

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



**BEACON FALLS INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
October 11, 2017
DRAFT MINUTES
(Subject to corrections and revisions)**

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman John Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and all those present proudly stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: John Smith, Stephen Knapik, Arlene Brumer, Walter Opuszynski, Michael Opuszynski and newest member Sean Styfco.

Others Present: James Gallegan, Town Engineer and Dave Keating, Wetlands Enforcement Officer

There were no members of the public present.

2. New Applications

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

3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 2017 as submitted: Knapik/M. Opuszynski no discussion; ayes from all.

4. Show Cause Hearings & Considerations of Public Hearings

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

5. Administrative Report

Mr. Keating noted that he is continuing to coordinate with the Building Official the process for obtaining a Building Permit and to make sure that all Town Departments and Commissions have an opportunity to review and sign off for each project.

6. Applications - Old Business

W. Opuszynski and A. Brumer noted that the last house is being built on the Tice project on West Road, just uphill from the detention basin. Mr. Smith said the house is almost complete.

A. Brumer noted that there is no activity in Pond Springs Village.

Jim Weed has apparently started to dredge his pond on Rimmon Hill Road.

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. W. Opuszynski suggested that a subcommittee be formed to work on this project. M. Opuszynski said that the first aspect to be implemented will be to notify the owners of their responsibilities and to make sure that the required work is carried out in an appropriate manner. The second phase will be to create a reminder and monitoring program to make sure that maintenance continues to be done for each detention pond.

7. Old Business

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

8. New Business

There was no new business discussed at the meeting.

9. 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 \$141.80.

Motion to pay the invoice as submitted for tonight's meeting: Knapik/Michael Opuszynski;no discussion; all ayes.

3. State of Connecticut Fees

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

10. Correspondence

J. Smith reviewed the miscellaneous correspondence. Commission members reviewed and approved the schedule for 2018 BFIWWC meetings. Information was presented about the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions (CACIWC) annual meeting and environmental conference on Saturday, November 18, 2017. The fee is \$ 60 per person. W. Opuszynski and Mr. Styfco expressed an interest in attending. The Commission agreed to pay their registration fee.

11. Petitions from Commissioners

a. Reports from Michael Opuszynski

M. Opuszynski said that the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments is offering free soil testing for farmland properties. He also said that Land Use Coordinating Committee will switch to quarterly meetings throughout the year.

b. Community Media Center Building Committee Report from Arlene Brumer

Arlene Brumer noted that contrary to the discussion at the previous meeting, there will not be a non-binding referendum about a possible Media / Community Center on the November ballot.

12. Adjournment

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

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:00 P.M.: **Knapik/W. Opuszynski; no discussion; all ayes.**

The next Inland Wetlands and Watercourses monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, starting at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David Keating on behalf of
Marla Scirpo, Clerk
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission