. The new trailer has not been brought in.

Application A-2011-294 – 34 Lasky Road – Ed Zaldumbide – Addition to House

David Keating, Wetlands Enforcement Officer stated he had not been to the site. He will visit the site. Chairman Smith stated the project has been started.

Beacon Mill Village

Commissioner W. Opuszynski had questions regarding the retaining wall. Chairman Smith stated that because of the size of the retaining wall it should be engineered. The wall is within 50 feet of the brook. Therefore, an application should have been submitted to this Commission. Dave Keating will visit the site.

New Business

1. Election of Officers – tabled

Report of Accounts

Commissioner W. Opuszynski gave a report of accounts as of December 30, 2011.

It should be noted that wetland markers and poles need to be purchased.

Payment of Bills

M. Kempa and D. Keating – December

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Knapik and seconded by Commissioner Brumer to pay the bills as submitted.

Discussion: None Vote: 5 in favor Abstained: 1 Opposed: 0

State of Connecticut Fees – submitted as received.

Miscellaneous – nothing

Petitions from Commissioners – none

Executive Session – none needed

Motion was made by Chairman Smith and seconded by Commissioner M. Opuszynski to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maryann Kempa
Clerk