

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



**BEACON FALLS INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**December 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, Arlene Brumer, Bill Giglio, and Michael Opuszynski

Not Present: Walter Opuszynski, Dave Keating, and Jim Galligan

Others Present: Mark Tice and Keith Bodnar

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

**2. Applications – Old Business**

Mark Tice, Hillside Estates, was present at tonight's meeting to update the Commission on the status of Hillside Estates on West Road. M. Tice noted that there was silt in the second catch basin and contacted Rob Pruzinsky for a name of someone to clean out the catch basin. M. Tice indicated that he will have the company clean out all the catch basins.

Keith Bodnar, Skokorat Road, is from Troup 138 in Naugatuck and did his Eagle Project at Lantern Ridge. K. Bodnar indicated that he did not receive the application to complete and was instructed by the clerk as to where to find the application on the town website. K. Bodnar also indicated that the work has been done and provided pictures for the Commission to review.

After reviewing the pictures and a brief discussion, J. Smith asked for K. Bodnar to complete the application and mail it, along with the pictures, to Beacon Falls Town Hall, attention Dave Keating. The Commission discussed the possibility of having a sign placed near the rocks indicating that they could be slippery when wet.

**3. Comments from the Public**

J. Smith asked three times and there were no comments by the public at this time.

**4. New Applications**

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

**5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings**

J. Smith indicated that the minutes from the November meetings will be tabled to the next monthly meeting.

**6. Correspondence**

A copy of the CT Wildlife magazine was received.  
A Christmas card from Nafis & Young was received.

**7. Show Cause Hearings & Considerations of Public Hearings**

**a. Show Cause Hearing**

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

J. Smith indicated that the Commission will go into Executive Session to discuss agenda item since it is pending litigation.

**8. Administration Reports**

**a. Wetlands Enforcement Officer**

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

Dave Keating was not present at tonight's meeting.

**b. Town Engineer**

Jim Galligan was not present at tonight's meeting.

**9. Old Business**

Reports from Chatfield Farms and Timber Ridge were received and reviewed by the Commission. J. Smith noted that there has been no activity at Pond Springs Village.

M. Opuszynski asked about the detention ponds in town and the status of having the catch basins cleaned. After a brief discussion, J. Smith indicated that he will ask Jim Galligan to contact the property owners in regards to cleaning and inspecting the detention ponds on their property.

J. Smith and S. Knapik indicated that they are off the Board during the discussion of Riverbend Park. An update on the completion of work that was done at Riverbend Park was discussed by the Commission.

J. Smith and S. Knapik indicated that they are back on the Board at this time.

**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 - \$397.04**

Motion to pay the invoices as submitted by Dave Keating for tonight's meeting for a grand total of \$397.04: M. Opuszynski/Giglio; no discussion; all ayes.

**b. Invoices from the Commission's clerk - \$68.75 and \$42.50**

Motion to pay the invoices as submitted by the clerk for tonight's meeting for a grand total of \$111.25: M. Opuszynski/Giglio; no discussion; all ayes.

**3. State of Connecticut Fees**

J. Smith indicated that there were no fees to be paid to the State.

## 12. Miscellaneous

### 13. Petitions from Commissioners

#### a. **Conservation Commission Report from Michael Opuszynski**

M. Opuszynski indicated that the work that was done by Keith Bodnar was inspected.

#### b. **Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation**

The Commission entered into Executive Session at 8:04 PM in order to discuss the pending litigation regarding the property located at 27 Railroad Avenue. J. Smith asked to have the Commission's clerk included in the Executive Session.

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:04 PM in order to discuss the pending litigation regarding the property located at 27 Railroad Avenue and to have the Commission's clerk included in the Executive Session: M. Opuszynski/Giglio; no discussion; all ayes.

The Commission exited Executive Session at 8:15 PM.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 8:15 PM and have the Town Engineer instruct the owner/owner's sons of 27 Railroad Avenue to properly seed the property, hay, and the placement of hay bales on the property per the Town Engineer's recommendations: Knapik/M. Opuszynski; no discussion; all ayes.

### 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 8:16 P.M.: **Knapik/M. Opuszynski; no discussion; all ayes.**

**The next Inland Wetland and Watercourses monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, starting at 7:30 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo  
Clerk, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission