

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



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 14, 2012

Chairman Edward Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission of February 8, 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.

Also Present: Wetlands Enforcement Officer David Keating, Fred Clark, Luchs Consulting Engineers, Donald Smith, Jr. and Maryann Kempa, Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance – recited

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

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

Comments from the Public – none

Application A-2011-292 – Downtown Streetscape

Mr. Fred Clark, Luchs Consulting Engineers in Meriden came before the board concerning the Beacon Falls Streetscape Project in particular the intersection of Depot Street and South Main Street. Six copies of the application, drainage improvements for Depot Street and Streetscape Construction Details were submitted to the board. There is currently a dry well catch basin out in the roadway. A second dry well will be installed to handle the volume infiltration and stop any overland flow running down the bank into the river. There will be no impact into the wetlands. The two dry wells will be connected using interconnecting appropriate pipe. The drainage will go into the first catch basin then would overflow into the second catch basin which is a half of a foot lower. Currently the drainage is going over the bank into the river. It is about 30 feet from wetlands. The wetlands have been flagged. There were other alternatives but this is the most prudent feasible. There is no direct impact to the wetlands or the stream channel encroachment line. Erosion control matting will be used. Inspection will be done once a year. Cleaned out will be done on a five to ten year basis.

Motion was made by Commissioner Minnick and seconded by Commissioner Opuszynski to approve the proposed storm water drainage improvements as indicated on the plans dated March 5, 2012 by Luchs Engineers per application A-2011-292 – Downtown Streetscape.

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

NOTE: A letter dated March 15, 2012 was forwarded to Fred Clark, Luchs Engineering with a copy to Gerard Smith, First Selectman regarding the approval of the proposed storm water drainage improvements as stated in the motion above.

New Applications

Application A-2012-297 – Burton Hill - Lot #3/363 Burton Road – Re subdivision – NVS&L
Chairman Smith stated this application is for a re subdivision of remaining land on Burton Road – Section 1 – formerly S. Cote’s property. Donald Smith, Jr. Consulting Engineer came before the board representing Naugatuck Valley Savings and Loan. Mr. Smith stated that the property has approximately 2.25 acres of wetlands through the middle of the property. There is a letter from the Soil Scientist, Roy A. Shook, Jr. dated February 29, 2012 giving his opinion that certain wetlands have been man-made created by the previous logging activity. The application is to divide the current lot into two lots – a 7.5 acre lot and a 6.5 acre lot. In order to restrict future development, the applicant is proposing to grant the Town a conservation easement over the northerly portion of the property.

The proposal as part of the application is to fill approximately 4,600 square feet of the man made wetlands or wetlands that had previously been disturbed by the prior property owner. To minimize the site disturbance, the two building lots will be served by a common paved driveway (50 feet x 225 feet). The lots will be served by municipal water and will have a common sewer force main with individual sewer pumps. Both lots will be served by underground electric, telephone and CATV services.

The man-made wetland is approximately 2,000 square feet. The site has an existing storm water outlet from the Town’s storm water system. There is no formal easement for this discharge. As part of the project, the applicant will construct a new outlet with a preformed scour hole, suitable for sediment removal by town forces. The applicant is also proposing to grant the town a storm water easement in order to allow the town to maintain this outlet in the future. To meet ground water recharge volume requirements, infiltrator style galley units will be installed on the roof drain discharge pipe of each lot. There will be no underground storage tanks on the property.

Commissioner Minnick stated that should the project be approved, a note should be put on mylar requires IWWC review prior to construction.

David Keating, Wetlands Enforcement Officer stated that he asked Don Smith to get in touch with Jim Galligan to see if there are any issues regarding the Town’s storm water coming down there which would need to be resolved or modified. Chairman Smith stated that Jim Galligan has given Mr. Smith information concerning this matter. Jim Galligan does not have copies of the proposed plans.

Motion was made by Commissioner Minnick and seconded by Commissioner M. Opuszynski to receive the application for processing and it will be determined if a public hearing will be held.

Discussion: None

Vote: 5 in favor

Abstained: 1

Opposed: 0

Approval of Minutes – February

Motion was made by Commissioner Minnick and seconded by Commissioner M. Opuszynski to approve the minutes of February as submitted.

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

Correspondence

1. Planning and Zoning Minutes dated January 29, 2012
2. Planning and Zoning Minutes dated February 16, 2012
NOTE: Dave Chadderton, Chairman and Peter Betkoski, Vice Chairman
3. Conservation Commission Minutes dated February 6, 2012
4. Training Program – State of Connecticut
5. Council of Governments – Annual Report
6. Clear Scapes – Winter 2012 – pamphlet
7. Southwest Conservation Commission pamphlet
8. Proposed Budget for IWWC 2012-2013
9. Letter from Loureiro Engineering Associates, Inc. dated February 16, 2012 re:
Notice of Planned Environment Sampling, 158 Pines bridge Road, Beacon Falls, CT
NOTE: A copy of this letter was forwarded to Commissioner Opuszynski.

NOTE: The following board members attended the Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley - Low Impact Development and Reading a Site Plan Seminar on February 29, 2012: Stephen Knapik, Walter Opuszynski and Richard Minnick.

Motion was made by Commissioner Minnick and seconded by Commissioner W. Opuszynski that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission pay for any member (either online or in person) for 2012 Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioners Training Program – State of Connecticut – Department of Energy and Environment Protection.

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

Public Hearings & Considerations of Public Hearings – none

Public Petitions – none

Administrative Reports

David Keating, Wetlands Enforcement Officer stated the following projects are in progress:

1. Application A-2011-291- 128 Pines Bridge Road/Lot 45 - Dr. Dey – going well. There is a request to Planning and Zoning to add in some light fixtures. As long as they are not in or closer to the wetland, the lights have been approved for the parking area.
2. Application A-2011-290 – Ryan Smith, 80 Pinesbridge Road – going well.
3. Application A-2011-294 – 50 Burton Road – Driveway – done. There has been no big rainstorm to test it.

Drainage Problems in Roadways

Commissioner Minnick stated that letters were written to the Board of Selectmen a couple of years ago and recently to get the drainage problems in the roadways taken care of. They are actively working on it. Measurements were taken this past week. They are also going to be working on day lighted drainage. Cedar Lane catch basins going down into Oak Drive will be addressed. Work is being done to correct run off onto roads.

Application A-2001-218 O&G Restoration – Toby’s Pond

Application A-2012-296 Toby’s Pond – Repair and Maintenance

These items will be kept separate. Commissioner Minnick stated that the Town Engineer agrees that spillway maintenance and the berm maintenance is the responsibility of O&G and it needs to be corrected immediately. There are negotiations going on with Jim Galligan, Town Engineer and the Selectmen. Contractors and volunteers are ready to go down to do some of the work. In particular the southern spillway there is all kinds of brush that acts as a dam. The maintenance of those sections is the responsibility of O&G.

Commissioner Minnick stated that there was a reduction of O&G’s bond. There is question as to what amount is left.

The construction sequence was emailed to the board members.

NOTE: The construction sequence was mailed to Chairman Smith and Vice Chairman Knapik on March 16, 2012.

Commissioner Minnick forwarded to the board measurements and elevation shots taken by O&G Industries, Inc. for the entrance spillway.

New Business – none

Report of Accounts – none

Payment of Bills

M. Kempa, D. Keating – February, and Nafis & Young

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

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

Budget

Motion was made by Commissioner Minnick and seconded by Vice Chairman Knapik to approve to the proposed budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 as submitted.

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

NOTE: A letter dated March 16, 2012 was sent to Gerard Smith, First Selectman stating that the Commission approved the proposed budget for fiscal year 2012-2013.

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State of Connecticut Fees – submitted as received.

Miscellaneous – nothing

Petitions from Commissioners – none

Executive Session – none needed

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Knapik and seconded by Commissioner M. Opuszynski to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maryann Kempa
Clerk