



**Town of Beacon Falls
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2023
C/O Town Clerk
10 Maple Avenue Beacon Falls, CT 06403
(Subject to Revision)**

Members Present: Fred Bowes (**FB**), Steve J Knapik (**SK**), Douglas Bousquet (**DB**), John Smith (**JS**), James Weed (**JW**), Michael Pratt (**MP**)

Members Absent: Brian Swan (**BS**)

Others Present: 4 members of the public, P&Z Chair, Michael Rupsis (**MR**), and WEO, David Keating (**DK**)

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

The meeting was called order at 7:30 pm.

2. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings:

Motion to accept minutes from the July 12, 2023, regular meeting, **DB/FB**. 2 abstained. 4 ayes.

Motion to arrange agenda to accommodate the members present (Pond View Circle) **DB/JW**. All ayes.

3. Comments from the Public:

None

4. Public Petitions

None

5. New Applications

- a. Jonathon Gorton – 14 Lorraine Dr. – Proposed Filling: Would like to fill to bring it to the existing level of the lawn. The wetlands to the rear are part of a larger amount that extends past other roads. Motion to approve the application as presented **JS/DB** All ayes. **DK** mentioned that the fee will be calculated. Email correspondence was received from a neighbor approving the overfilling onto their property. **DK** inquired length of time. **JG** mentioned that he will be obtaining quotes.

- b. Pond Spring Development LLC C/O Jeff Respler – 61 Lancaster Dr (Lot 24):

JS recused himself from the discussion and exited the room.

Developer - Jason Edwards J Edwards Associates (**JE**)- Pond View Circle was discussed. Plans were brought to the commission. There are no wetlands on the sight. It appears to be primarily a wetlands issue. **SK** prudent feasible alternatives. Is there an alternative to the method of disposal? **JE** to investigate it. **DK** mentioned that Paul Destefano (Town Engineer) would like more information from **JE**. **JE** mentioned that he will be sure to get in touch with him. **DK** mentioned that the drawings show that half the detention basin appears to be split between property lines. A drainage easement was discussed for the abutting property. **JE** will investigate that as well.

DK asked the commission if the concept would be approved down the line. **DK** to contact the Town Engineer to approve the concept. The Pond Spring Village detention basin is not expected to be touched—a response from the commission is expected in a few weeks' time.

JS returned to the meeting at the conclusion of the discussion.

6. Old Business/Wetlands Enforcement Officers Report:

- a. Permit A-2003-236: Pond Springs Village, Pent Road and Lancaster Drive/Lot 24:

A tentative start date will be set by the Planning & Zoning Commission sometime in September.



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- b. Permit A-2009-283: Alliance Circle Lot 3 (HI Stone):
No updates
- c. Permit A-2014-306: 100 Fieldstone Lane-Chatfield Farms Phases 3, 4, & 5:
No Updates
- d. Permit A-2018-314, SW-2018-014: Tiverton II, Fairfield Place:
FB mentioned that there has been no movement. **DK** to inquire.
- e. Permit A-2019-315, SW-2019-017; A-2019-315-A1, SW-2019-017-A1:
Hopp Brook Developers:
Septic is being reviewed.
- f. Permit A-2019-316, SW-2019-018: Shawn Classey, 363 & 375 Burton Rd:
No update
- g. Permit A-2019-317, SW 2019-019: Berco Tank, 36 Lancaster Drive:
Motion to remove from the agenda **DB/MP**. All ayes.
- h. Permit A-2021-320 & SW2021-023: 808 South Main St./MHC83 (HW Portfolio LLC/Cube Storage):
Motion to remove from the agenda. **MP/DB**—all ayes.
- i. Permit A-2021-325 & SW2021-026: 251-253 South Main Street/James Martin:
The heavy rain caused damage and debris to the neighboring people below. James Martin to maintain.
- j. Permit A-2021-326 & SW2021-027: 343 Lopus Road, TriTech Americas LLC-Solar Tri-Tech:
- k. Permit SW-2022-331: TOBF Dolly Drive, Patricia Terrace Rehabilitation:
No updates.
- l. Permit A-2022-331 & SW-2022-032: TOBF Burton Road Rehabilitation:
No updates
- m. Permit A-2022-333 SW-2022-332: 30 Lorraine Drive/Charles Edwards Estate:
DK mentioned that a map has been filed.
- n. Permit A-2022-336 SW-2022-335: 7 Rimmon Hill/LanKolga LLC:
No updates
- o. Application A-2022-334 SW-2022-335: 26 Westview/BF Edge LLC 26 Westview:
A report was received. **DK** read the report. Silt Fences are secured.
- p. 35-37-39 Avenue D:
No updates
- q. Detention/Retention Pond Maintenance:
No updates



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r. Review of IWWC Regulations, Ordinances, Fee Structure; Conditions of Approval & Inspection:
DK mentioned that it is all set.

s. Escrow Account:
No updates

7. New Business
None

8. Correspondence / Payment of Bills:
None
ST CT Fee are all set.

9. Petitions from Commissioners:
JS mentioned the font size of the agenda. Clerk to resize.

Road Forman, Pruzinsky let **SK** know that a Cook Ln resident mentioned that there is water overflow on his property. **SK** investigated it and believed it was handled.

MP mentioned that Railroad Ave work has begun and inquired if the resident has been made aware to contact the commission should he encroach on wetlands. **DK** updated the commission of a conversation he had with the resident. **DK** mentioned that all permits, but one, have been filed. **MP** questioned stormwater management. **DK** mentioned that the code in place covers him under the current plan and use.

DB questioned the dirty water on Avenue B. **DK** updated the commission that he will be continuing maintenance.

DK mentioned that the Wolfe Ave. Community Center project. **MR** mentioned that the zone use has been approved by the Planning & Zoning Committee. The project is in the very early stages.

10. Adjournment
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM. **JS/JW**, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren A. Fennell
Sub-Clerk, IWWC