

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



BEACON FALLS INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting
September 14, 2016
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Not Present: Jamie Lillis and Arlene Brumer

Others Present: Dave Keating, Mark Tice, and Frank Zeigler

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

2. Applications – Old Business

Mark Tice, Hillside Estates, indicated that he has two houses framed. M. Tice also indicated that the well driller is coming in next week, hopefully. J. Smith noted that the silt fencing and detention ponds look good. M. Tice asked if J. Galligan looked at the property in order to release the bond. J. Smith indicated that he will contact J. Galligan and find out about the bond.

3. New Applications

a. Frank Zeigler, 9 Starwood Lane

F. Zeigler was present to update the Commission on the backfilling of his property at 9 Starwood Lane. F. Zeigler installed the silt fencing as directed by J. Galligan and noted that grass is growing. D. Keating noted that he inspected the site the Saturday after last month's meeting and the silt fencing was already installed.

F. Zeigler indicated that he put his application on D. Keating's desk at town hall. D. Keating noted that he does not have the application and will look again. D. Keating will contact F. Zeigler if another application needs to be completed.

4. Comments from the Public

J. Smith asked three times if there were any comments from the public and there were none at this time.

a. Public Petitions

There were no Public Petitions at tonight's meeting.

5. Approval of Minutes

After a brief discussion, the approval of the minutes from the August 11, 2016 meeting will be tabled until the next monthly meeting since there are not enough members present tonight that could vote aye or nay. J. Smith and B. Giglio would be abstaining from the motion since they were not at the meeting.

6. Correspondence

A copy of the Habitat newsletter was received.

There were several letters received from Atty. Byrne regarding Railroad Avenue. Atty. Byrne has not heard from either parties and will be drafting a plan against both parties for violation of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Rules and Regulations, and to seek a conjunction order, as well as fines and attorney fees.

A monthly report was received and reviewed by Griffin Brothers in regards to the property at Timber Ridge Road.

A monthly report was received and reviewed by EG Homes in regards to the property at Chatfield Farms. W. Opuszynski noted that there are some weak areas that need to be addressed in regards to erosion controls around piles.

A copy of the Conservation Commission minutes was received and reviewed.

7. Show Cause Hearings & Considerations of Public Hearings

a. Show Cause Hearing

1. Cease & Desist Order Regarding 27 Railroad Avenue- Continued

This is in the hands of the attorney.

8. Administration Reports

a. Wetlands Enforcement Officer

D. Keating sent a letter to M. Trepca regarding the property located at 113-119 South Main Street, Beacon Falls, and there was no response. There has been no activity at the site.

D. Keating indicated that a report was not received from Pond Springs Village. He noted that there has been no activity and the areas that were disturbed are stabilized.

D. Keating inspected the site on Haviland Drive in regards to the propane storage tanks. He contacted Earthworks because the sediment erosion controls are completely lacking. A response was received indicating that the erosion controls are down by the detention basin. D. Keating informed them that the street needs to have erosion controls and the gentleman indicated that this will be addressed tomorrow.

W. Opuszynski asked if there was an application and D. Keating indicated no. J. Smith mentioned that the engineer came in to inform the Commission on the plans for the property. After a brief discussion, J. Smith indicated the developer needs to be contacted and have an application completed so it could be tracked.

1. Cease & Desist Orders Issued – 93 South Main Street/Mario Trepca

J. Smith was unable to attend the Board of Selectmen meeting this month and will talk to C. Bielik on this issue.

9. Applications – Old Business

J. Smith noted that in regards to Tiverton 2, Charlie Edwards contacted him indicating that a machine was moved and trees were cut in order for the surveyors to have a parking area. J. Smith confirmed that C. Edwards does have an active permit with this Board.

In regards to Pent Road, S. Knapik noted that the telephone pole will be moved and then paving will occur. D. Keating indicated that the mulching on the embankment between the house and the road looks good. D. Keating informed C. Edwards that the anti-tracking pads need to be constantly cleaned and maintained.

It was noted that there has been no update on Jenny Lane Two.

10. Old Business

There was no new business discussed at tonight's meeting.

11. New Business

There was no new business discussed at tonight's meeting.

12. Budget

1. Report of Accounts

The Board reviewed the Report of Accounts.

2. Payment of Bills

a. Invoice submitted by Dave Keating – \$278.00

b. Invoice from the Commission's clerk - \$68.75

Motion to pay the two invoices as submitted for tonight's meeting for a grand total of \$346.75: M. Opuszynski/Knapik; no discussion; all ayes.

3. State of Connecticut Fees

D. Keating indicated that the fees are all up to date since there have been no applications lately.

13. Miscellaneous

M. Opuszynski mentioned that there is not enough communication with the residents in regards to applying for permits and checking with the Commission regarding activities. M. Opuszynski used Starwood Lane as an example of a private homeowner not knowing the correct procedure when doing something on his property. J. Smith noting that a professional would know the proper procedures.

There was information received from the COG regarding training that will be held on October 22, 2016 under the UConn program – Connecticut Land Use Education Research. It is an in-depth look at Land Use Regulations and activities across the state. M. Opuszynski will forward the information and noted that the cost of attending the training is \$40.00.

Motion to approve payment for any member that would like to attend the training for the UConn CLUER program: **Knapik/Giglio**; *no discussion*; all ayes.

14. Petitions from Commissioners

a. Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation (if required)

There was no Executive Session at tonight's meeting.

15. Adjournment

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

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:30 P.M.: **Knapik/M. Opuszynski**; *no discussion*; all ayes.

The next Inland Wetland and Watercourses meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, starting at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission