

**Beacon Falls Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission
10 Maple Avenue
Beacon Falls, CT 06403**



**BEACON FALLS INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting
December 11, 2019
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)**

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman John Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Members Present: John Smith, Stephen Knapik, Brian Swan (arrived at 7:40), Walter Opuszynski, and Doug Bousquet

Others Present: Dave Keating; Jim Galligan; Jesse Judson; Shawn Classey; Atty. Bellis; Mark Kehrhahn of Pond Springs Village; and Chris Olivera of EG Homes

Motion to rearrange the agenda to accommodate the public: **Knapik/Bousquet**; no discussion; all ayes.

2. Applications – Old Business

During the discussion of Pond Springs Village, J. Smith and W. Opuszynski are off the Board.

S. Knapik asked if there was anyone present representing Pond Springs Village. Mark Kehrhahn was present and noted that they have been stalled for the past couple of weeks. S. Knapik asked if it was due to the weather and M. Kehrhahn indicated yes and there was an issue on another job. M. Kehrhahn indicated that the four catch basins were vacuumed out about three weeks ago and there was some silt fence down following a storm and was repaired. S. Knapik asked if the permit for the other foundation was signed and M. Kehrhahn replied yes, as well as D. Keating noting that he did sign it.

With the discussion of Pond Springs Village complete, J. Smith and W. Opuszynski are back on the Board.

3. New Applications

a. **Shawn Classey, 363 & 375 Burton Road**

Jesse Judson, licensed Land Surveyor, was present at tonight's meeting representing Shawn Classey for the property located at 363 & 375 Burton Road. J. Judson indicated that the plans were revised based on the comments by the Commission. A copy of the revised plans was submitted at tonight's meeting. J. Judson noted that a berm was added across the pathway/driveway to direct the water. J. Judson also noted that the location of the underground utilities were added.

After a brief review and discussion of the revised plans, J. Smith asked if Jim Galligan had any comments or concerns and he did not at this time. J. Smith then asked Dave Keating and he did not at this time. D. Keating mentioned that the next step is for the Commission to decide how to process, if a Public Hearing is needed, and/or suggest any conditions of approval.

J. Smith asked if this is going to be 2 lots or 1 lot. J. Judson indicated that currently, it is 2 lots but will be filed as 1 lot. D. Bousquet asked when the plan is to start and S. Classey indicated that it probably will not be for 5-10 years down the road. J. Smith noted that if it is after 5 years, then the application will need to be remitted and approval extended since approval is good for only 5 years.

After a brief discussion, J. Smith asked for a motion regarding a Public Hearing and regarding approval of the application as submitted.

Motion for the application from Shawn Classey for the property located at 363 & 375 Burton Road not in need of a Public Hearing: **Knapik/Opuszynski**; *no discussion*; all ayes.

Motion to approve the application as submitted from Shawn Classey for the property located at 363 & 375 Burton Road with the Standard Inland Wetlands and Storm Water Management Conditions: **Knapik/Bousquet**; *discussion was by W. Opuszynski asked if a bond or something put in place due to the work activity on the site. J. Smith noted that there is drainage in place already. The Members reviewed the drawings and plans and after a brief discussion, it was agreed upon that one was not needed*; all ayes.

Application A-2019-316 and Application SW-2019-018 was assigned to the application from S. Classey for the property located at 363 & 375 Burton Road.

b. **Berco Tank, 36 Lancaster Drive**

During the discussion of Berco Tank, B. Swan stepped off the Board.

Jesse Judson was present at tonight's meeting representing Berco Tank for the property located at 36 Lancaster Drive. J. Judson indicated that suggestions were made by Jim Galligan and a water quality separator was added to the plans as well as curbing added. W. Opuszynski asked if a maintenance schedule was also added to the plans and J. Judson indicated yes, the schedule is for every six months as well as after severe storms.

J. Smith asked if Jim Galligan had any comments or concerns and he did not at this time. J. Smith then asked Dave Keating and he did not at this time. J. Smith asked if the application is complete and D. Keating indicated yes.

Motion to approve the application as submitted from Berco Tank for the property located at 36 Lancaster Drive with the Standard Inland Wetlands and Storm Water Management Conditions: **Knapik/Bousquet**; no discussion; all ayes.

Application A-2019-317 and Application SW-2019-019 was assigned to the application from Berco Tank for the property located at 36 Lancaster Drive.

Since the discussion of Berco Tank has ended, B. Swan is back on the Board.

4. Show Cause Hearings & Considerations of Public Hearings

J. Galligan submitted copies of the Beacon Falls Inland Wetland and Water Couse Commission Findings and Conditions of Approval for the application submitted by Hopp Brook Estates as discussed during the Public Hearings held on October 9, 2019 and continued on November 13, 2019. J. Galligan noted that the draft is based on projects done in the past at this size. The Members reviewed the draft and after a brief discussion, J. Smith asked for a motion regarding the Public Hearing held for Hopp Brook Estates, Application A-2019-315 and Application SW-2019-017. J. Smith asked to have an additional item - #35 – added regarding the access roads.

Motion to accept the application from Hopp Brook Estates with conditions set forth plus the amendment as noted in the discussion: **Knapik/Swan**; no discussion; ayes by J. Smith, S. Knapik, B. Swan, and D. Bousquet; abstention by W. Opuszynski since he was not present at the Public Hearing.

5. Applications – Old Business

Chris Olivera was present at tonight's meeting representing EG Homes. A copy of the monthly report dated 11/13/2019 – 12/11/2019 was submitted at tonight's meeting. C> Olivera reviewed the monthly report with the Members and noted that they are trying to get a binder down next week before the asphalt plants close.

C. Olivera noted that there was a large amount of material that needed to be moved and is still sitting there. C. Olivera also noted that there is a plan for the material to be brought down to Phase 4 to be used as fill if the tree are cleared. After a brief discussion, J. Smith reminded C. Olivera of the sediment erosion controls need to be put in place if stumps are pulled.

After a brief discussion, J. Smith asked if the Members had any questions and there were none at this time. D. Keating noted that the sediment erosion control plan may need an amendment from Planning and Zoning since this is different from the approved plan. D. Keating suggested that a sediment erosion control plan should be prepared for the filling and grading, and given to Jim Galligan. After his review, J. Galligan could draft a letter to Planning and Zoning informing them that the Inland Wetland Commission has okayed the concept of the plan.

6. Comments from the Public

D. Keating indicated that Frank Cirillo is interested in changing the lot lines for property on Bethany Road. During the discussion of the property on Bethany Road – noted as 185 and as 195 – W. Opuszynski is off the Board.

Frank Cirillo was present at tonight's meeting to present his plan for the property located at 185 Bethany Road and 195 Bethany Road. A copy of the drawings and plans was submitted at tonight's meeting for the Commission's review.

After a brief review and discussion of the drawings and plan submitted by F. Cirillo, D. Keating suggested a Storm Water application and sediment erosion controls for how the water will be managed. J. Smith noted that there is no wetlands on the site and that a storm water management application will be needed based on tonight's review of the drawings and plans. J. Smith asked to have J. Galligan review the drawings and plans and asked to have any comments, concerns, and/or questions made to the property owner's engineer. J. Smith indicated that an application will need to be submitted and the Commission will review the application at the next monthly meeting.

Since the discussion of the property owned by F. Cirillo located at 185 Bethany Road and 195 Bethany Road has ended, W. Opuszynski is back on the Board.

J. Smith asked three times if there were are comments from the public and there were no further comments at this time.

7. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings – November 13, 2019

J. Smith asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2019 Monthly Meeting and from the Public Hearings held on October 9, 2019, and on November 13, 2019.

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2019 Monthly Meeting, and the minutes for the Public Hearings held on October 9, 2019 and November 13, 2019, as submitted by the clerk: Knapik/Bousquet; no discussion; ayes from J. Smith, S. Knapik, D Bousquet, and B. Swan; abstention from W. Opuszynski since he was not present at the meetings.

8. Correspondence

J. Smith indicated a Christmas card from Nafis & Young was received.

9. Administrative Report

There was no further discussion by D. Keating and J. Galligan under Administrative Report at tonight's meeting.

10. Applications – Old Business

The Members reviewed the list of applications under this agenda item.

B. Swan asked if an update from Avenue D was received yet and D. Keating didn't contact D. Rybinski as of yet. B. Swan noted that D. Rybinski is no longer the contact person and J. Smith indicated that the application has expired.

11. Old Business

J. Smith asked to have the storm drain at Woodland High School removed from the next agenda.

J. Smith asked if D. Keating received a response from the homeowners on Beacon Valley Road. D. Keating has not heard from the homeowners and J. Smith indicated that the town attorney should contact the homeowners.

Motion to have the town attorney contact the homeowners on Beacon Valley Road regarding the drainage issue from their driveways : **Bousquet/Knapik; no discussion; all ayes.**

S. Knapik indicated that the A2 survey was received J. Palmieri regarding the issue on Bonna Street and can have this agenda item removed from the agenda for next month.

12. New Business

There was no new business discussed at tonight's meeting.

13. Budget

1. **Report of Accounts**

A copy of the Report of Account was not received for tonight's meeting.

2. **Payment of Bills**

a. **Invoice from the Commission's Clerk**

There was an invoice from the Commission's clerk submitted for the November 13, 2019 monthly meeting totaling \$69.00 and an invoice for the Public Hearings held on October 9, 2019 and November 13, 2019 totaling \$138.00.

b. **Other Invoices**

There was an invoice from Dave Keating submitted for \$232.56.

Motion to approve and pay the three invoices as submitted for tonight's meeting for a grand total of \$439.56: **Bousquet/Knapik; no discussion; all ayes.**

3. State of Connecticut Fees

D. Keating indicated that the State of CT fees are all caught.

14. Petitions from Commissioners

J. Smith noted that there is no representative for the Conservation Commission on Inland Wetlands at this time. J. Smith asked D. Bousquet for an update on the Planning and Zoning Commission. D. Bousquet noted that much of what was discussed earlier tonight was discussed at Planning & Zoning – Shawn Classey and Berco Tanks.

15. Executive Session

J. Smith indicated an Executive Session was not needed tonight.

16. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss at tonight's meeting, J. Smith asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:39 P.M.: **Knapik/Bousquet**; *no discussion*; all ayes.

The next Inland Wetland and Watercourses monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, starting at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Assembly Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission