

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



**BEACON FALLS  
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES  
Monthly Meeting  
August 13, 2014  
MINUTES  
(Subject to Revision)**

**1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman John Smith ordered the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Members Present: John Smith, Stephen Knapik, Arlene Brumer, Bill Giglio, and Michael Opuszynski

Not Present: Walter Opuszynski and David D'Amico

Others Present: Dave Keating; Jim Galligan; Jim Swift, Professional Landscape Architect; Mark Tice, the owner of the property on West Road; and Tom Hamilton, the Engineer for Pond Spring; and 20 members of the public.

J. Smith indicated that he would entertain a motion to change the agenda for tonight's meeting to accommodate the public.

Motion to change the agenda for tonight's meeting to accommodate the public:  
**Knapik/M. Opuszynski; no discussion; all ayes.**

**2. New Application**

Dave Keating indicated that there is a new application for Cold Springs Road. At this time, J. Smith stepped off the board based on his association with Cold Springs Road. D. Keating indicated that the application is for a driveway and some house construction that would be within the 100' regulated area around the wetland and watercourse that goes through the property. The property is on the west side of Cold Spring Road.

There was a house on the property that burned several years ago. The proposal is to construct the driveway through the regulated area. The closest point of the driveway to the wetland is approximately 13' or 15' away and there is no substantial regrading at all.

The applicants were present at the meeting. Alyce Buzzelli and Michael Buzzelli are the owners of the property at 202 Cold Springs Road. M. Opuszynski asked if the application is complete and was given a number, and D. Keating indicated that it was complete but it was not given a number. Because there's so much work within the regulated area based on square footage, the application fee would be \$7,000. This seems out of line, and should be more in the range of \$460-\$500 which covers the basic application fee that we have to pay to the state. S. Knapik asked J. Galligan if you have a copy of this and J. Galligan indicated that he does and has met with the homeowners before and reviewed the plan. There is minimal disturbance with minimal earth movement. If you considered unmoving the house further back from the wetland, you start getting into larger volumes of earth movement. There is no advantage to this according to J. Galligan.

M. Buzzelli indicated that the driveway is already blazed in and if we tried moving it farther away from the wetlands, then we would be disturbing more of the wetlands. D. Keating mentioned that there is almost no earthwork based on site work.

S. Knapik asked if there were any other questions and there were no other questions.

The application was given the number of A2014-305 and the Storm Water application number of SW2014-006. The fee will be \$480.00.

Motion to approve the application for Lot #4, 202 Cold Springs Road, Beacon Falls, Connecticut: **Brumer/Giglio**; no discussion; all ayes.

J. Smith indicated that he is back on the board. He also indicated that he will entertain a motion recess the meeting at 7:36 P.M. in order to start the Public Hearing.

Motion to recess the meeting at 7:36 P.M. in order to start the Public Hearing: **Knapik/M. Opuszynski**; no discussion; all ayes.

The Inland Wetland and Watercourses monthly meeting resumed at 9:10 P.M.

### **3. Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public at tonight's meeting.

#### **a. Public Petitions**

There were no Public Petitions at tonight's meeting.

#### **4. Business Meeting**

##### **a. Approval of Minutes**

###### **1. Regular Meeting Minutes from July 9, 2014**

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2014 meetings:  
**Giglio/Knapik**; *no discussion*; all ayes, with one abstention -  
M. Opuszynski was not at last month's meeting.

##### **b. Correspondence**

There is a letter from Tom Byrne regarding a court case talking about parcels of land.

There are the minutes from the Conservation Commission.

There are copies of the PO that was issued to the clerk.

There are copies of the Open Space regulations, the workshop actions to be taken included in the minutes.

There are copies of The Habitat that were distributed to the members.

There is the PO returned for the wetland markers because no vendor was indicated. J. Smith will look into this and let the clerk know who the vendor is.

##### **c. Public Hearings & Considerations of Public Hearings**

There is an extension to the public hearing that occurred tonight. It was noted that they will have to take an additional lock at the pipe on West Road.

##### **d. Administrative Report**

###### **1. Wetlands Enforcement Officer**

D. Keating indicated that the ongoing projects seem to be going pretty well. The Trepca project on South Main Street seems to be in order. They are not dragging any mud out onto the street. The project on Avenue D has come to a halt. Doug Bousquet is no longer working on a project and he needs to get contact with Green Construction to see what they are going to do. After visiting this morning there was no dirt or erosion after the rain onto the street. There is no activity on the site at this time.

## **2. Town Engineer**

Jim Galligan did an inspection at Wyndham Homes yesterday. Matt Gilchrist is building a couple of new houses as do not have any silt fencing around them. He indicated that he was getting ready to seed.

J. Galligan indicated that he will be out there again the end of this week to check on this. M. Opuszynski asked about him being at the meetings every month and it was noted that he is away this month.

## **e. Budget**

### **1. Report of Accounts**

No report of accounts at tonight's meeting.

### **2. Payment of Bills**

**a. Invoice from the Clerk for the July 9, 2014 meeting for a total of \$80.00**

**b. Nafis & Young's invoice for a total of \$670.62**

**c. Dave Keating's invoice dated July 2014 for a total of \$423.36**

Motion to pay the invoices that were submitted at tonight's meeting for a grand total of \$1,173.98: M. Opuszynski/Giglio; no discussion; all ayes.

### **3. State of Connecticut Fees**

Per D. Keating, after processing the two applications from tonight, we will be all caught up.

## **f. Miscellaneous**

M. Opuszynski asked about the gutters and drainpipes going out onto the street and cannot recall if a letter is supposed to be written to the Board of Selectmen. Jim Galligan indicated that a letter was penned to the previous First Selectman and Board of Selectmen that this was an issue. There are about a half a dozen locations that are problematic, and should be addressed especially getting into the time of the year. S. Knapik noted that D. Keating and J. Galligan should take a ride to Burton Road to take a look.

## **g. Petitions from Commissioners**

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

Mike Opuszynski indicated that they have been making good progress on their goals this year. They have been working on cataloging the open spaces, making sure they have deeds to them, and are looking into a number of the deeds where there are open spaces that are still under the umbrella of the Conservation Commission. They are still working on wrapping up the naming of the open space fund that they have. He also indicated that the Girl Scouts are doing a good job on Lantern Ridge.

### **2. Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation (if required)**

There was no Executive Session at tonight's meeting.

## **5. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:24 P.M.: **Knapik/M. Opuszynski;** *no discussion;* all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo  
Clerk, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission