

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



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, JULY 11, 2012

Vice Chairman Stephen Knapik called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Vice Chairman Stephen Knapik and Commissioners: Richard Minnick, Arlene Brumer, Walter Opuszynski (7:35 p.m.) and Michael Opuszynski.

Absent: Chairman Edward Smith.

Also Present: Wetlands Enforcement Officer David Keating, Michael H. Horbal, Land Surveyor and Planner, 52 Main Street, Seymour, CT, Mr. Robert Pruzinsky, R.S. &J Development Co. – 45 Pinesbridge Road, Beacon Falls, CT and Maryann Kempa, Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance – recited

Comments from the Public – None

Public Petitions – None

Motion was made by Commissioner Richard Minnick and seconded by Commissioner Arlene Brumer to allow the Vice Chairman Stephen Knapik to rearrange the agenda to accommodate the public.

Discussion: None

Vote: 4 in favor

Abstained: 0

Opposed: 0

New Applications

Application A-2012-298 – R.S. &J. Development - 45 Pines Bridge Road

Michael H. Horbal, Registered Land Surveyor with an office at 52 Main Street in Seymour, CT came before the Commission representing the Pruzinsky family/a construction company located on 45 Pines Bridge Road. They will be pursuing a regrading and excavation permit from the Town Planning and Zoning Commission. They are required to get approval from this Commission for wetlands and storm water management. The application and drawing (5 sets) has been submitted to the Commission. The application is for the excavation and grading for a building pad for a future commercial building. The drawings showed a future 15,000 square foot building with approximately 75 parking spaces. The site is hilly and steep. In order to build, the construction company will have to excavate the property to level it off. Half of the property was leveled in approximately 1986-87. The applicant at this time wishes to level the westerly half of the parcel to the intersection of Rimmon Road. The excavation calls for 65,000 cubic yard to be done over a 24 month period. The plans are outlined to show how they will proceed. The plans show a proposed grading plan, sediment and erosion control plan and details and the construction sequence. Hydraulic computations which conform to the Regulations of the State of Connecticut

for runoff and an application for storm water have been submitted. There is an executive summary included. There is a proposal as to how the storm drainage will be done. There will be a temporary sedimentation trap; then there will be permanent detention basin. They are planning to attend the next meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission on July 19th. Because of the amount of excavation and blasting to be done, the Planning and Zoning Commission must have a public hearing.

David Keating, Wetlands Enforcement Officer stated he does not know of any wetlands on this site. Michael Horbal stated when the original proposal in 1985 was made, the plans at that time showed there were no wetlands on the site. Permits were granted by this Commission in 1985 and 1989 for the excavation at this site. There were no wetlands shown on the plan.

Vice Chairman Stephen Knapik stated that we are all familiar with the site. It is steep and pretty much all rock. Michael Horbal stated there are no wetlands or watercourses on the site. Dave Keating, Wetlands Enforcement Officer stated that to west of where Rimmon Hill Road is now, there is a spring. Michael Horbal stated the spring has never been part of this property. The existing road was moved to the east from the original location. There will be a tie in to the State drainage system. Michael Horbal stated that after the clearing is done, the filter fence will be installed and then the temporary sediment trap needs to be created. There will be a sediment trap with an inlet pipe on a riser that feeds into an existing catch basin located on the Pruzinsky property.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richard Minnick and seconded by Commissioner Walter Opuszynski to receive the application for processing and review.

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

A copy of the plans will be forwarded to Jim Galligan, Town Engineer for review. A check (#0226) in the amount of \$335.00 has been received, if needed the fee will be adjusted. This application will be put on next month's agenda.

**Approval of Minutes
Regular Meeting**

Motion was made by Commissioner Richard Minnick and seconded by Commissioner Michael Opuszynski to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes with noted changes.

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

Revisions to the minutes have been done and forwarded to the Town Clerk for filing.

Correspondence

1. Conservation Commission Minutes – 7/2/12
2. Concrete Time – Q. Bridge
3. Budget report
4. Copy of letter from Gerard Smith, First Selectman to Day, Berry Howard LLP
5. Purchase order for post and signs – paid last year's budget
6. Republican-American bill for notice published

Public Hearings and Considerations of Public Hearings – none

Commissioner Richard Minnick stated he would like to contact Larry Secor, Nafis & Young Engineer to get a blank standard form for the storm water management permit. The Commissioners agreed.

Old Business

Application A-2003-236 Pond Springs Village/Pent Road/Lancaster Drive

Commissioner Arlene Brumer stated that she would recuse herself from any discussions and correspondence regarding Pond Springs Village/Pent Road/Lancaster Drive as it is currently an active work site.

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

Application 2112-296 – Toby’s Pond – Repair and Maintenance

Chairman Richard Minnick stated that no activity has been done with the crossings as of yet. There was a meeting at the site with First Selectman, Gerard Smith, Ken Faroni, O&G and Charles Edwards. Piping needs to be purchased. The first crossing was repaired by O&G. They have to go to the site to review the work. The next crossing where the bridge needs to be pulled out will be started when the piping is purchased.

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

Vice Chairman Stephen Knapik stated that this matter can be taken off the agenda.

New Business

129 West Road

Chairman Richard Minnick stated that a letter needs to be sent to Mr. Stephen Posick. The swail needs to be cleaned out. A letter should also be sent to the Public Works Department concerning problems on the road. A copy of the letters should be forwarded to Jim Galligan, Town Engineer.

Report of Accounts

Chairman Richard Minnick gave the report of accounts.

Payment of Bills

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Walter Opuszynski and seconded by Commissioner Michael Opuszynski to pay the bills as submitted.

Discussion: None

Vote: 5 in favor

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

State of Connecticut Fees – submitted as received.

Miscellaneous – none

Petitions from Commissioners – none

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