

Town of Beacon Falls  
Inland Wet Lands & Water Courses  
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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 13, 2013**

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

Present: Chairman - Edward J. Smith, Vice Chairman - Stephen Knapik, Secretary - Arlene Brumer, Commissioners:, Richard Minnick, Walter Opuszynski, Michael Opuszynski, Wetlands Enforcement Officer - David Keating , and Clerk - Shari Garcia. Also, Josh Michels, Dave Bjorklund, and Charles Edwards from the public attended.

Absent: Town Engineer - James Galligan

**Pledge of Allegiance – recited**

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

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

**Minutes - October**

Motion was made by Commissioner Richard Minnick and seconded by Michael Opuszynski to accept the meeting minutes of October as presented.

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

**Public Petitions**

Josh Michaels spoke about a letter he sent concerning property he acquired on 563 Burton Road. He and his partners who purchased the property did not do the filling and grating. David Keating, asked the committee if they would like him to resolve it as to be stabilized, or have the party complete a formal application, or if the committee wanted the situation dealt with in another way.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richard Minnick and seconded by Secretary Arlene Brumer to let David Keating handle this as a normal application and no permit was needed.

Discussion: John Smith asked who purchased the property. Richard Minnick asked who put the water line in. Walter Opuszynski asked if there was any erosion on the property.

Walter Opuszynski suggested that if there is any activity on the property Josh Michels will go before the board. Chairman Edward Smith suggested giving Josh Michels markers to mark off the wetlands. Vice Chairman Stephen Knapik suggested giving Josh Michels markers and a poster.

Motion was made by Edward Smith to post markers and a poster designating the wetlands are.

Vote: 6 in favor      Abstained: 0      Opposed: 0

David S. Bjorklund, Engineer of Spath Bjorklund Associates, Inc., presented on behalf of the party that bought Pond Spring Village back from the bank. Secretary Arlene Brumer refused herself because of personal conflict. Pond Spring Village was approved in 2004 and went back to the bank. Before going back to the bank the sewers and roads went in the development. David S. Bjorklund requested permission for Pond Spring Village to change the unit configurations. A discussion followed concerning the proposed changes. During the presentation Michael Opuszynski and Walter Opuszynski refused themselves due to a conflict of interest. David Keating wanted compliance with Planning and Zoning and suggested that modifying the location is up to that committee. Edward Smith requested a final copy. Richard Minnick inquired about the permit. He asked if it was the original and then Edward Smith asked if the permit had been extended. Richard Minnick suggested checking with the owner and having the owner come back in for an extension. Edward Smith asked David S. Bjorklund to come in next month.

Secretary Arlene Brumer, and Commissioners Walter Opuszynski and Michael Opuszynski are back on the board.

Charles Edwards, of 30 Lorraine Drive, presented on Lot 22 off 39 Kalea's Way. The committee had previously inspected this property which had a violation. Charles discussed activities that have occurred on the property including: removing material and debris from an area of Lot 22 and placing it on Lot 23; bringing the elevation of the area down close to how the original grade was; putting the septic system in; staking the sideline; and seeding the area with wetland mixture.

Richard Minnick suggested Charlie post wetlands "Protection Boundary" markers on an established section of the property and have Charles Edwards pay for the fiberglass poles needed. Walter Opuszynski suggested Charles Edwards complete a week's worth of service at Lantern Ridge Park.

Motion was made by Stephen Knapik and seconded by Richard Minnick to accept Lot 22 with the standard approval and have Charles Edwards serve free time at Toby's Pond.

Discussion: Wetlands Enforcement Officer David Keating inquired about the stone barrier. Charles Edwards invited suggestions for the stone barrier.

Vote: 6 in favor

Abstained: 0

Opposed: 0

### **Administrative Reports**

Wetlands Enforcement Officer David Keating mentioned the storage building constructed in the back of Goldenrod Corp located at 25 Lancaster Drive and said he will investigate the situation. John Edwards suggested the organization had gone through the proper permitting. Richard Minnick would like to be informed when they are going to pour the concrete.

### **Old Business**

Edward Smith inquired if there were any concerns about Old Business. Richard Minnick proposed that the revision of the wetlands regulations #16 should be kept on the agenda. He mentioned the complete revised research on the detention ponds and suggested writing the cover letter concerning this meeting that can be sent to the new selectman. He suggested discussing where the funds will be spent at the next meeting.

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

Richard Minnick brought up O&G Industries, Inc. restoration and how it will function as a spillway. He also shared the opportunity to get organic material to use in layering the approach to the spillways.

### **Report of Accounts - received**

#### **Payment of Bills**

David Keating - \$264.60

Nafis & Young - \$1,500.00

**Motion was made by Vice Chairman Stephen Knapik and seconded by Commissioner Michael Opuszynski to pay David Keating's bill and table the bill from Nafis & Young until James Galligan is present.**

### **Miscellaneous**

Walter Opuszynski suggested corrections to the member list. Mr. Chadderton and Richard Minnick should be removed from the member list.

### **Petition from Commissioners**

A thank you letter was read from Maryann Kempa.

Stephen Knapik thanked Richard Minnick for his years of service.

### **Conservation Commission Representative**

Michael Opuszynski suggested adding the Conservation Commission report to the agenda as #2 under K.

**Motion was made by Stephen Knapik and seconded by Michael Opuszynski to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Garcia  
Clerk