



Town of Beacon Falls Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Public Hearing Minutes – April 13, 2022

subject to revision

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Stephen Knapik called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. Call was read. Public Hearing legal notice was published in the Republican-American on March 31, 2022 and April 06, 2022. Notice was sent to Naugatuck Town Clerk, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, and the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments.

Members Present: Richard Minnick (RM), Stephen Knapik (SK), Doug Bousquet (DB), Brian Swan (BS), Fred Bowes (FB)

Members Absent: John Smith (JS), Doug Bousquet (DB)

Others Present: Wetlands Enforcement Officer David Keating (DK), Town Planners Keith Rosenfeld and Savannah Nicole- Villalba, Terrance Gallagher, DeCarlo & Doll, on behalf of the Town of Beacon Falls.

2. SK announced that he has opened the public hearing regarding application A-2022-329 and SW 2022-330: The Application of the Town of Beacon Falls to renovate and repave Beacon Valley Road and revise the storm drainage project.

Town of Beacon Falls – Beacon Valley Road – Terrance Gallagher, Senior Civil Engineer, DeCarlo & Doll, Inc: Beacon Valley Road- Second project – We are starting our project at the condominiums and working east towards Naugatuck. Full depth pavement restoration, replacing catch basins, storm drainage. Some utility pole relocation. 4/10ths of a mile. Town is seeking LOTCIP funding from the CT Department of Transportation – have to design it to certain standards as to curvature, profile, design speed, etc. 300 square feet of wetlands impact originally; now around 100 square feet after redesign. Sediment and erosion control in the drawings. New catch basins at condos in response to Wesson & Sampson's comments- they are a third-party review, which is required by NVCOG. TG Reviewed project plans with the Commission and public

SK: Copy of updated prints to the Town Engineer? **TG:** Yes.

RM: We will also be covering storm water management. Our Engineer had several questions – did you address them? **TG:** We provided the Town with the updates, third party comments **SK:** Town engineer said he hasn't received the latest version.

FB: Road is narrow. Went out with Town Engineer on other side of road. Had a concern about catch basins wear and tear, people going over the catch basins, grates. **TG:** A lot of the current basins are concrete block; they are all being replaced.

DK: Spoke with Town Engineer – he did review the latest plans. DeCarlo & Doll do not use revisions dates, they use printed dates. Paul reviewed the latest plans. Paul had technical comments. I will send those to you (Terry) directly. I have three questions- is the plan to add sidewalks? **TG:** No new sidewalks proposed, just rebuilding sidewalks near neighbors housing. Just repairing and replacing what gets impacted by road's relocation.

Motion to recess public hearing at 7:39 pm. RM/BS no discussion. all ayes.

Motion to arrange the agenda for the regular meeting to accommodate the public for the public hearing. RM/BS. No discussion. All ayes.

Jeff Hyat, 175 Beacon Hill Common – Replacement of Utility poles - any effect on our gas or electricity? **TG:** Nothing with gas line. Utility poles, they may have to do a work outage. I don't think they will shut down.

Thomas Resha - 194 Beacon Valley Road - Are poles being replaced the one running along our property? How much road frontage are we going to lose to new existing road? **TG:** None of your property. All work is being done in Town's right of way.

David Wilkinson, 134 Beacon Valley Road – Don't want the project on my property to be delayed. I don't want the project to start and then not be complete. **TG:** These are valid concerns, Lisa (Land Use Coordinator) spoke to us about these concerns.

Ed Hanson 130 Beacon Valley Road – Road has been raised over the years. That road can go down quite a bit. **TG:** Putting a subtle hump at everyone's driveway, we can look at grading for your particular driveway.

David Wilkinson, 134 Beacon Valley Road – Our houses have the straight away. How are speed issues being addressed? **SK:** Valid question but that is a P&Z issue or the Board of Selectmen.

David Wilkinson, 134 Beacon Valley Road – When will the project start? **TG:** Selectmen would like it to start at the Beginning of summer. We have to have a number of sign offs, some of this is out of our hands.

Ed Hanson 130 Beacon Valley Road – What is holding up? Do you need a DEEP permit? **TG:** LOTCIP funding requires a number of sign offs – trying to streamline the local sign offs.

Motion to close public hearing at 7:52 pm. RM/FB no discussion. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Daigle
Clerk, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission