

Town of Beacon Falls
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
Town Hall 10 Maple Avenue
Beacon Falls, Connecticut 06403
Adopted Minutes for
April 9 2014

Call to Order At 7:35 P.M. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag

Members Present: E. John Smith, Steven Knapik, Walter Opuszynski, Bill Giglio and Michael Opusynski.

Absent: A. Brumer and D. D'Amico

Also Present: D. Keating, Wetlands Enforcement Officer and E. Swift, Nafis & Young

Comments from the Public: None

Approval of Minutes for the Regular meeting of March 2014.

After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

That the Commission adopts the minutes of March 12 2014 as presented. The motion was made by S. Knapik, seconded by B. Giglio and unanimously approved.

Correspondence:

A copy of habitat information, an annual report, Information from the Council of Government, A letter from L&R Trepca, information on changes to 113 & 119/drainage changes tht have to be made and reveiweed and approved, a note from Attorney Byrne re concern about stream (ruled against the applicant – it is now up to the applicant to prove he is not damaging stream) Note: D. Keating will make copies of the notice from Attorney Byrne and distribute to the board., letter from R. Minnick (E. Smith read R. Minnick's letter regarding a pipe he saw on Cook Lane)

A lengthy discussion continued regarding which property the pipe R. Minnick was referring to was on. R. Minnick was concerned the pipe was going to cause an icing problem.

Public Hearings: none pending

IWWC Regulations and Application Update: no discussion

Administrative Reports from WEO and Town Engineer:

Re: 113/119 Main Street – a discussion took place regarding the drainage pipe at this address. The Selectman's office voted to pay ½ the cost with a maximum amount to re-do the drainage system. B. Swan will be doing the pipe relocation and he will be starting on Monday. A lengthy discussion continued noting that B. Swan will only be doing the drainage pipe removal and that they may need to issue a work order but hope not to have to. The concern would be that it drains ok. It was noted that the Inland Wetlands condition of approval was that M. Trepca bare the cost to the pipe (there is an easement). E. Smith noted that he went to the BOS telling that them Trepca had to pay for the pipe. G. Smith (First Selectman at the time) said that his decision was to pay for half of the pipe.

It was noted that the pre-construction meeting only addressed the pipe. D. Keating noted that M. Trepca has a building permit.

It was noted that Inland Wetlands terms are binding and the condition of their approval cannot be changed. Any change requests must go before the Inland Wetlands Commission. It was noted that there will be another construction meeting when the pipe is installed. Nafis and Young will to the inspection of the pipe work and will report it back to the board.

New Applications: none pending

Old Business

It was noted that Pines Bridge Road (13) can be taken of the agenda.

#14 is almost done; needs some trimming

#15 Triverton stays on

#16. Detention Ponds – E. Swift hasn't done any work with it since it was submitted but it has been delivered to the BOS

New Business

R. Minnick letter: A lengthy discussion took place regarding which pipe R. Minnick was referring to. It was noted that the pipe he may be referring to might have been coming from a neighbor's property. Communication was made with D. Bousquet and he said that there was no pipe on the property he was working on yet R. Minnick swears he saw a pipe. S. Knapik noted that he will continue to investigate this.

E. Smith asked that E. Swift also go to the sight to investigate. E. Smith would like more information on the pipe, is it visible? What is the exact address? And he also asked the engineer to take a picture of it. This is all scheduled to take place on April 10th.

Budget: The budget was reviewed and it is OK.

Payment of Bills:

Nafis and Young – This bill for \$1522.51 has already been voted on for payment. It is for Triverton, pond inspections and the final inspection on Bonna St.

B. Keating: \$238.14

S. Knapik motioned to pay the bills as submitted. M. Opusynski 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

E. Smith noted that this board still owes Sherri (from the library) for the clerical work she did for the board. E. Smith will follow up with her.

M. Opusynski asked how the owner gets notified regarding the storm water control system. It was noted that this information is not in their deed. A discussion took place noting that the board should work on a procedure to identify drainage and write a plan of what should have to be done.

E. Swift will check into “as built”.

Re: Letter from M. Trepca – it was noted that B. Keating was notified the M. Trepca could not attend this meeting.

M. Opusynski noted that there was not a Conservation meeting due to lack of quorum however he noted that he will follow up with them regarding Conservation concerns re DEEP. B. Keating noted that he would ask S. Byrne the status of DEEP.

M. Opusynski noted that the Conservation Commission is working on a list of actions – pen spaces, linking and growing open spaces and he noted that they will have a booth at the Duck Race.

Adjournment:

There being no other business, the following motion was made: That the meeting be adjourned. The motion was made by W. Opusynski, seconded by Knapik and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Classey
Temporary Clerk