

Beacon Falls Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission
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BEACON FALLS INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting
November 8, 2017
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman John Smith called the meeting to order at 7:42 P.M.

Members Present: John Smith, Stephen Knapik, Shawn Styfco, Michael Opuszynski (arrived at 8:14 PM), and Walter Opuszynski

Others Present: Dave Keating and Sadie Colcord

Not Present: Arlene Brumer, Bill Giglio, and Jim Galligan

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

2. New Business

Ray Scott was present at tonight's meeting to discuss the issues at the property located at 288 Burton Road. Due to a history with R. Scott and a conflict of interest, J. Smith stepped off the Board at this time and S. Knapik will Chair the meeting during this discussion.

S. Knapik indicated that he received a call from Rich Minnick regarding soil erosion at 288 Burton Road. S. Knapik noted that the silt fencing doubled up per Dave Keating's request prior to the rainstorm that recently happened. S. Knapik asked R. Scott what he did with the water that comes off the hill – was a berm put in, did he make a ditch. R. Scott indicated that there is a swale on the side of the property that goes to the drain down by the road and he did not tap into the drain. R. Scott indicated that it is 12 feet deep, 5 feet in diameter, and filled with stone. R. Scott noted that he did this on the Friday night before the rainstorm that produced 5 inches of rain.

R. Scott noted that, after the first rainstorm and before the second rainstorm, he decided to make a trench going down to where the water should go rather than ruining the property. S. Knapik indicated that this is a stormwater management issue and this Commission needs to know how he is going to manage this issue. R. Scott mentioned that there was some silt that ran down since there was a new trench and he has already dug this out. R. Scott noted that rip rap will be put in as well. W. Opuszynski also noted that 5 inches of rain exceeds the normal. S. Knapik asked if there is anything bleeding out of the bank now and R. Scott replied no, and when he dug, it was dry.

After a brief discussion, W. Opuszynski mentioned that the Town Engineer needs to get involved due to the issue of an exceptional amount of rain in a short amount of time. D. Keating indicated that he can meet with Jim Galligan and R. Scott at the property to review and discuss the stormwater management plan for this property. D. Keating noted that silt fencing, anti-tracking pads, and rip rap the trench would be appropriate. D. Keating indicated that he will coordinate a meeting with everyone.

J. Smith returned to the Board at 8:01.

3. 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.

a. Public Petitions

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

4. 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 J. Smith asked to keep 3a. Keith Bodnar, Eagle Scout Project at Lantern Ridge on the agenda for reference only and to remove 3b. Roman Woloszyn, 27 Kalea's Way from the agenda.

5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 2017 as submitted: Knapik/Styfco;no discussion; ayes from S. Knapik and S. Styfco and abstentions from J. Smith and W. Opuszynski since they were not at the October 2017 meeting.

6. Correspondence

There was no Correspondence received for tonight's meeting.

7. Show Cause Hearings & Considerations of Public Hearings

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

8. Administrative Report

D. Keating indicated that there were no applications received.

a. Wetlands Enforcement Officer

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

9. Applications - Old Business

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

It was noted that the lawn at the last of Mark Tice's properties on West Road was well established but the catch basin needs to be cleaned. S. Knapik asked if the bond had been lowered and D. Keating indicated that there was a verbal request, but no formal request has been received. It was also noted that the property located on Avenue D has been graded and grass is int.

J. Smith indicated that 8n. Application SW-2015-008 – Highland Avenue Reconstruction can be removed from the agenda. D. Keating indicated that the work at Beacon Hill on Beacon Valley Road has completed. The pond can be seen after the thinning out of the trees and there is no debris in the pond. J. Smith indicated that 8r. Application A-2017-312, Beacon Hill, Beacon Valley Road can be removed from the agenda.

10. Old Business

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

11. 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

12. Budget

1. Report of Accounts

A copy of the Report of Account was not received by the Commission for tonight's meeting.

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 \$170.16.

Motion to pay Dave Keating's invoice as submitted for tonight's meeting for a grand total of \$170.16: M. Opuszynski/Knapik; no discussion; all ayes.

3. State of Connecticut Fees

D. Keating indicated that the Statefees are up-to-date.

13. Miscellaneous

Sadie Colcord, the new EDC Consultant was present at tonight's meeting to introduce herself to the Commission.

14. Petitions from Commissioners

a. Conservation Commission Report from Michael Opuszynski

M. Opuszynski indicated the meeting for the Conservation Commission is scheduled for next week.

b. Community Media Center Building Committee Report from Arlene Brumer

Arlene Brumer was no present at tonight's meeting.

15. Adjournment

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

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:28 P.M.: **M. Opuszynski/Knapik**; *no discussion*; all ayes.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

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