

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



BEACON FALLS INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting
August 10, 2017
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Others Present: Dave Keating and Jim Galligan

Motion to rearrange the agenda to accommodate the public present: Knapik/Brumer; no discussion; all ayes.

2. Comments from the Public

J. Smith asked if there were any comments from the public and there were no one from the public present at this time. Ricky Glenn, Brooks Landscaping, was present at tonight's meeting to discuss Beacon Hill, Beacon Valley Road.

Ricky Glenn, of Brooks Landscaping in Bethlehem, CT, indicated that he brought pictures for the Commission's review regarding the pond at Beacon Hill on Beacon Valley Road. The work on the pond is located between Avon Ct. and the unit on top. The pond is overgrown with vines, saplings, evasive species and anything 4" or less will be cleared out, and restoring the area to its natural point. They will be doing this by hand, with have a chainsaw on site, and a woodchipper that will blow into a box truck. S. Knapik asked if stumps will be pulled and R. Glenn indicated no, nothing more than 4" in diameter.

M. Opuszynski asked if this is a maintenance activity or aesthetics and R. Glenn indicated that it is a maintenance activity and will be maintained going forward since it has been neglected over the years. R. Glenn also noted that the Association requested to have this clearing done and contracted Brooks Landscaping for the maintenance. W. Opuszynski asked if they will be going into the pond and cleaning the pond. R. Glenn indicated no, they are just responsible for the landscaping. W. Opuszynski asked when and how long will this take. R. Glenn responded immediately and approximately 2-3 days depending on the number of workers.

After a brief discussion, the Commission agreed that the activity is considered maintenance and a formal application is not required. J. Smith asked for D. Keating to contact the Homeowners Association and to review the agreement that is in place with Beacon Hill. After further discussion, an application number was assigned to the maintenance activity only for reference and a formal application is not required. A. Brumer confirmed that the application number for reference is #A-2017-312. The Commission requested pictures of before and after the work completed. The Commission also requested to have someone in attendance at the next meeting to update the Commission on the work completed.

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. The agenda references two applicants but formal applications have not been received and are on the agenda for reference only.

4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 2017 as submitted: M. Opuszynski/Knapik;no discussion; ayes from S. Knapik, A. Brumer, M. Opuszynski, and W. Opuszynski and abstentions from J. Smith and B. Giglio since they were not at the June 2017 meeting.

5. Correspondence

Invoice #4112 dated 07/10/2017 from the Southwest Conservation District was received in the amount of \$1,500.00. This invoice is shared with the Conservation Commission and there was a brief discussion on who's year it was to pay the invoice. D. Keating explained that Erin Schwartz indicated that it was decided a few years ago that each Commission would have \$750.00 in their budget each year and to have each Commission pay their share of the invoice.

Motion to pay Inland Wetlands' share of Invoice #4112 dated 07/10/2017 in the amount of \$1,500.00 to the Southwest Conservation District: Smith/W. Opuszynski;no discussion; all ayes.

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 were no applications received, no big projects going on, only little things.

a. Wetlands Enforcement Officer

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

8. Applications - Old Business

B. Giglio asked about the activity at 113-119 South Main Street, the property owned by Mario Trepca. W. Opuszynski indicated that storm drains were being put in as well as a clean-up structure. Jim Galligan added that a 12" pipe was installed, fine grading will be done, sidewalks will be put in, and paving will be done. The sewer line was broken and repaired.

After a brief discussion, under Applications – Old Business on the agenda, letters b – Toby's Pond; k – 135 Pinesbridge Road; and q – Riverbend Park can be removed from the agenda going forward. Letter d – Oakwood Estates will be changed from Phase 1 to Phase 2 on the agenda going forward.

A report was received from EG Homes and distributed to the Members.

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 Responsibly

D. Keating indicated that Nafis & Young will be providing a list.

11. Budget

1. Report of Accounts

The report was reviewed by the Commission.

2. Payment of Bills

a. Invoice from Dave Keating

There was one invoice from D. Keating submitted for tonight's meeting for hours worked 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 07/12/2017 monthly meeting in the amount of \$50.00.

Motion to pay the invoices as submitted for tonight's meeting for a grand total of \$248.52: M. Opuszynski/W. Opuszynski; no discussion; all ayes.

3. State of Connecticut Fees

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

12. Petitions from Commissioners

a. Conservation Commission Report from Michael Opuszynski

M. Opuszynski indicated he was not at the meeting in August but was in July. The Lantern Ridge trail was tagged for the Boy Scouts to blaze and the Girl Scouts adopted the parking lot at Lantern Ridge.

b. Community Media Center Building Committee Report from Arlene Brumer

Arlene Brumer indicated that the committee did not have a meeting in July.

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 8:13 P.M.: **M. Opuszynski/Knapik**; *no discussion*; all ayes.

The next Inland Wetland and Watercourses monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, starting at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

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