

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



**BEACON FALLS
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES
Monthly Meeting
July 8, 2015
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)**

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman John Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

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

Not Present: Bill Giglio, Jamie Lillis, Walter Opuszynski, and Jim Galligan

Others Present: Dave Keating and Mark Tice

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.

2. Old Business

1. Mark Tice, Hillside Estates, 186 West Road

Mark Tice was present at tonight's meeting to update the Commission on the progress of Hillside Estates. They started clearing and put up a silt fence. A tracking pad was put in place for the trucks going into the site.

The trees have been cut but have not been stumped as of yet. M. Tice indicated that he contacted Rob Pruzinsky and has been talking with him about the catch basin. D. Keating reminded M. Tice that a monthly report must be given to the Commission by either written or showing up at the meeting throughout the entire project. There were no further questions by the Commission and thanked M. Tice for his report.

2. Chatfield Farms

Chris Olivera was present at tonight's meeting to update the Commission with a written report. He indicated that there was not much to report from the last month. The sewer pump station is up and running on Chatfield Drive. He indicated that an email was sent to J. Galligan regarding the lot out back. They are still clear cutting the property out back and sometime next week, C. Olivera would like J. Galligan to take a look at the silt fence. They are close to awarding the site contract, probably within the next two weeks after ironing out some details. The streets have been swept and will probably be every other week until they start hauling material out of the site. It would then go to every other day for the street sweeping. The stumping and grubbing will not start until J. Galligan visits the site to give the blessing. There were no further questions by the Commission at this time and thanked C. Olivera for his report.

3. Show Cause Hearings & Considerations of Public Hearings

Dave Keating indicated that Mario Trepca was on his way back from traveling and his plane was diverted to another airport.

1. Show Cause Hearing

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

2. Show Cause Hearing

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

Motion to continue the show cause hearings for 93 South Main Street and for 113-119 South Main Street and that the cease and desists orders on both properties are continued in effect until resolved: **Knapik/M. Opuszynski**; *no discussion*; all ayes.

4. Comments from the Public

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

A. Public Petitions

There were no Public Petitions at tonight's meeting.

5. Business Meeting

a. New Applications

There were no new applications presented at tonight's meeting.

b. Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes with the corrections as stated: M.

Opuszynski/Knapik; no discussion; all ayes and the clerk echoed S. Knapik's comment on doing an excellent job. D. Keating was present at the June 2015 and submitted the minutes since the clerk was out sick.

c. Correspondence

1. Letter of Violation sent to Property Owner

A Letter of Violation was sent by the Town of Oxford Wetland Commission to the property owner of 38 Jenny Lane Two, Nathaniel Wilcox. J. Smith indicated that he received a call regarding fill being dumped from the back of the property on Jenny Lane Two. There was a compliant and Oxford Commission went out to the property to look at the dumping, then J. Smith received a call from the Oxford Commission and took a look at the property as well. There is a cease and desist from the Town of Oxford that is in effect. They are waiting for an A2 survey to come back with the details. There will be more information to follow as we receive it.

2. CT Wildlife magazine

This month's copy of the magazine was received.

3. Bill from Southwest Conservation District

An invoice was received in the amount of \$1,500 for this year's bill. The Commission paid last year so the Conservation Commission will be paying this year's bill.

d. Old Business

1. Pond Spring Village

There was no one present at tonight's meeting to give the monthly report for Pond Spring Village. D. Keating indicated that he did call to remind the contractor and the developer, Mark, of the monthly report that needs to be submitted for the meeting and will send a follow-up.

2. Chatfield Farms/EG Homes, Section 2

D. Keating indicated that he attended a preliminary meeting with the First Selectman, a representative from Planning & Zoning and a representative from Sewer Commission regarding Chatfield Farms, Section 2. The Wetlands Commission had approved that after a lot of work in trying to keep the development away from the wetlands and vernal pools on the site. The Sewer Commission did not approve it and the decision was appealed and upheld. The new owners were represented by attorneys that D. Keating did not recognize as well as Matt Gilchrist. They had assumed that Section 2 would be approved with 92 units. They were told no, the Sewer Commission was not going to extend the sewers. Single family houses could be developed but not sewer. The attorney asked D. Keating about no problem from the Wetland's point of view. D. Keating noted the issues of the vernal pools and the regulated area around the wetlands being 100'. He reminded the attorney that vernal pools are seasonal.

e. Budget

1. Report of Accounts

The Board reviewed the Report of Accounts.

2. Payment of Bills

a. Invoice from Dave Keating for \$325.44

Motion to pay the invoice the invoice from D. Keating as submitted at tonight's meeting for a total of \$324.44: M.

Opuszynski/Knapik; no discussion; all ayes.

3. State of Connecticut Fees

D. Keating indicated that everything is good with the State fees.

f. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items discussed by the Commission at tonight's meeting.

g. Petitions from Commissioners

1. Conversation Commission report from Michael Opuszynski

M. Opuszynski indicated that the Commission met on Monday and their focus was on with community outreach. The Commission wants to engage the public more in recycling, visiting the open spaces, etc. They are thinking about getting into the elementary school and showing a Dr. Seuss movie, The Lorax, which talks about environmental protection. They also want to go to the high school and have a student representative on the Commission. The Commission also discussed the fuel cell presentation and looking to start their own Facebook page. The Commission donated EBooks to the library.

J. Smith and the Commission passed along their condolences to Mike and to Walt for the loss of Walt's sister.

5. Adjournment

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

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:15 P.M.: **Knapik/M. Opuszynski**; *no discussion*; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission