

**Beacon Falls Inland Wetlands & Watercourses
Commission
10 Maple Avenue
Beacon Falls, CT 06403**



**BEACON FALLS
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES
Draft Minutes of
June 10, 2015
(Subject to Revision)**

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman John Smith ordered the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.

Members Present: John Smith, Stephen Knapik, Bill Giglio, Arlene Brumer, and Michael Opuszynski

Not Present: Walter Opuszynski and Jamie Lillis

Staff Present: Dave Keating and Jim Galligan

J. Smith indicated that he will entertain a motion to rearrange the agenda for tonight's meeting to accommodate the public.

Motion to rearrange tonight's agenda to accommodate the public: Knapik/M. Opuszynski; no discussion; all ayes.

Chatfield Farms Matt Gilchrist and Chris Olivera submitted the monthly report. They did have a preconstruction meeting with staff prior to the start of work on Phases 3, 4, and 5. They proposed to clear cut approximately 21 acres of those phases but will grub and stump and disturb only about half that area at this time. They will use temporary vegetation to stabilize the remaining area until it is time to disturb those other areas. The permit limits the disturbed area to no more than 5 acres at a time unless specifically authorized by the Commission. Mr. Olivera submitted a colored map to highlight the various portions of the site to be clear cut, and to be disturbed at this time.

After considerable discussion the following **motion** was made: Subject to proper use of temporary vegetation; storm water management to avoid impacts to the environment; and the installation of sediment and erosion controls, the Commission authorizes the cutting of more than 5 acres of trees and the disturbance of more than 5 acres of land.

Per the submitted map, tree cutting shall occur in areas 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 3C, and 5. Grubbing and disturbance shall occur only in areas 3A, 3B and 4A. Disturbance of the remaining areas shall not occur until specifically authorized by the Commission: M. Opuszynski/ Knapik; no discussion; all ayes.

2. Show Cause Hearings & Considerations of Public Hearings

1. Show Cause Hearing

a. Cease & Desist Order Regarding 93 South Main Street – Mario Trepca

Mario Trepca noted that his engineer is working on a solution plan but is waiting for the soil report. They have a preliminary design of the wall and hope to submit the final design in the near future. The embankment is not showing signs of collapse or sluffing. The Commission members decided to continue the Show Cause hearing at the next regularly scheduled meeting, which is at 7:30 PM on July 8, 2015.

2. Show Cause Hearing

a. Cease & Desist Order Regarding 113-119 South Main Street – Mario Trepca

Mario Trepca said that the foundation wall for the building was being installed now and as soon as it is properly cured, they can complete the retaining wall and the final grading above the retaining wall. Then the disturbed area can be stabilized in accordance with the approved plan. The Commission members decided to continue the Show Cause hearing at the next regularly scheduled meeting, which is at 7:30 PM on July 8, 2015. Hopefully by that time, the violation will be corrected.

3. Comments from the Public

J. Smith indicated that there are no comments from the public since there is no one at tonight's meeting.

There were no Public Petitions at tonight's meeting.

4. Business Meeting

a. New Applications

Repair and Reconstruction of Highland Avenue.

Town Engineer Jim Galligan explained that the Town will be doing repair and reconstruction work on the portion of Highland Avenue west of North Circle.

New storm drains will be installed and the street will be re-paved with a proper crown in the surface to allow water to drain toward the gutters. He submitted a Storm Water application. The project will include standard sediment and erosion controls and upon completion, a set of as-built drawings will be provided for the files.

Motion was made to accept the application for processing and to waive the fee because it is a Town project: **Knapik/M. Opuszynski**; *no discussion*, all ayes.

The application number SW-2015-007 was assigned to the project.

Motion to approve the repair and reconstruction project for Highland Avenue: **Giglio/Brumer**; *no discussion*, all ayes.

Repair and Reconstruction of Town Hall parking lot.

Town Engineer Jim Galligan explained that the Town will be doing repair and reconstruction work on the parking lot of the Town Hall. As part of the work, the landscape island will be eliminated so that the parking layout can be improved and made safer. Drainage will be installed and directed to a catch basin and new pipe under Highland Avenue near Laurel Ledge School. It is hoped that all of the work will be completed prior to the start of the school year in September. Mr. Galligan submitted a Storm Water application. The project will include standard sediment and erosion controls and upon completion, a set of as-built drawings will be provided for the files.

Motion was made to accept the application for processing and to waive the fee because it is a Town project: **M. Opuszynski/Knapik**; *no discussion*, all ayes.

The application number SW-2015-008 was assigned to the project.

Motion to approve the repair and reconstruction project of the Town Hall parking lot: **Giglio/Knapik**; *no discussion*, all ayes.

b. Approval of Minutes of May 13, 2015

Motion to accept the minutes: **Knapik/M. Opuszynski** ; *no discussion*; all ayes accept Brumer who abstained because she had not attended the May meeting.

c. Old Business

J. Smith noted that there is a monthly report regarding Oakwood Estates but there was no monthly reports received from Pond Springs and West Road. J. Smith asked D. Keating to write a letter to M. Tice that monthly reports must be submitted even though there is no work being done at this time.

d. Consideration of Public Hearing

e. Correspondence

f. Budget

1. Report of Accounts

The Board reviewed the Report of Accounts.

2. Payment of Bills

a. Invoices from the Clerk for the May 2015 - \$ 76.25

b. Invoice from Dave Keating for \$325.44

Motion to pay the invoices that were submitted at tonight's meeting: **Knapik/Brumer**; *no discussion*; all ayes.

3. State of Connecticut Fees

D. Keating indicated that he is a little behind and will catch up.

g. Petitions from Commissioners

h. Miscellaneous

5. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss at tonight's meeting, J. Smith asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Knapik/Brumer; *no discussion*; all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Keating
Wetlands Enforcement Officer,
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission