

Beacon Falls Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission
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BEACON FALLS INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting
October 10, 2018
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, Walter Opuszynski, and Doug Bousquet

Not Present: Michael Opuszynski

Others Present: Dave Keating and Mark Kehrhahn from Pond Springs Village

2. Comments from the Public

J. Smith asked three times if there were any comments from the public and there were none at this time.

3. New Applications

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

4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings – September 2018

J. Smith for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2018 meeting.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 12, 2018: **Knapik/Bousquet; no discussion; all ayes.**

5. Applications – Old Business

S. Knapik indicated that J. Smith, A. Brumer, and W. Opuszynski are off the board at this time due to the discussion of Pond Springs Village.

Mark Kehrhahn provided a status report dated 10/10/2018 to the Members. S. Knapik indicated that the soil erosion controls have been installed and the cellar has been poured but hasn't been back-filled. M. Kehrhahn indicated that the contractor was pulled to go to another development and he will be back on Monday. M. Kehrhahn also indicated that the hatchway size may be increased and hoping to drop it late on Monday, then back-fill after that. M. Kehrhahn mentioned that there were a couple of problems that are noted in the report and has addressed it. The issues with the silt fencing should be fixed tomorrow and the anti-tracking pad needs to be lengthened and improved. S. Knapik noted that there are heavy rains expected and the issues need to be addressed right away.

S. Knapik asked if there were any other concerns and there were none at this time.

J. Smith, A. Brumer, and W. Opuszynski are back on the board at this time.

6. Correspondence

J. Smith indicated that a notice was received from CACIWAC regarding the 41st Annual Meeting and Environmental Conference. The conference will take place on 11/17/2018 at the Red Line Hotel in Cromwell and the cost is \$65.00 with registration before 10/12/2018.

J. Smith indicated that D. Bousquet compiled a package of emails and letters over the years regarding Mario Trepca. J. Smith indicated that he spoke with the 1st Selectmen regarding the letter that D. Keating will be drafting for the Town Attorney to review and finalize to M. Trepca. D. Keating indicated that he checked the site several times during and after the heavy rainstorms that have occurred lately and did not observe any erosion of the embankment or collapsing of the road. D. Keating noted that there is nothing visible happening at this time and will be drafting the letter for the Town Attorney's review. D. Keating asked to clarify that the date of responsibility will be 5 years from the date of signing and J. Smith confirmed yes.

The Commission's clerk submitted the 2019 Meeting Schedule to the Town Clerk and provided a copy to the Members.

7. Show Cause Hearings & Considerations of Public Hearings

J. Smith indicated that there are no Show Cause Hearings & Considerations to discussion.

8. Administrative Report

D. Keating indicated that there are three main projects at this time – Pond Springs Village, Chatfield Farms, and the end of Fairfield Place (Tiverton II).

D. Keating noted that Charlie Edwards has cleared a lot of the property, put in some silt fence, but he did not observe any start of the regrading or creation of the swale and detention basin as discussed last month. D. Keating also noted that he tried to contact C. Edwards' attorney regarding the performance bond, has documented six phone calls, and no response.

J. Smith indicated that C. Edwards paid the \$12,500 as agreed at last month's meeting. The payment was given to C. Edwards' attorney and the attorney put it in his Escrow account. J. Smith indicated that this was not the proper way and informed C. Edwards that Inland Wetlands will be contacting the attorney to have the payment properly submitted to the town. D. Keating asked if J. Smith knew why C. Edwards hasn't started the swale and J. Smith wasn't sure but noted that the property is very wet. J. Smith also noted that he is working on his property on Pent Road.

W. Opuszynski asked if monthly reports need to be submitted and J. Smith will remind him since it is part of the approval. J. Smith noted that he walked the site prior to tonight's meeting and there is natural growth popping up and Winter Rye was thrown down.

9. Applications – Old Business

J. Smith indicated that an inspection report by Nafis & Young was received regarding EG Homes.

S. Knapik noted that M. Kehrhahn gave a verbal report but a written report was submitted. J. Smith noted that the report could be either verbal or written.

J. Smith indicated that he visited 144 Blackberry Hill Road to inspect the repairs to the driveway and no one on site spoke English. J. Smith noted that ZBA has badges but this Commission does not. D. Bousquet indicated that he will contact Lt. Rodriguez in regards to getting badges.

J. Smith asked if the Members had any other concerns and there was none at this time.

10. Old Business

D. Keating indicated that he has not been contacted by any of the property owners as of yet regarding the detention pond letters that were sent out.

11. New Business

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

12. Budget

1. Report of Accounts

A copy of the Report of Account was received and reviewed by the Members.

2. Payment of Bills

a. Invoice from the Commission's Clerk

There was an invoice from the Commission's clerk submitted for the September 12, 2018 meeting totaling \$103.00.

b. Other Invoices

There was an invoice from Dave Keating submitted for \$255.24.

Motion to pay the two invoices as submitted for tonight's meeting for a grand total of \$358.24: Knapik/Bousquet; discussion was by D. Bousquet asking for a copy of D. Keating's monthly invoices and D. Keating indicated that he will have copies for the Members; all ayes.

3. State of Connecticut Fees

D. Keating indicated that the CT fees are caught up.

13. Miscellaneous

D. Bousquet asked about the permanent paving at Pond Springs Village. J. Smith noted that it is not a town road and will attend Planning & Zoning's next meeting.

14. Petitions from Commissioners

J. Smith noted that this is A. Brumer last meeting and asked if she would be an alternate if one is needed. A. Brumer indicated that she would be one if needed.

S. Knapik asked for D. Keating to draft a letter to the residents of Oak Drive. S. Knapik noted that he spoke to Rob Pruzinsky who confirmed that the basins are cleaned and the road is plowed according to the agreement. The road needs to be paved before the asphalt plants close so the basins are not filling up with all the washout from Oak Drive. S. Knapik also noted that R. Pruzinsky indicated that leaves are supposed to be kept out of the gutters, no grass clippings, and don't cover the end of the storm drains and the brush is clogging the storm drains, leaves and grass clippings are in the road. W. Opuszynski asked to have the Selectmen to be copied.

a. Conservation Commission Report from Michael Opuszynski

M. Opuszynski was not at tonight's meeting.

b. Community Media Center Building Committee Report from Arlene Brumer

Arlene Brumer indicated that everything is status quo and the Committee is still visiting other libraries.

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 8:05 P.M.: **Knapik/Bousquet**; *no discussion*; all ayes.

The next Inland Wetland and Watercourses monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, starting at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission