



BEACON FALLS INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting
August 11, 2021
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

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

Chairman Stephen Knapik called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Members Present: Stephen Knapik (SK), Doug Bousquet (DB), Brian Swan (BSw), Fred Bowes (FB) John Smith (JS)

Others Present: Dave Keating (DK)

Motion to amend agenda. Motion made John Smith, Seconded by Doug Bousquet. All ayes.

2. **David D'Amico, 1 Clark Lane – Pond Maintenance**

SK: David did maintenance on pond. Paperwork has run out. Me, John and Brian checked it out. I think you did a good job. We need the paperwork.

JS: No sediment problem, no downstream impact.

DK: Pond Dredging is an activity doesn't need a permit but needs to explain to Commission plans. What happens to dredged materials may need a permit if left within 100 feet of wetland/watercourse. Spoke to Mr. D'Amico, he plans to leave it there for some time. He submitted a plan to show what is going to take place.

Motion to grant pond maintenance activity as a matter of right – A-2021-323 - 1 Clark Lane/David D'Amico. Motion Made by John Smith. Seconded by Fred Bowes. Permit Number assigned to track remaining materials.

VOTE:

John Smith	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Douglas Bousquet	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Steve Knapik	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brian Swan	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Fred Bowes	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Richard Minnick	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	<u>Absent</u>

3. **Michael Rupsis, 286 Bethany Road**

SK: Needs permit for retaining wall

JS: Work is 99% done. He needs a permit for activity for retaining wall and area within setback of the brook.

Michael Rupsis, 286 Bethany Road- I assumed this was covered under my building permit.

Motion to instruct Wetlands Enforcement Officer to sign off on A-2021-324 – 286 Bethany Road Lane/Michael Rupsis. Motion Made by John Smith. Seconded by Douglas Bousquet.

VOTE:

John Smith	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
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Douglas Bousquet	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Steve Knapik	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brian Swan	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Fred Bowes	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Richard Minnick	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	<u>Absent</u>

4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Motion to approve and accept minutes from Regular Mo Meeting on July 14, 2021, as submitted. Motion Made by Doug Bousquet /Seconded by John Smith

VOTE:

John Smith	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Douglas Bousquet	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Steve Knapik	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brian Swan	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Fred Bowes	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Richard Minnick	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	<u>Absent</u>

5. Comments from the Public - none

6. Public Petitions- none

7. New Applications

a. James Martin /251 South Main Street

SK: We are reviewing and will send our comments, as well as the Town Engineer's comments to Mr. Martin and his engineer. Received plans with 100-foot setback.

JS: Only have to deal with one lot.

Commission's Concerns –

- Test Pit Results
- Close to watercourse /pipe – Needs to be flagged
- Swale Drawing
- Steep Elevation
- Storm Water Management – Going to disturb lots of ground to set up septic system
- Need to put a swale across the top – Suggestion to Town Engineer

Town Engineer's concerns:

- The site plan seems adequate for stormwater retention and S&E controls – recommend a silt sack be installed in the CB in the driveway
- Erosion control matting be used on the slope to establish turf. If we get any significant rain events during construction the site will wash out.
- Needs to see reserve septic leaching area on plans
- Soil Scientist report is from 2007 – Report should be updated
- Test pit findings and perc test results, which are necessary to confirm the proposed septic system is adequate.

SK: Horbal's office has 2016 Soil Scientist Report. Have them come out and flag existing wetlands and the pipe.

8. **Correspondence** – Letter from Planning & Zoning Commission re: Public Hearing Hopp Brook Village. Budget Information from Finance Department.

9. **Old Business/Reports/Inspections/Staff**

- a. Wetlands Enforcement Officer's Report – No formal report, will chime in as we review Old Business.
- b. Permit A-2003-236 Pond Springs Village/ Pent Road / Lancaster Drive – JS/BSw Recused Self. SK: No report submitted this month again. JS/BSw – returned to meeting
- c. Permit A- 2018-314, SW-2018-014 – Charles Edwards/ Tiverton II/ Fairfield Place – FB Recused Self. SK: We have not received a soil erosion report. I will call to see if we can get some updates. FB returned to meeting.
- d. Permit A- 2012-296, Toby's Pond – No updates
- e. Permit A-2009-283 Alliance Circle – Lot 3 – no updates.
- f. Permit A-2014-306 100 Fieldstone Lane – Chatfield Farms Phases 3, 4, & 5
SK: Report received from DeCarlo & Doll & from EG Home. BS: Comment that pump station is off?
- g. Hopp Brook Developers A-2019-315, SW-2019-017, A-2019-315-A1, SW-2019-017-A1
JS: We approved what was on the print. When septic system is designed, they need to come back and show us to ensure not encroaching. We need to ensure the new plan mirrors the ones we approved. If the footprint is different. We made it clear if anything changes, they need to come back in.
DK: I will get in touch with the applicant. They need to tell us whether there are any differences between these two plans.
- h. Permit A-2019-316, SW-2019-018, Shawn Classey, 363 & 375 Burton Road
- no updates.
- i. Permit A-2019-317, SW 2019-019 Berco Tank, 36 Lancaster Drive- no updates
- j. Permit A-2021-320/SW-2021-023- 808 South Main Street/MCH 83 (Storage Facility) –
DK: Need maps that have the correct owner. SK: Commission insisted on this.
- k. Permit A-2021-318 & SW-2021-021 - TOBF, Beacon Valley Road Paving – no updates.
- l. Permit A-2021-320 & SW-2021-023 – 808 South Main Street/ MHC 83 – no updates.
- m. Permit A-2021-321 & SW-2021-043 – TOBF, Cook Lane Storm Drainage Improvements
SK- Going out to bid next week.
- n. Permit A-2021-322 & SW-2021-025 – TOBF, Beacon Valley Rd Bridge Rehabilitation –
Naugatuck approved the project on their end.

Motion to approve Permit A-2021-322 & SW-2021-025 – TOBF, Beacon Valley Rd Bridge Rehabilitation. Motion Made by John Smith /Seconded by Brian Swan

VOTE:

John Smith	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Douglas Bousquet	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Steve Knapik	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brian Swan	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Fred Bowes	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Richard Minnick	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	<u>Absent</u>

10. **New Business**

- a. Detention/Retention Pond Maintenance - no updates
- b. Review of IWWC Ordinances & Fees – no updates
- c. 90 Munson Road – Kurt Novak – no updates. He has not been in contact with the office.

- d. 35-37-39 Avenue D – DK: Rob said that the catch basin has been filled up. I will send a letter to three property owners. Rob cleaned basin this time, but they need to maintain their swale, rather than erode the driveway.
JS: On tape, applicant said he would pave driveway. In minutes of meeting of original approval, it says, gravel or paved.

11. Payment of Bills

a. Administrative Officers & Other Invoices

Motion to approve Dave Keating's July invoice of \$395.20

Motion Made by Douglas Bousquet

Seconded by John Smith

VOTE:

John Smith	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Douglas Bousquet	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Steve Knapik	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brian Swan	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Fred Bowes	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Richard Minnick	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	<u>Absent</u>

Motion to approve payment of legal invoices 02987 & 02983 for \$192.50 & \$210.00, respectively. Motion made by John Smith/Seconded by Douglas Bousquet.

VOTE:

John Smith	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Douglas Bousquet	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Steve Knapik	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brian Swan	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Fred Bowes	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Richard Minnick	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	<u>Absent</u>

Motion to approve payment of Southwest Conservation District Invoice for \$1500.

Motion made by John Smith/Seconded by Douglas Bousquet.

VOTE:

John Smith	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Douglas Bousquet	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Steve Knapik	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brian Swan	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Fred Bowes	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Richard Minnick	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	<u>Absent</u>

Motion to approve payment of Waterbury Republican American Invoice for \$155.44

Motion made by John Smith/Seconded by Douglas Bousquet.

VOTE:

John Smith	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Douglas Bousquet	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Steve Knapik	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brian Swan	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Fred Bowes	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Richard Minnick	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	<u>Absent</u>

b. State of Connecticut Fees – no updates

c. Engineering - none

12. Petitions from Commissioners-

BSw: Who has jurisdiction for silt fence enforcement – Wetlands or P&Z? DK: Yes, it is in the regulations, if there is no wetlands issue, then the ZEO would have some jurisdiction to enforce this as it relates to fill etc.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:42 PM BSw/DB, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Daigle
Clerk, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission