

**Beacon Falls Conservation Commission  
10 Maple Avenue  
Beacon Falls, CT 06403**



**BEACON FALLS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Monthly Meeting  
February 8, 2022  
MINUTES  
(Subject to Revision)**

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

JT called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M

**Members Present:** Kristen Jabanoski (KJ), Julian Thomas (JT), Cody Muth (CM), Ellie McAdam (EM), Lori Paradis Brant (LPB)

**Members Absent:** Andrew Keane (AK), Ruth Burritt (RB)

**Others Present:** None

**2. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings**

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 11, 2022, KJ/EM, all ayes.

**3. Announcements – None**

**4. Comments from the Public – None**

**5. Review of Town Boards & Commissions minutes – JT – we will be presenting the letter to the BOS on Monday about requesting the Land Use Committee to become active.**

**6. Correspondence – None**

**7. Old Business**

- a. Lantern Ridge Park Updates (Jabanoski/Keane)- KJ – the girl scout troop leader reconnected with me, and they are thinking about projects in the spring. They have a few things they want to finish in the informational kiosk and are thinking about the walkway over the wet land area. They are sending a letter to Home Depot to see if they would help. They did ask if they could use pressure treated wood in the area? CM – I am not sure about pressure treated, but you could reach out to Kriz Farm in Bethany. They have a sawmill and would probably be willing to donate fresh cut. KJ – they measured the walkway and would need about 16 pieces from Home Depot. They did say they are looking forward to the Grand Reopening once projects are completed. JT – Cody mentioned picnic tables, which would be great. Also, the sign should face Beacon Falls and make the entrance more inviting. CM – yes, redo the whole apron. KJ – I think the sign is something we can probably do soon, and I think we have the budget to do that already. CM – once the snow stops, I am sure I can get a lot of people together to help with entrance and stuff. Everything has to get approved by the Town first.
- b. Current Development Projects in Town (Jabanoski) – JT – nothing new since last month.
- c. Fire Conditions Sign – JT – I will follow up with Ruth to see if she has any additional information.
- d. Beacon Falls Conservation Page- KJ – last time we decided to send bios to Kerry for the site. JT - if you have not yet submitted your biography to Kerry, please do so by the end of the week.

**8. New Business**

- a. Dark Night Sky – JT – I did some homework on this, and I did not realize it was a big thing until I went on the website. KJ – I wonder what next steps would be with this. Is there anything we can do to audit the light pollution in our area? JT – I am not sure, but the website had a lot of information about what we can do as individuals to reduce light pollution. This is insightful and I like the idea. The first thing my wife and I noticed when we moved here was that you can see the stars. You cannot see them in the city. I would hate to not be able to see the stars. EM – who monitors when lighted signs are put up? I know we do not have big stores etc. KJ – maybe we as a community can work to reduce light pollution, maybe just by making residents and other commissions aware. LBP – we can put it on social media with a hashtag related to this and then we can track it.

**9. Open Space Strategy and Planning** – KJ – nothing new to report.

**10. Petition from Commissioners** – JT – when weather permits, I would like to do a pre-hike at Lantern Ridge, prior to any scheduled public hikes. KJ – great. CT Trails Day is June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and the event registration opens on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**11. Payment of Bills** – None

**12. Executive Session (if needed)** - None

**13. Adjournment**

Motion made by JT to adjourn the meeting at 6:55PM, seconded by KJ, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry McAndrew  
Clerk, Conservation Commission