



## **Town of Beacon Falls Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Monthly Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2022**

*subject to revision*

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

Chairman Stephen Knapik called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.

**Members Present:** Stephen Knapik (SK), Richard Minnick (RM), 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. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings**

**Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Monthly Meeting on March 9, 2022, with suggested revisions. Motion Made by RM/BS. All ayes. Carried.**

**Motion to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting on March 30, 2022, as submitted. Motion Made by SK/BS. All ayes. Carried.**

### **3. Comments from the Public- addressed later in the meeting.**

### **4. Public Petitions- none**

### **5. New Applications-**

- a. **John Paul Garcia, 190 Fairwood Road, Bethany, on behalf of Armandino Costa, 3 Coventry Lane- JPG:** Issued a cease and desist for filling in a wetland. Had a covenant line, as part of property. Planning to construct two retaining walls. Wetlands Enforcement Officer had a number of questions for us; this plan is the end result of the plans. We will not remove material from the site. **DK:** They have submitted an application, as they need a permit. Complete application. Good plan. Need a revised application fee.

**RM:** Any need for Town engineer to review wall? **DK:** Will need a building permit, which requires engineered plans.

**Motion to ~~accept~~ Wetlands application A-2022-332 as submitted, with acknowledgement that no public hearing is needed -Armandino Costa, 3 Coventry Lane – permit to construct two retaining walls and regrade site. RM/FB. All ayes. Carried.**

**Motion to revise last motion to change word “accept” to “receive.” FB/RM. All Ayes. Carried.**

**Motion to remove existing cease and desist on 3 Coventry Lane. RM/SK. All ayes. Carried.**

**Motion to accept Wetlands application A-2022-332 as submitted, with acknowledgement that no public hearing is needed -Armandino Costa, 3 Coventry Lane – permit to construct two retaining walls and regrade site. RM/SK.**

**Discussion: RM:** I don't feel that there needs to be a stormwater application.  
**All ayes. Carried.**

**DK:** Possible to get corrective work done by end of September? Wall by end of the year? **JPG:** I think we can get the whole thing done in a couple of weeks. We are ready to start.

**Motion to approve Wetlands application A-2022-332 as submitted, with the findings and conditions of approval as drafted-Armandino Costa, 3 Coventry Lane – permit to construct two retaining walls and regrade site. FB/BS. All ayes. Carried.**

**6. Correspondence-**

- a. Letter from Beacon Falls P&Z Commission, regarding appointment of IWWC Liaison Member.
- b. Letter from NVCOG re: Composter and Rain Barrell sale. Information on Town Website.
- c. Letter from O&G regarding Town of Seymour Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing scheduled for April 7 2022, regarding the proposed filling and grading of man-made pond at 491 North Main Street in Seymour- requested IWWC Comments. Rich provided a comment which was shared with Seymour ZBA.

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

- a. Permit A- 2018-314, SW-2018-014 – Charles Edwards/ Tiverton II/ Fairfield Place – **FB recused self from meeting. SK:** We have a concern from the public. **Steven O'Dea 64 Fairfield Place.** – Shared pictures with Commission. **SO-** Silt fence is down on property, Lot 1 area. Standing water, inhabited area for mosquitos. As you head to new cul-de-sac- it is all standing water. House off of 90 Burton. Eastern side, upper side, I live on this side. Lots of run-off- pooling. Further into cul-de-sac silt fence is down, erosion. Something is coming out of the hill, oily residue, looks rusted and tarnished. Could be a mineral. **BS:** I think it might be minerals. **SO:** All water related issues. As for detention pond, -there is a part that has a 15-ft vertical, then plateaus, then another 10 ft vertical. I don't want to exaggerate, but I'm thinking it is a thirty-foot drop. Supposed to have a chain link fence, all these conditions of approval. I would ask the Commission to put up a temporary barrier and correct some of the erosion. **SK:** Recommend that the Town engineer look at this. David and our Town engineer look at this. Dave, you need to send a letter to the estate, there are issues that need to be addressed. **SO:** Photos were taken today, April 13, 2022. **FB returned to the meeting.**
- b. Wetlands Enforcement Officer's Report – will comment during meeting.
- c. Permit A-2003-236 Pond Springs Village/ Pent Road / Lancaster Drive – received monthly report April 2022. **SK:** Dave called owner. Wired silt fence to try to keep it up. Put it didn't work. We need another letter. We may need to cease and desist.
- 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- no updates.
- g. Hopp Brook Developers A-2019-315, SW-2019-017, A-2019-315-A1, SW-2019-017-A1 -**KR:** First P&Z Appeal of the first round, Mr. Bellis lost his appeal. **RM:** Thank you for

the support. **BS:** Septic permits are an issue? **KR:** These issues regarding septic were brought up in both applications.

- 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:** We are supposed to receive monthly reports from this applicant.
  - k. Permit A-2021-318 & SW-2021-021 - TOBF, Beacon Valley Road Paving –no updates
  - l. Permit A-2021-321 & SW-2021-043 – TOBF, Cook Lane Storm Drainage Improvements- no updates.
  - m. Permit A-2021-322 & SW-2021-025 – TOBF, Beacon Valley Rd Bridge Rehabilitation – no updates
  - n. Permit A-2021-325 & SW-2021-026 – 251/253 South Main Street – James Martin –**RM recused himself from the meeting. SK:** Jim had some discolored water off the property that he addressed. **RM Returned to meeting.**
  - o. Permit A-2021-326 & SW-2021- 027 – Lopus Road, Tri Tech Americas LLC – no updates.
  - p. Detention Retention Pond Maintenance – no updates.
  - q. Review of IWWC Ordinances and Fees – no updates.
  - r. 35-37-39 Avenue D- no updates.
  - s. Dolly Patricia, Coventry & Burton- Town of Beacon Falls Road Projects – no updates.
- 8. New Business**
- a. Town of Beacon Falls – DeCarlo & Doll – Beacon Valley Road – **RM:** Staff should provide us with two separate resolutions, two separate motions.

**Motion to table discussion of application A-2022-329 and SW 2022-330: The Town of Beacon Falls- DeCarlo & Doll- to renovate and repave Beacon Valley Road and revise the storm drainage project- until staff gets chance to review. FB/BS all ayes. Carried.**

**9. Payment of Bills**

- a. **Administrative Officers & Other Invoices-** **SK:** Reviewed David's hours last month. **Motion to pay Republican American Invoice of \$143.84. RM/FB. All ayes. Carried.**
- b. **State of Connecticut Fees** – no updates
- c. **Engineering** - none

**10. Petitions from Commissioners-**

- a. **RM:** We should join CAIWAIC- Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions.
- b. **Brian Newmark – 5 Wilson Court** –would like to install a shed on back left corner of property. **DK:** - Wetlands on property. Mr. Newmark's question is does it seem worth it to get a surveyor involved? Is it Allowable that close to wetlands? **BS:** Is there a swale near your property? **BN:** Yes. **SK:** Oil and gas going to be stored in shed? **BN:** No.

**Motion to allow enforcement officer to work with the property owner at 5 Wilson Court to handle applications administratively.RM/BS. All ayes. Carried.**

**11. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn at 9:11 PM BS/FB, all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Daigle*

*Clerk, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission*