

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



**BEACON FALLS INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
Monthly Meeting  
July 12, 2017  
MINUTES  
(Subject to Revision)**

**1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Chairman Steve Knapik called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

Members Present: Stephen Knapik, Arlene Brumer, Michael Opuszynski, and Walter Opuszynski

Not Present: John Smith and Bill Giglio

Others Present: Dave Keating

**2. Comments from the Public**

S. Knapik asked if there were any comments from the public and there were no one from the public present at this time.

**a. Public Petitions**

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

**3. New Applications**

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

#### **4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings**

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 2017 as submitted: Brumer/W. Opuszynski;no discussion; ayes from S. Knapik, A. Brumer, and W. Opuszynski and abstention from M. Opuszynski since he was not at the May 2017 meeting.

#### **5. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence received for tonight's meeting.

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

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

#### **7. Administrative Report**

D. Keating indicated that there was an incidence on Railroad Avenue where there was some dumping of wood chips by the company hired to clear the area along the power lines and utilities lines. The property at 15 Railroad Avenue had piles of woodchips dumped and D. Keating sent a letter to the property owner. The owner had most of the woodchips removed, and is still removing the woodchips.

D. Keating also indicated that he sent several letters to property owners on Beacon Valley Road regarding the erosion of the driveway at 124 Beacon Valley Road. There is a question of responsibility of the driveway and both property owners were contacted. One of the property owners contacted D. Keating and will get it resolved.

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

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

#### **8. Applications - Old Business**

It was noted that Mark Tice has activity on the last lot. A foundation has been poured on the last lot. J. Galligan was going to inspect the properties and give a recommendation in regards to reduces the bond.

D. Keating noted that a report was not received Oakwood Estates and the lots are being done individually. D. Keating also noted that trenches are open until the water company completes their work. D. Keating indicated that he is not sure if the road has been accepted by the town at this time.

S. Knapik noted that the commission had questions regarding the grades and elevations on the property on Pent Road owned by Charlie Edwards. C. Edwards is supposed to meet with the Town Engineer on Friday and have a report for the next monthly meeting.

## 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.

### a. **Letter to Property Owners Regarding Detention Ponds on their Property – Ownership and Responsibility**

D. Keating indicated that Nafis & Young was going to be doing a report and the first draft was done. There is a concern with the first draft regarding the responsibility being the town's or the property owners.

## 11. Budget

### 1. **Report of Accounts**

### 2. **Payment of Bills**

#### a. **Invoice from Dave Keating**

There were 2 invoices from D. Keating submitted for tonight's meeting – one for postage dated 07/12/2017 in the amount of \$7.08 and one for hours worked dated 07/12/2017 in the amount of \$496.30

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

There was one invoice from the clerk submitted for tonight's meeting for the 06/14/2017 monthly meeting in the amount of \$42.50.

Motion to pay the invoices as submitted for tonight's meeting for a grand total of \$545.88: M. Opuszynski/W. Opuszynski; no discussion; all ayes.

### 3. **State of Connecticut Fees**

D. Keating indicated that he is working with Erin Schwartz to get the fees to the State up-to-date.

## **12. Petitions from Commissioners**

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

M. Opuszynski indicated that there is a new Chair for the Conservation Commission – Ruth Burritt but no Vice Chair at this time. M. Opuszynski indicated that he has received a copy of the Power Purchase Agreement between the town of Beacon Falls and Green Beacon LLC. He will be reviewing the agreement and writing a summarized report.

M. Opuszynski noted that material being pulled from a site in Naugatuck and is being brought into town to the O & G property. S. Knapik indicated that a letter was received from the Selectmen regarding this.

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

Arlene Brumer indicated that the committee is still trying to pinpoint the function of the community center/media center. The committee is also trying to decide how to reach out to the residents to see if they are interested.

## **13. Adjournment**

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

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:53 P.M.: **W. Opuszynski/Brumer**; *no discussion*; all ayes.

**The next Inland Wetland and Watercourses monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2017, starting at 7:30 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo  
Clerk, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission