

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



**BEACON FALLS
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES
Monthly Meeting
October 14, 2015
draft MINUTES (Subject to Revision)**

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman John Smith ordered the meeting to order at 8:03 P.M.

Members Present: John Smith, Stephen Knapik, Bill Giglio, Jamie Lillis, and Walter Opuszynski

Others Present: Dave Keating; Jim Galligan; Mark Tice; and Chris Olivera for EG Homes

After the Pledge of Allegiance, 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/W. Opuszynski**; *no discussion*; all ayes.

Mark Tice – 186 West Road – Discussion of his Hillside Estates subdivision

Mr. Tice presented a verbal status report of his ongoing project. He indicated that they experienced a few problems with the recent heavy rain storms, but they have addressed the issues and fixed the problems. Mr. Opuszynski said it was clear that they had severe erosion problems due to the destabilized and disturbed soils. All agreed that it is necessary to stabilize the disturbed soils now, and plant winter rye to get vegetation growing now (rather than waiting until springtime to plant grass seed).

**Application A2014-306 100 Fieldstone Lane – Chatfield Farms/EG Home,
Phases 3, 4, & 5**

Chris Olivera presented a verbal status report of the ongoing project. He said they removed sediment from the area downstream of the dam and they have reseeded the dam area. There is a letter from their engineer, Milone and MacBroom regarding the recreated spillway and the work on the dam. He said that he understands that Town Engineer James Galligan is satisfied with the work.

Mr. Olivera requested that the Commission allow additional site disturbance in Phase 4 so that a knob of rock could be blasted away now, before any construction starts in that area. The Commission noted that the original approval had limited the disturbed area to a maximum of 5 (five) acres at any time. EG Homes already requested and received special permission to disturb ten (10) acres of Phases 3, 4 and 5. Now they want to have an additional 5 (five) acres of disturbed area. Mr. Olivera said that it would take about 3 -4 weeks to stump and grub the area then to blast the rock. They would stockpile the soil and leave the broken rock in place for the time being. He said they will provide and more clear map of the disturbed areas if that would help the Commission to understand and document the areas of proposed disturbance.

Commission members said it is important to properly install and maintain silt fence around all of the disturbed areas and to stabilize the areas as quickly as possible, even if the stabilization is only temporary. After discussion, the following motion was made: That the Commission authorize the requested increased amount of temporarily disturbed area provided:

- before the work commences, EG Homes must provide to the Town Engineer and Wetlands Enforcement Officer a more detailed map of the disturbed areas; and
- all sediment and erosion control measures, including but not limited to silt fence, must be properly installed and maintained around the disturbed areas; and
- all disturbed areas are stabilized with vegetation, even temporary vegetation, as soon as possible.

The motion was **made by Giglio, seconded by Knapik** and unanimously approved.

Show Cause Hearings & Considerations of Public Hearings

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

Wetlands Enforcement Officer, David Keating said that the replacement wall has been installed in the correct location. The Commission noted that they have not yet received any confirmation from the design engineer, Mr. Trepca's engineer, that the wall was properly installed and that the compaction was properly performed or inspected. Until those things are received, the order is to remain in effect.

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

Commission members noted that the approved retaining wall appears to have been completed, but the area above the wall has not been stabilized. Also, dirt has been placed in the area between the street and the new building foundation and it is sometimes being used as a parking area. This leads to materials being tracked out into the street. These items need to be corrected.

Comments from the Public

There were no members of the public present.

Business Meeting

New Applications

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 9, 2015 monthly meeting were reviewed. Several corrections and clarifications were discussed and agreed to by all. The motion to approve the revised minutes was made by Knapik, seconded by W. Opuszinski and unanimously approved.

Report of Accounts

The Board briefly reviewed the status of the accounts.

Payment of Bills

Invoices from Wetlands Enforcement Officer, David Keating for \$ 166.80 and the Clerk for \$ 76.25 were reviewed.

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

Petitions from Commissioners

Mr. Opuszinski said that a letter has been received from the Town Clerk indicating that all resignations from any Commission must be submitted in writing. A verbal resignation is not sufficient.

Adjournment

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

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:37 P.M.: **Knapik/W. Opuszynski;** *no discussion;*
all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

David Keating

Wetland Enforcement Officer