

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



BEACON FALLS INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting
March 13, 2019
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, Walter Opuszynski, Doug Bousquet, and Brian Swan

Not Present: M. Opuszynski

Others Present: Dave Keating; Jim Galligan (arrived at 7:43 P.M.); Mark Kehrhahn of Pond Springs Village; and William & Ruth Burritt

Motion to rearrange the agenda to accommodate the parties in attendance: Knapik/Bousquet;
no discussion; all ayes.

2. Applications – Old Business

b. Application A-2003-236 Pond Springs Village /Pent Road / Lancaster Drive

For the discussion of Pond Spring Village, J. Smith and W. Opuszynski are off the Board.

Mark Kehrhahn, representing Pond Springs Village, was present at tonight's meeting to update the Board on the status. M. Kehrhahn indicated that site work is resuming – water, sewer, electric, and hopefully gas pending Eversource. M. Kehrhahn noted that he visited the site last week as well as today and mentioned that some of the silt fence was taken down between 15 & 27 Pond View by the snowplow. M. Kehrhahn indicated that this will be taken care of and started framing the 2nd duplex.

D. Bousquet noted that he visited the site today and found a few things. D. Bousquet pointed them out and the carpenter indicated that he will address them. D. Bousquet also noted that the roads are clean but need to be asphalted and the curbs are destroyed. S. Knapik noted that he would like to attend a homeowners' association meeting. D. Keating noted that the hay bales needs to tight against one another, should be trenched in, staked in. S. Knapik asked if there were any other comments or questions regarding Pond Springs Village and there were none at this time.

Since the discussion of Pond Springs Village has concluded, J. Smith and W. Opuszynski are back on the Board.

3. Comments from the Public

J. Smith asked three times if there were any comments from the public and there were none at this time. J. Smith asked for the Burritt's to wait until Jim Galligan arrives to the meeting in order to discuss their property.

4. New Applications

J. Smith indicated that there were no new applications submitted for review at tonight's meeting.

5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – February 13, 2019

J. Smith asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2019 meeting.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 13, 2019 as submitted by the clerk: Knapik/D. Bousquet; no discussion; all ayes.

6. Correspondence

J. Smith indicated that there was no correspondence received for tonight's meeting.

7. Show Cause Hearings & Considerations of Public Hearings

J. Smith indicated that there were no Show Cause Hearings & Considerations of Public Hearings to discuss at tonight's meeting.

8. Administrative Report

D. Keating visited the property located at Avenue D. D. Bousquet indicated that he is off the Board during the discussion of Avenue D.

D. Keating noted that there were hay bales installed but he hasn't seen the site during the rain. D. Keating also noted that he has not received an application as of yet. J. Smith noted that Dave Rybinski is the contact person for this property. J. Smith also noted that the neighbor down the street was taken care of as well.

Since the discussion of Avenue D has concluded, D. Bousquet is back on the Board.

J. Smith asked D. Keating about an issue at Oakwood Estates to Pond Springs Village. D. Keating indicated that it was with Chatfield Farms and left a message for J. Galligan and Matt Gilchrist.

9. Applications – Old Business (Continued)

The Members reviewed the list of applications under this agenda item.

J. Smith noted that Rob Pruzinsky was supposed to attend tonight's meeting regarding Agenda Item #8f – 45 Pinesbridge Road – RSJ Development. The site was visited by J. Smith and J. Galligan, and a letter was to be submitted indicating the project has been completed and no activity during the past year. D. Keating indicated that the letter does need to be received by the Commission as well as formally release the Sediment Erosion Control bond. D. Keating mentioned that he receives a letter/phone call inquiring on the need of the Sediment Erosion Control bond. After a brief discussion, J. Smith indicated that he will entertain a motion to authorize D. Keating to release the bond after receiving and reviewing the letter from R. Pruzinsky.

Motion to authorize John Smith to give Dave Keating permission to release the Sediment Erosion Control bond with the bank after the receipt and review of the letter from R. Pruzinsky regarding 45 Pinesbridge Road: **Bousquet/Knapik**; *no discussion*; all ayes.

J. Smith noted that J. Galligan was going to visit the property located Alliance Circle, Lot 3 – Agenda Item #8d – because R. Pruzinsky has indicated that the road is getting muddy when the trucks are pulling out of the property.

J. Smith noted that a monthly report was received from C. Edwards regarding the property located on Fairfield Place – Tiverton II. J. Smith indicated that the report notes no activity since the last report submitted. J. Smith filed the bond with Town Hall the day after the last meeting.

J. Smith asked J. Galligan about R. Pruzinsky attending tonight's meeting. J. Galligan indicated that there are a couple of washouts that need to be repaired and R. Pruzinsky will be taking care of them before submitting the letter to the Commission. J. Galligan and J. Smith noted that this should remain on the agenda then.

10. New Business

J. Smith indicated that the property owners of Pent Road were sent a letter from J. Galligan after the washout occurred. J. Smith noted that a response was not received by J. Galligan as of yet.

Ruth Burritt and William Burritt, Pent Road, were present at tonight's meeting to discuss the issue of their driveway being washed out. R. Burritt indicated that she had written a letter and emailed it to her contractor. J. Galligan noted that he met with their contractor. R. Burritt also indicated that the driveway has been repaired and is now passable for emergency vehicles. R. Burritt noted that three drains have been delivered as well as materials but it has been too cold to start work. J. Galligan noted that he has not received the homeowners' plan as of yet and J. Smith indicated the plan must be approved by the Town Engineer prior to the contractor beginning work. J. Smith noted that in the deed, the town gave the homeowners the right-of-way that goes over, and any improvements done on that piece of property must be approved by the Town Engineer.

J. Smith noted that during the recent snowstorm, there was a lot of material ended up at the bottom of the driveway and is a maintenance issue until the issues are repaired. W. Opuszynski asked the homeowners if they have a sketch of the plan and what it is going to look like when it is finished. J. Smith noted that with the deed, there should be a copy of the driveway and that could be used to note the improvements that are planned. B. Burritt mentioned that a 3rd pipe will be installed.

After a brief discussion, J. Smith indicated that an application needs to be submitted. S. Knapik assigned an application number for tracking purposes. Application #SW2019-015, William & Right Burritt, Pent Road, was assigned.

11. Administrative Report (Continued)

J. Smith asked J. Galligan about the letter to Mario Trepca regarding the property located at 93 South Main Street. J. Galligan indicated that he hasn't checked back with Atty. Byrne to see where it stands and will do this.

J. Smith noted that he visited Charlie Edwards' site on Fairfield Place and noted that two pieces of machinery were dropped off as well as some piping and miscellaneous buckets/parts for an excavator. J. Smith also noted that there is a trench running along with the logs were piled and is carrying water down to the catch basin. J. Smith noted that this needs to be "beefed up" before any storms occur. D. Keating asked if the subdivision has been filed yet and J. Smith noted that he does not know. D. Keating mentioned that the grading plans were revised and the subdivision maps did not include the date of the new site plans. J. Smith indicated that S. Knapik should be the one to sign off on the subdivision maps since J. Smith was not present at the meetings where the discussions on Tiverton II were held.

J. Smith asked about the property located at 144 Blackberry Hill Road owned by Veira Properties LLC. During the discussion of this agenda item, B. Swan is off the Board.

J. Smith noted that the plan was approved by this Commission, and since then, the owner went to Planning & Zoning to increase the size of the house, the bedrooms. J. Smith asked for D. Keating to be aware of the change of the plans in the footprint. D. Keating indicated that he has already informed the owner, before applying to Planning & Zoning, that if something different is approved then he needs to attend a meeting for this Commission to request an amendment.

Since the discussion of 144 Blackberry Hill Road, Veira Properties LLC, has concluded, B. Swan is back on the Board.

J. Smith asked J. Galligan about Chatfield Farms / EG Homes. J. Galligan hasn't visited the site as of yet and D. Keating indicated that he did visit the site. D. Keating indicated that there are several areas of concern that needs attention regarding sediment erosion controls, silt fencing. D. Keating noted that silt fencing needs to be installed and/or repaired silt fencing. D. Keating also noted that he spoke with Matt Gilchrist regarding the issues and will take a look into the noted issues. D. Keating has not heard back from M. Gilchrist as of yet. J. Galligan noted that he will visit the site. W. Opuszynski mentioned that he did visit the site and there is not protection in areas and it needs to be addressed.

J. Smith noted that at the end of Diana Lane, there is a drainage easement that goes off Diana Lane down to the catch basin on Burton Road. There is no structure, only a top, some pipe, and rocks. J. Smith also noted that R. Pruzinsky and he will inspect the issue when the snow melts. J. Smith mentioned that there is a paved swale that take the water off and put it in the wooded area which is now flooding someone's property. The homeowner never noticed the problem until now since the driveway has been paved.

12. Old Business

D. Keating indicated that he has not heard back from the Facilities Manager at Region 16 regarding the storm drain. J. Smith asked D. Keating to try calling again.

13. Budget

1. Report of Accounts

A copy of the Report of Account was received and reviewed at tonight's meeting.

2. Payment of Bills

a. Invoice from the Commission's Clerk

There was an invoice from the Commission's clerk submitted for the February 13, 2019 meeting totaling \$69.00.

b. Other Invoices

There was an invoice from Dave Keating submitted for \$170.16.

Motion to approve and pay the two invoices as submitted for tonight's meeting for a grand total of \$239.16: Bousquet/W. Opuszynski; no discussion; all ayes.

There was an invoice from Atty. Byrne regarding Tiverton II – Invoice #19-03-042e dated 03/01/2019 for \$507.50. Also, there was an invoice from Nafis & Young regarding Pent Road and Diana Lane – Invoice #015-19 dated 01/31/2019 for \$725.00 The Board reviewed the invoices and J. Smith noted that the Board doesn't vote on approving the invoices.

3. State of Connecticut Fees

D. Keating that the State of CT fees are all caught up.

14. Miscellaneous

S. Knapik asked D. Keating for an update on the letter to be written on the debris on Oak Drive. D. Keating indicated that he drafted a letter and would like to have Public Works review the letter as well Atty. Byrne and the Board. D. Keating indicated that he will reactivate it and resend the letter.

15. Petitions from Commissioners

a. Conservation Commission Report from Michael Opuszynski

M. Opuszynski was not present at tonight's meeting.

b. Community Media Center Building Committee Report

D. Bousquet indicated that there was nothing to report.

16. Adjournment

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

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:41 P.M.: **Knapik/Bousquet; no discussion; all ayes.**

The next Inland Wetland and Watercourses monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, starting at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Assembly Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission