

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



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 13, 2012**

Chairman Edward Smith called the Regular Meeting 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, M. Horbal, P.E., C. Wilemski, J. Mieszcanski, D. Mieszcanski, and Maryann Kempa, Clerk.

**Pledge of Allegiance – recited**

**Comments from the Public**

Chris Wilemski, 361 Burton Road came before the board to state his concerns regarding Burton Hill, 363 Burton Road. Chairman Smith stated that the public hearing has been closed on this matter. It is on the agenda for discussion and vote by the commission. No more comments can be taken from the public.

**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**

**Application A-2012-297 Burton Hill, Burton Road – Lot 3**

Commissioner Minnick stated that the commission needs to issue two permits concerning this application – one for wetlands and one for stormwater management. The stormwater management will be tracked under a separate number and with a different name. A copy of the draft approval for Inland Wetlands has been received by the commission members.

Commissioner Minnick presented changes to be made to the draft copy of the approval.

Commissioner Minnick stated that he ordered the posts for marking the wetlands and they are expensive. The expense should be considered to be included in the application fee.

Chairman Smith asked if the common driveway will be paved past the first driveway. Michael Horbal stated it will be paved. Discussion was held concerning a surety for the driveway construction. There surety will consist of \$5,000 for each lot and \$5,000 for the driveway.

Discussion was held regarding the stone wall. Commissioner W. Opuszynski feels that the conditions of approval should be put on the record map. Commissioner Minnick stated a note regarding the conditions of approval (not each individual condition) was put on the record map. Dave Keating, Wetlands Enforcement Officer stated that the application number should be

included in the signature block for the wetlands commission. Discussion was held concerning underground storage tanks.

**I, Richard Minnick, this June 13, 2012 make a motion to approve the application for Burton Hill a two lot residential subdivision located on Burton Road in Beacon Falls, CT Application #A2012-297 based on the substantial evidence heard at the Public Hearing, processed by applicant which is Naugatuck Valley Savings and Loan and presented by Donald Smith, P.E. and other representatives for the applicant to the Beacon Falls Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission and hearing from Commission staff including the Town Engineer the proceedings that the Commission grant the application whereas finding that there are no prudent and feasible alternatives to those presented and such activity shall have a minimal impact on the wetlands and watercourses providing that the plans are implemented as presented and approved. The permit is granted subject to the following conditions, discussed, to be corrected and modified per previous discussion. The motion was seconded by Walter Opuszynski.**

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

Commissioner Minnick left the meeting.

**Burton Hill, Burton Road – Lot 3 – Stormwater Management**

Chairman Minnick stated that the list of all the plans reviewed should be included at this time in the motion for stormwater permit. Chairman Smith inquired as to the fee. Vice Chairman Knapik suggested \$25,000. The common driveway is 150 feet long and 18 feet wide. Commissioner W. Opuszynski asked if there is any indication as to where the property starts for each of the property owners. Discussion was held concerning the construction of the driveway and stormwater management. Commissioner W. Opuszynski asked if there is a construction sequence for the driveway. Currently there is no construction sequence. Chairman Smith stated that the piping for stormwater management has to be put in place before the driveway can be constructed. Wetlands Enforcement Officer David Keating stated that the Wetlands Commission required that before building on these two lots the applicant or applicants have to come back to show exactly what is going to be built.

**Motion was made by Vice Chairman Knapik and seconded by Commissioner Brumer to approve the stormwater management for Application A-2012-297 Burton Hill, 363 Burton Road – Lot 3 with the condition that the applicant or applicants to come back before this board to present the construction sequence of the driveway prior to any construction and any other changes.**

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

Chairman Smith asked if there were any questions from the public now that this matter has been acted on.

J. Mieszcanski, 383 Burton Road stated his concerns regarding the construction of the driveway. Chairman Smith stated what approved is on the plan and the applicant or applicants are responsible to come back to the board. The driveway is to be installed before any homeowner

moves into either house. There was question regarding the catch basins. Mike Horbal, Land Surveyor, stated that the existing catch basins are to be converted to drop manholes.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Public Hearing**

**Motion was made by Commissioner M. Opuszynski and seconded by Vice Chairman Knapik to approve the Public Hearing Minutes with corrections.**

**Discussion: None      Vote: 4 in favor      Opposed: 0      Abstained: 1**

**Regular Meeting**

**Motion was made by Commissioner M. Opuszynski and seconded by Vice Chairman Knapik to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.**

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

**Correspondence**

1. Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc. – Membership Renewal Notice.
2. April and May – Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes
3. Conservation Commission Minutes
4. Memorandums for A. Brumer and M. Opuszynski – regarding Board of Ethics
5. Invoice from Nafis & Young
6. Invoice from Republican-American Newspaper
7. Connecticut Wildlife Magazine
8. Invoice from Desert Engineering Group
9. Loureiro Engineering re: 158 Pinesbridge Road Environmental Sampling

**New Applications – none**

**Old Business**

**Application A-2010-287 - Lancaster Drive – Beaver Control – take off agenda**

**Application A-2011-291 – 128 Pinesbridge Road/Lot 45 – Dr. Dey – take off agenda**

**Application A-2011-295 – 50 Burton Road – Driveway Repair – take off agenda**

**Administrative Report**

**Wetlands Enforcement Officer**

Wetlands Enforcement Officer David Keating stated that Pond Spring Village is going to be transferred to new owners. The new owners will have to come back to this Commission to transfer the permit.

**Report of Accounts - none.**

**Payment of Bills**

D. Keating - \$159.84, M. Kempa - \$235.50, Desert Engineer - \$473.47, Nafis & Young - \$181.25 and Republican-American - \$143.84.

**Motion was made by Vice Chairman Knapik and seconded by Commissioner M. Opuszynski to pay the bills as submitted and to pay CACIWC Membership.**

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

Chairman Smith will ask Larry Secor if Nafis and Young has received final payment for the work done on the draft regulations. Any fees should come out of this year's budget.

**Motion was made by Vice Chairman Knapik and seconded Commissioner Brumer to authorize the Chairman to pay the Nafis and Young's fees for the Regulations.**

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

**State of Connecticut Fees – submitted as received.**

**Miscellaneous – none**

**Petitions from Commissioners**

Chairman Smith stated that the Conservation Commission needs two representatives from this board. Commissioner M. Opuszynski and Commissioner Brumer will be representatives.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Maryann Kempa, Clerk