

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



**BEACON FALLS INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
Monthly Meeting  
May 10, 2017  
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 Walter Opuszynski

Not Present: Michael Opuszynski

Others Present: Dave Keating, Jim Galligan, and Kurt Jones, Alliance Circle

Motion to rearrange tonight's agenda to accommodate the public in attendance:  
**Knapik/Brumer; no discussion; all ayes.**

**2. New Applications – Kurt Jones, Alliance Circle – Lot 3 / Application A-2009-283**

Kurt Jones, HI Stone, Lot 3 on Lancaster Drive, was present to discuss the request for extension. K. Jones indicated that he did some research and found that the permit was granted in December 2009. K. Jones noted that the State Legislation passed an act granting 9-year permits meeting certain requirements. K. Jones provided a flowsheet with the list of requirements that must be met. Based on the information provided by K. Jones, the permit is good through December 2018 and HI Stone is looking to have the 5-year extension approved through December 2023.

After a brief discussion, J. Smith asked if they excavated as far back as originally planned to do and K. Jones indicated that they had not. D. Keating mentioned that the Commission does not have to grant the entire 5-year extension at once, noted that it can be for 2 years now then 3 years later. D. Keating asked if Planning & Zoning have reapproved the site and K. Jones indicated yes. D. Keating noted that it may be a good idea to match the date with P & Z.

K. Jones noted that Planning & Zoning is good for 2 years and must go back every 2 years. W. Opuszynski asked if all the conditions are still in place as well as erosion controls. K. Jones indicated that they were freshened up before starting.

J. Smith asked for a motion in regards to the approval of the requested extension, noting that if approved, it should coordinate with Planning & Zoning.

Motion to grant HI Stone a 2-year extension of the permit from the original end date of December 2018 to December 2020: Knapik/W. Opuszynski;no discussion; ayes by J. Smith, S. Knapik, W. Opuszynski, B. Giglio and abstention by A. Brumer since she is an adjacent property owner.

### **3. Comments from the Public**

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

#### **a. Public Petitions**

There were no Public Petitions presented to the Commission at this time.

#### **b. Update from Jordan Energy**

J. Galligan noted that Jordan Energy presented a completed plan to him and brought a copy for the Commission to discuss at tonight's meeting. D. Keating had a copy emailed to the Members prior to tonight's meeting. J. Galligan noted that the apron was put in, the limits of clearing was shown on the plan as requested and indicated that he did not need anything else from Jordan Energy. S. Knapik asked W. Opuszynski if the apron was going to work better. W. Opuszynski noted that it is not very thick and will wear. J. Smith noted an area of concern for him is the apron and where the leveled area is for W. Opuszynski's truck. The area is going to get packed down and could erode. J. Smith noted millings would help with that concern of stabilization. J. Galligan will bring these concerns to Jordan Energy.

After a brief discussion, J. Smith asked for a motion in regard to the Cease & Correct on Jordan Energy's project and for a motion for instructions for the Town Engineer to inform the Building Inspector.

Motion to remove the Cease & Correct that was put in place on Jordan Energy's Solar Power project on Lopus Road: Knapik/Brumer;no discussion; all ayes.

Motion to instruct the Town Engineer to inform the Building Inspector that the Cease & Correct for the Solar Power project has been lifted and the areas of concern on the apron and on the leveled area needing stabilization as discussed at tonight's meeting: Knapik/W. Opuszynski;no discussion; all ayes.

#### 4. New Applications

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

J. Smith noted that there has been no application received from Keith Bodnar nor from Roman Woloszyn and to keep on the agenda. Kurt Jones could be removed from the agenda.

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

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 2017 as submitted: **Knapik/Brumer;***no discussion;* ayes from J. Smith, S. Knapik, B. Giglio, A. Brumer and abstention from W. Opuszynski since he was not at the March 2017 meeting.

#### 6. Show Cause Hearings & Considerations of Public Hearings

There are no Show Cause Hearings and Considerations at this time.

#### 7. Administrative Report

##### a. **Wetlands Enforcement Officer**

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

J. Smith noted that there is nothing new on this property. J. Smith noted that if M. Trepca applies for a permit that nothing can be issued due to the Cease & Desist in place.

#### 8. Applications - Old Business

W. Opuszynski noted that there is activity on Mark Tice's site on West Road. It appears that another house is beginning on the upper lot by the road. It was also noted that one house has been sold.

A. Brumer noted that there is activity in Pond Springs Village on the upper side and there is a lot of water across from the center circle. D. Keating will take a look and report back to the Commission.

J. Smith noted that an application for a lot on Avenue D will be coming.

In regard to the detention ponds, it was noted that a letter will need to be sent to property owners about the ownership and responsibility of the detention ponds. D. Keating and J. Galligan will draft a letter and the Commission will review at the next meeting.

## 9. Old Business

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

## 10. New Business

J. Smith noted that he received information from the Town Crew regarding the boat ramp near the boat house at Matthies Park. The town crew goes into the pond to pull out the phragmites every couple of years and back the backhoe down the ramp in order to do the clearing. R. Pruzinsky notified J. Smith that this was going to be done.

## 11. Budget

### 1. Report of Accounts

The Board reviewed the Report of Accounts.

### 2. Payment of Bills

#### a. Invoice from Dave Keating

There was one invoice from D. Keating submitted for tonight's meeting in the amount of \$198.52.

#### b. Invoices from the Commission's clerk

There was one invoice from the clerk submitted for tonight's meeting for the 04/12/2017 monthly meeting in the amount of \$46.25.

Motion to pay the invoices as submitted for tonight's meeting for a grand total of \$244.77: Knapik/Giglio; no discussion; all ayes.

### 3. State of Connecticut Fees

D. Keating indicated that the fees to the State are up-to-date.

## 12. Correspondence

J. Smith noted that a letter from the Riverbend Park Committee was received indicating that the expansion of Riverbend Park has been completed. D. Keating noted that there have been emails about the trash in the river and trash excluders/trash extruders. R. Minnick was thinking that it would be a Wetland Commission activity/program since it deals with stormwater management. D. Keating will do some more research and bring the information back to the Commission at the next meeting.

### **13. Petitions from Commissioners**

B. Giglio noted that he was at Supreme Industries in Southington last week. The company takes forest products and turn them into something else. There were silt fences/silt sacks that they produce. According to the company, trenches do not have to be dug or tucked in, the silt sacks are just put in place and the millings are bio-gradable.

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

M. Opuszynski was not present at tonight's meeting.

#### **b. Community Media Center Building Committee Report from Arlene Brumer**

Arlene Brumer will update the Commission at the next meeting in regards to this Committee.

### **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 8:20 P.M.: **Knapik/W. Opuszynski**; *no discussion*; all ayes.

**The next Inland Wetland and Watercourses monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, starting at 7:30 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo  
Clerk, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission