

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



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 10, 2013
REVISED**

Vice Chairman Stephen Knapik called the Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission to order at 8:20 p.m.

Present: Vice Chairman Stephen Knapik, Commissioners: Richard Minnick, Walter Opuszynski, Michael Opuszynski, James Galligan, Town Engineer and David Keating, Wetlands Enforcement Officer

Absent: Chairman Edward J. Smith and Maryann Kempa, Clerk.

Also Present: Matthew Gilchrist, EG Homes and Darin Overton, Milone & MacBroom.

Pledge of Allegiance – recited at Public Hearing

**Application A-2004-348 Chatfield Farms Active Adult Development Phases 1 & 2
Application A-2005-255 Chatfield Farms Active Adult Dev. Phase 3, 4 & 5**

Mr. Matthew Gilchrist, EG Homes stated that he sat down with the Town Engineer and Darin Overton, Milone and MacBroom and developed a map. On the map is very clearly where the critter crossings will remain and another area because of storm water a mountable Cape Cod curb and a critter crossing allowance. Commissioner Richard Minnick stated that some type of curbing is needed for storm water management.

James Galligan, Town Engineer noted the letter dated June 17, 2013 to Matthew Gilchrist, EG Homes, LLC from Eric Swift of Nafis and Young Engineers Re: Notice of Soil and Erosion Inspection stating the following: an inspection of the above reference site on June 14, 2013 was conducted to evaluate the site's erosion and controls are a rain event.

The following is a list of wetland violations for the site. The following violations must be remedied within (30) thirty days of this notice to attain compliance with the site's storm water pollution control plan.

1. Apply more topsoil and seed to the work area above the level spreader. (Photo 1).
Photos attached to letter.
2. The drainage structure for the middle pond is obstructed with debris. Remove debris around the screen. (Photo 2).
3. Stabilize the outer face of the berm protecting the wetlands along the Phase 5 area with topsoil, seed and hay. (Photos 3 & 4).

This inspection contains the advice of the signatory as to compliance with the soil and erosion control regulations of the Town of Beacon Falls. It should not be interpreted as a comprehensive summary of site conditions as they may change from day to day and is intended to represent the minimal effort to address the erosion control and sedimentation issues at the site.

It is your responsibility to comply with all legal requirements at the site and maintain the site soil and erosion control measures as required by any federal, state or local regulations and nothing herein should be construed as somehow relieving that responsibility.

Mr. Matthew Gilchrist stated that Eric was at the site today. The three items in the letter were addressed.

Mr. Darin Overton, Milone and MacBroom representing EG Homes stated they have been corresponding with DEEP concerning the dam repairs. Mr. Overton explained the plan for the surface water and the spillway. No material will have to be brought into the site.

Mr. Gilchrist stated he will address the matter of the stockpile. He will contract Milone and MacBroom to re engineer and re grade the site. They should keep an eye on the retention areas.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richard Minnick and seconded by Commissioner Walter Opuszynski to accept the modifications to the curbs for Phases 1 and 2 of Chatfield Farms as submitted by Milone and MacBroom revised overall layout on page 1 dated July 9, 2013.

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

New Application

Application A-2013-303 - Beacon Fall Xpress Mart – 25 North Main Street

David Keating, Wetlands Enforcement Officer explained the application is for the construction of a small storage addition on the right hand side of Convenience/Gas Station. It will be constructed on an asphalt area. There is no change in the runoff. They will be required to get a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the setback. There are no environmental issues. This is the better alternative than having the storage area on the rear of the building. It does not need an approval from the State of Connecticut. Vice Chairman Steven Knapik stated that the application is complete.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richard Minnick and seconded by Commissioner Michael Opuszynski that this application does not need a public hearing.

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

Commissioner Michael Opuszynski asked if there is going to be a door in the back. There will be a back door.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richard Minnick and seconded by Commissioner Michael Opuszynski to approve the application as designed for Beacon Falls Xpress

Mart. The Commission is to be contacted prior to construction is started. Application fee is to be paid by next Wednesday, July 17, 2013.

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

Comments from the Public – none

Correspondence

Connecticut Wildlife

Public Hearings

Application A-2013-302 to be continued on August 14, 2013.

Old Business – nothing to discuss

Storm water Management Detention Inventory

Commissioner Richard Minnick stated that all the detention ponds need to be identified.

Commissioner Richard Minnick made a motion and seconded by Commissioner Walter Opuszynski that the Commission investigate having Nafis and Young to identify all the detention ponds and conditions, what lots they are on, what parcels, whether they are owned by the town or by an association or private owner.

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

Report of Accounts – no report

Bills

D. Keating - \$264.60

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

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

State of Connecticut Fees

Miscellaneous - none

Conservation Commission Representative

Commissioner Michael Opuszynski stated that there was no meeting. Work was done at Lantern Ridge. A GPS was used to survey some of the hiking trails.

Petition from Commissioners

Commissioner Richard Minnick stated that the fees for Gobblers Ridge have been calculated. The disturbed is .09 acres, disturbed area – \$11,761.20 in addition there is a base fee plus \$32 x \$3.00 an additional \$17,000. A letter should be sent to the application regarding the additional fee. A letter should be sent to the Board of Selectmen regarding this fee. \$5,000 has been received.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Walter Opuszynski and seconded by Commissioner Richard Minnick to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Kempa

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Clerk