

Beacon Falls Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission
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BEACON FALLS INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting
November 9, 2016
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman John Smith called the meeting to order at 7:34 P.M.

Members Present: John Smith, Arlene Brumer, Michael Opuszynski, and Walter Opuszynski

Not Present: Bill Giglio, Stephen Knapik, and Jamie Lillis

Others Present: Dave Keating, Charlie Edwards, Roman Woloszyn, and Keith Bodnar

2. Comments from the Public

Keith Bodnar, Skokorat Road, is from Troup 138 in Naugatuck and doing his Eagle Project at Lantern Ridge. His plan is to make stepping stones going across an intermittent stream that is approximately 20' long. It is difficult to cross now and people need to go around this area. K. Bodnar indicated that this is something that he is looking to do this in the near future and would take approximately 30-45 minutes with a couple of guys helping him.

W. Opuszynski asked if there are any pictures of the area for the Commission to review. K. Bodnar showed a few pictures that he had on his cell phone. M. Opuszynski asked if any material was going to be removed from the site and K. Bodnar indicated no and would be using rocks already around the intermittent stream. J. Smith asked if there is any water running now and K. Bodnar indicated no, no water running now. W. Opuszynski asked if the stepping stones are going to be placed right in the watercourse and K. Bodnar indicated yes they will be. W. Opuszynski asked if any environmental studies have been done and K. Bodnar indicated no, and has spoken to Rich Minnick about his plan for the intermittent stream. M. Opuszynski asked where the area is located and K. Bodnar indicated that it was approximately 1/10 mile from the entrance.

J. Smith indicated that the Commission would like to have an application submitted at the next monthly meeting, along with pictures taken prior to and after the placement of the stepping stone. D. Keating will mail the application to K. Bodnar. J. Smith indicated that no fee will be applied, but the application is needed for tracking purposes. J. Smith also asked for K. Bodnar to attend the next monthly meeting with the completed application and pictures, and a file will be created for the project. J. Smith asked for a motion in regards to the project.

Motion to allow K. Bodnar to work on his Eagle project as stated at tonight's, prior to the application submitted, and to have K. Bodnar attend the next monthly meeting with the completed application and before & after pictures: M. Opuszynski/W. Opuszynski;no discussion; all ayes.

Roman Woloszyn, Kalea's Way, was present at tonight's meeting to discuss site work and construction of a barn on his property. Charlie Edwards will be performing the site work and possibly constructing the barn. C. Edwards presented a drawing for review by the Commission. C. Edwards indicated that the proposal is to have a 50' by 80' barn constructed on the property and eliminate the septic system. A pump will be put in and run up the edge of the driveway on the right-hand side. There is already electricity and the sewer will be laid in along the electric and telephone. A gravity lateral will be installed and the fields and septic tank will be removed. C. Edwards also indicated that the wall of the barn will be used as the retaining wall. C. Edwards indicated that they would be within the 100' setback. C. Edwards indicated that they are not submitting an application at this time, just showing the plans to the Commission.

After a brief discussion, W. Opuszynski asked what will be used for erosion control and C. Edwards indicated silt fencing. D. Keating asked if the barn would be a 1 story or 2 stories and that Zoning allows it 20' from the property line. C. Edwards indicated that it will be 2 stories. D. Keating suggested a stone wall barrier at the edge of disturbance. W. Opuszynski asked about the drainage from the roof. C. Edwards noted that a dry well or gutters on the four corners with pipes could be used for the runoff. D. Keating suggested using the septic as the dry well.

After further discussion, M. Opuszynski and W. Opuszynski indicated that they would like to visit the site since they do not know the area. M. Opuszynski noted a concern about the amount of work that would be done in the 50' buffer area. The Commission would like more information on the site work and project but agrees that there is potential for considering the project. The Commission agreed that R. Woloszyn can move forward with his plans.

Charlie Edwards indicated that he wants to prepare a landing area and cut some trees on the property his owns on Fairfield Place. He would not be pulling the stumps. C. Edwards also indicated that he cleared the area up top and wants to level the area. His plan is for a 50' by 50' landing area and may move about 1' of material, if needed. Also, he would put stone down to grade the area in order to have it level.

After a brief discussion, D. Keating thought there was a requirement for an Inland Wetlands performance bond for sediment erosion controls and would need to look into this. M. Opuszynski asked for C. Edwards to put in erosion controls if there is any soil or material that could erosion. W. Opuszynski asked for C. Edwards to attend the next monthly meeting to update the Commission on the landing area work.

The Commission authorized C. Edwards to install an anti-tracking pad, regrade the landing pad to level area, and cut some trees leaving the stumps on the property he owns on Fairfield Place. The Commission will need to have C. Edwards take care of any erosion issues that may occur. The Commission will need to review what is on file for the Fairfield Place project/Tiverton II and what has been approved previously by this Commission.

3. New Applications

There were no new applications submitted for tonight's meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings

D. Keating indicated that there were a couple of corrections to be made to the minutes from the special meeting held on October 19, 2016. The footer note should indicate "Special Meeting Minutes", not "Monthly Meeting Minutes". On Page 1, the runoff code numbers should be stated as runoff coefficient numbers. On Page 2, the word leave should be leaves.

Motion to accept the minutes from the monthly meeting held on October 12, 2016: **M. Opuszynski/W. Opuszynski;***no discussion*; all ayes.

Motion to accept the minutes from the special meeting held on October 19, 2016 with the changes as noted above: **W. Opuszynski/Brumer;***no discussion*; five ayes and one abstention from M. Opuszynski since he was not at the meeting.

5. Correspondence

A copy of the CT Wildlife magazine was received.

6. Show Cause Hearings & Considerations of Public Hearings

a. Show Cause Hearing

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

D. Keating indicated that Tom Drury, the son of the owner, has regraded the property and removed most of the material but has not reseeded to stabilize the area. D. Keating has not been to the property to verify the work yet. He will report back to the Commission at the next monthly meeting. If the work is not complete, then the town attorney will be informed to continue with the lawsuit. W. Opuszynski asked about the town recouping the cost that has been incurred due to the violations. D. Keating indicated that he will talk to the town attorney in regards to this.

7. Administration Reports

a. Wetlands Enforcement Officer

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

8. Applications – Old Business

W. Opuszynski indicated that changes were made by Green Beacon Falls LLC the day after the special meeting that was held last month and will be notifying the Commission of the changes.

9. Old Business

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

10. New Business

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

11. Budget

1. Report of Accounts

The Board reviewed the Report of Accounts.

2. Payment of Bills

- a. Invoice submitted by Dave Keating - \$283.60**
- b. Invoice submitted by Nafis & Young for Chatfield Farms - \$145.00**
- c. Invoice submitted by Byrnes & Byrnes for Railroad Avenue - \$717.50**
- d. Invoices from the Commission's clerk - \$76.25 and \$46.25**

Motion to pay the four invoices as noted above and submitted for tonight's meeting for a grand total of \$1,268.60: M. Opuszynski/W. Opuszynski; no discussion; all ayes.

3. State of Connecticut Fees

D. Keating indicated that there were no fees to be paid to the State.

12. Miscellaneous

W. Opuszynski would like D. Keating to inform Keith Bodnar that he will be on the agenda for the next monthly meeting. Also, Erin in the Accounting Dept. clarified the issue with the \$1,000 and \$500 for the Southwest bill.

13. Petitions from Commissioners

a. Conservation Commission Report from Michael Opuszynski

M. Opuszynski indicated that there was no quorum for the last Conservation meeting. A letter has been written to the Board of Selectmen to request additional police patrols at Lantern Ridge due to increased activities – good and bad.

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

There was no Executive Session at tonight's meeting.

14. Adjournment

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

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:38 P.M.: **W. Opuszynski/M. Opuszynski; no discussion; all ayes.**

The next Inland Wetland and Watercourses monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, starting at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission