

**Beacon Falls Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission  
10 Maple Avenue  
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**BEACON FALLS INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
Monthly Meeting  
December 13, 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 (arrived at 7:39), Stephen Knapik, Arlene Brumer, Doug Bousquet, Michael Opuszynski, and Walter Opuszynski

Not Present: Dave Keating, Bill Giglio, and Jim Galligan

Others Present: Manny Silva

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

**2. New Application**

Manny Silva, the project engineer for 144 Blackberry Hill, was present at tonight's meeting to discuss the application from Veira Properties LLC. M Silva noted that the property is where there was a house fire years back and the foundation was demoed. The plan is to reconstruct a single-family home with 4 bedrooms. M. Silva noted that there is a brook that runs east to west with a 30" culver. Also, there was a pool on the back part of the property and there will not be a new one put in by Veira Properties. Drawings were distributed to the Members for their review. S. Knapik asked if there was approval from the Valley Health for the septic and for 4-bedrooms, and M. Silva indicated yes. W. Opuszynski asked if there was city water and M. Silva indicated that there was city water.

M. Silva indicated that the wetland area would be cleaned by hand, no machinery. J. Smith noted that Mike Horbal will need to certify that the property is not in the floodplain. S. Knapik noted that there was a note left by Dave Keating regarding his concerns. S. Knapik read the note to the Members. D. Keating's concerns included the scale of the map; the need for a better anti-tracking pad; the need to manage the runoff from the roof and driveways; and will any cleaning of the brook be needed. D. Keating also noted that the application fee will be \$1,661.00. M. Silva indicated that he will get revised plans to J. Galligan.

J. Smith asked if the oil tank was removed from the property and D. Bousquet indicated that it was removed. W. Opuszynski asked when they would begin and M. Silva indicated late spring, either March or April. W. Opuszynski then asked if there was going to be a basement/cellar and M. Silva indicated yes, there would be a basement.

After a brief discussion, J. Smith indicated that he would entertain a motion to approve the application for processing.

Motion to approve the application from Veira Properties LLC for 144 Blackberry Hill for processing and any activities in the brook and/or filling of the pool would need to come back to the Commission for a detailed review: **Smith/Knapik**; no discussion; all ayes.

The application was assigned A-2017-313 and SW-2017-013.

J. Smith and D. Bousquet stepped off the Board during the discussion of the property on Burton Road that was being worked on by Ray Scott. S. Knapik updated the Members that R. Scott did everything that was asked by the Commission at last month's meeting. J. Galligan noted that the steps that R. Scott took are consistent with DOT.

J. Smith and D. Bousquet were back on the Board after the discussion.

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

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 8, 2017 as submitted: Knapik/W. Opuszynski; no discussion; ayes from J. Smith, S. Knapik, M. Opuszynski, and W. Opuszynski and abstentions from A. Brumer and D. Bousquets since they were not at the November 2017 meeting.

#### **5. Correspondence**

J. Smith distributed copies of The Habitat to the Members. A Christmas card was received from Nafis & Young. There was a note from DEEP regarding reports for 2016 actions that need to be filed.

#### **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.

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

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

After a brief discussion, it was decided that some of the Members will attend the next Board of Selectmen meeting in January and would like it added to the agenda. The clerk will contact M. Melville to have this agenda item added to the BOS agenda for January 2018.

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

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

J. Smith noted that he signed off on the CO for Mark Tice. S. Knapik noted that he received a list from the town of who is responsible for the cleaning of the detention ponds. He will bring the list to the next 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 Responsibly**

## 11. 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 the Commission's Clerk

There was one invoice from the Commission's clerk for tonight's meeting for the November 8, 2017 meeting totaling \$65.00.

#### b. Invoice from Dave Keating

There was one invoice from D. Keating submitted for tonight's meeting for hours worked in the amount of \$311.96.

Motion to pay the two invoices as submitted for tonight's meeting for a grand total of \$376.96: Knapik/M. Opuszynski; no discussion; all ayes.

### 3. State of Connecticut Fees

D. Keating was not present at tonight's meeting to indicate the status.

## 12. Miscellaneous

M. Opuszynski indicated that he attended the CACIWC Conference. M. Opuszynski noted that by 2022, there is a requirement for towns to decrease their water discharge by 2% under MS4.

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

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

M. Opuszynski indicated the Commission talked about safety and cleanliness. A letter to Board of Selectmen will be sent regarding signage and more police patrols.

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

Arlene Brumer did not have any information to update the Commission with for the Media Center Building Committee report.

### **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 8:39 P.M.: **Knapik/Bousquet;** *no discussion;* all ayes.

**The next Inland Wetland and Watercourses monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, starting at 7:30 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo  
Clerk, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission