

Beacon Falls Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission
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BEACON FALLS INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
Special Meeting
April 22, 2019
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman Steve Knapik called the meeting to order at 6:09 P.M.

Members Present: John Smith, Stephen Knapik, Brian Swan, and Doug Bousquet

Not Present: Walter Opuszynski and Mike Opuszynski

Others Present: Mark Kehrhahn and Dave Bjorkland

2. Show Cause Hearing Involving the April 16, 2019 Cease and Desist Order Regarding Pond Springs Village and Possible Action by the Commission Concerning This Matter

Dave Bjorkland, of Spath Bjorkland Associates, Inc., was present at tonight's special meeting representing Pond Springs Village. D Bjorkland indicated that the company started out on the project years ago when the Vargas' were involved. D. Bjorkland also indicated that Jeff Respler contacted him last week asking if he would represent him on the erosion control situation at the site.

S. Knapik asked if he will be responsible for the soil erosion controls and D. Bjorkland indicated that his office will be the point of contact and will be inspecting the site weekly. D. Bjorkland noted that they visited the site on Saturday and provided a written inspection report to the Members. D. Bjorkland noted that construction of units 13 through 16 is ongoing and there are stockpiles in the vicinity of proposed November Lane that are being excavated.

D. Bjorkland noted that the following items require attention prior to the renewal of construction activities:

1. Install a silt sack in the catch basin located in front of 53 Pond View Circle and maintain all silt sacks/clean after all rainfall events.

S. Knapik asked if the inspection of the catch basin noted the sinkhole. D. Bjorkland indicated that his inspector did note that. S. Knapik noted that it keeps getting bigger and bigger and this was addressed a couple of months ago and it hasn't been taken care of as of yet. D. Bjorkland mentioned that there is a forecast of ½ inch of rain of Friday and they will be at the site.

2. Inspect all silt fence to confirm proper installation with the bottom flap buried a minimum of 6" below grade.
3. Silt fence that is installed in the area of stockpiled material has been undermined by stormwater flows. Bury any silt fence that has been undermined and the sediment that has accumulated down gradient in minor and should not be removed. Any efforts to remove this sediment will destroy the existing vegetative cover and is more important to let the cover remain.
4. Hay bales that have broken down should be replaced with staked hay bales. All intact hay bales should be staked. It is suggested that in order for work to progress, remove 2 to 3 hay bales from the street side of the units during working hours when no rain is forecasted. Immediately before the site is vacated for the night, replace and restake the hay bales. Pick up any sediment that has been deposited on the road and place back in an area that is protected by erosion control devices. D. Bjorkland recommended that all hay bales be backed up with Filtrex SiltSoxx or something similar.
5. Roof leaders should be plumbed to the stormwater system.
6. A detail for a concrete washout basin was provided and suggested to be installed across Pond View Circle.
7. An anti-tracking pad will be constructed and used when any vehicle enters the disturbed portions of the construction site.

S. Knapik indicated that it should be 4 anti-tracking pads for each of the four garage doors. D. Bjorkland mentioned that if inside finish work is being done, then anti-tracking pads are not needed. S. Knapik corrected by indicating that standard erosion control requires anti-tracking pads and silt fencing and there must be four anti-tracking pads for each garage door even if inside work is being done.

D. Bjorkland noted that the following should be completed after every rainfall event:

1. Removal of accumulated sediment from all erosion control measures throughout the site including hay bale check dams and silt fence, and protect from future erosion. Shovel and sweep any accumulated sediment from the road and deposit in a location that is protected from future erosion.

D. Bjorkland concluded that after the site review, no Inland Wetlands and/or Watercourses were impacted. Stormwater was flowing into the detention basin located along Lancaster Drive and the elevation of the water in the pond was lower than any part of the outlet control structure.

S. Knapik indicated that there is impact on the Inland Wetlands since there is silt coming off the site into the catch basins.

D. Bousquet mentioned that there is concrete being dumped on the island and is getting bigger. S. Knapik noted that there is fill in there as well and no soil erosion controls.

S. Knapik indicated that the Cease & Desist will be lifted once everything has been completed and inspected by this Commission and by D. Keating. S. Knapik asked D. Bjorkland to call when everything is complete and an inspection time will be schedule for the Commission to review the site.

3. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss at tonight's special meeting, S. Knapik asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:25 P.M.: **Swan/Bousquet**; *no discussion*; ayes by S. Knapik, B. Swan; and D. Bousquet; abstention by J. Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission