

Beacon Falls Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission
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BEACON FALLS INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting
February 14, 2018
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

Members Present: John Smith, Stephen Knapik, Doug Bousquet, Michael Opuszynski, Walter Opuszynski, and Dave Keating

Not Present: Arlene Brumer and Jim Galligan

Others Present: Charlie Edwards, John Paul Garcia, Ken Faroni

Motion to rearrange the agenda to accommodate the public present: Knapik/m. Opuszynski; no discussion; all ayes.

2. New Application

Dave Keating noted that he has 4 sets of the application materials and a 5th set in the office. D. Keating also noted that it is considered as a new application.

John Paul Garcia was present at tonight's meeting to discuss the property owned by Charlie Edwards on Fairfield Place, Tiverton II. J. Smith noted that he is an adjacent property owner and asked the Members if he should step off the Board at this time. J. Smith also noted that he will neither positively nor negatively be affected financially by the decisions made regarding Tiverton II. After a brief discussion, it was decided that J. Smith would step off the Board and S. Knapik will chair during the discussion.

J. Garcia noted that the property on Fairfield Place, owned by C. Edwards, was rezoned from R1 to R3. The number of building lots increased from 6 lots to 14 lots. J. Garcia presented 2 sets of maps to the Commission – 1 of the originally approved proposal and 1 of the new proposal.

The old plan indicated that the disturbed upland review area was 2.4 ac and the new proposal showed disturbed upland review area as 2.8 ac, a difference of 0.4 ac. The old plan indicated that the impervious total area was 1.0 ac and the new proposal showed the impervious total area as 1.5 ac., a difference of 0.5 ac.

J. Garcia indicated that Storm Water Management would be a 2-stage system – 1 high and 1 low. It would drain into a collection pipe and then into the brook, draining North to the detention pond. J. Garcia also noted that there will be a large collection swale. S. Knapik asked if everything will be leading towards the detention basin and J. Garcia indicated not everything, there has to be a balance in the distribution system. W. Opuszynski asked what was the capacity that J. Garcia has in mind for the infiltration swales and J. Garcia indicated that he would have to go back to look but it would be zero-net increase at peak flow. J. Garcia also noted that the detention pond is sized for the 14 lots in Phase I plus future lots in Phase II.

M. Opuszynski asked if the MS4 requirements will be met since the towns will need to be compliant by 2022. J. Garcia indicated that it will be a zero-net increase and the proposal has been designed with MS4 in mind. M. Opuszynski noted that currently, there is a certain amount of impervious flow that ends up directly in the river bodies, and would like to know, before this development, if it is possible to implement something to reduce a portion of what is currently there. J. Garcia indicated that this development will reduce it by 10%-15% or more. After a brief discussion, J. Garcia indicated that currently it will not reduce it by 2% because nothing has been done.

W. Opuszynski asked who will be responsible for the cleaning out of the detention and J. Garcia indicated that it will be the town's responsibility since the town owes the road drainage. M. Opuszynski noted that the application shows 16 lots and during tonight's discussion, it has been stated as 14 lots and would like to know how many lots the proposal is. J. Garcia indicated that there are 14 building lots.

D. Keating indicated that the application fee needs to be reviewed by the Commission and base it on the amount of activity.

Ken Faroni was present at tonight's meeting to discuss the O & G Wash Plant. K. Faroni noted that there has been very little activity at the Wash Plant over the past few years. The Wash Plant is recognized as a legal, non-conforming use and has the right to import material and process it. K. Faroni presented drawings and plans for the Commission's review. K. Faroni indicated that it will remain a permanent processing plant, a portable plant would be brought it as needed, and there will be no discharge to the river with any processing.

After a brief discussion, D. Keating indicated that he will try to attend tomorrow's Planning & Zoning meeting with this Commission's permission.

Motion to have Dave Keating send a letter to Planning & Zoning with the concerns of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission after reviewing the plans and drawings as presented by Ken Faroni: M. Opuszynski/Bousquet;no discussion; all ayes.

3. Comments from the Public

J Smith asked if there were any comments from the public and there was no one present at tonight's meeting from the public.

a. Public Petitions

There were no Public Petitions presented to the Commission at this time.

4. New Applications

J. Smith asked to have Charlie Edwards added to next month's agenda.

5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 10, 2018 as submitted: Knapik/Bousquet; no discussion; ayes by S. Knapik, D. Bousquet, W. Opuszynski, and abstentions by J. Smith and M. Opuszynski.

6. Correspondence

J. Smith indicated a copy of a letter dated 02/01/2018 from Nafis & Young was received that was mailed to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Shiboski, 47 Cook Lane. The letter was informing the property owners of the issue with the storm water runoff from the driveway. The letter noted that a groundwater/sump pump has been discharging water from the driveway onto the paved surface of Cook Lane. J. Smith noted that J. Galligan has not heard back from the property owners yet. After a brief discussion, the Commission decided that this will be reviewed at next month's meeting to see if further action may be needed by this Commission.

7. Show Cause Hearings & Considerations of Public Hearings

There are no Show Cause Hearings and Considerations at this time.

8. Administrative Report

D. Keating indicated that there is a situation with the freeze/thaw and house construction on Oakwood Drive being worked on.

a. Wetlands Enforcement Officer

1. Cease & Desist Order Issued – 93 South Main Street/Mario Trepca

J. Smith noted that the town would like the issue settled with M. Trepca. J. Smith indicated that he would like to review the photos and write out this Commission's concerns and give to J. Galligan to discuss with the Selectmen. After a brief discussion, J. Smith will meet with M. Opuszynski and D. Bousquet to review the photos.

9. Applications - Old Business

A report was received from EG Homes and distributed to the Members.

W. Opuszynski asked about activity at Pond Springs Village and it was noted that there has been on activity there.

D. Bousquet noted that the silt fencing is down at the property located at 29 Avenue D. D. Keating indicated that he will try to find the owners and inform them of the Commission's concerns.

J. Smith noted that Mark Tice needs a letter from Jim Galligan regarding the release of the bonds on the detention ponds and storm water management and get the Letter of Credit from the Town Clerk.

M. Opuszynski asked about who's responsibility is it to update the list of the property owners that have detention ponds on their property. J. Smith noted that the list will be updated by the Commission and have Public Works informed of these updates.

10. Old Business

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

11. New Business

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

12. Budget

1. Report of Accounts

A copy of the Report of Account was received and reviewed by the Commission 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 January 10, 2018 meeting totaling \$61.25.

b. Other Invoices

There was an invoice from Dave Keating submitted for \$255.24

Motion to pay the two invoices as submitted for tonight's meeting for a grand total of \$316.49: Knapik/Bousquet; no discussion; all ayes.

3. State of Connecticut Fees

D. Keating indicated that the fees are all up-to-date.

13. Petitions from Commissioners

a. Conservation Commission Report from Michael Opuszynski

M. Opuszynski indicated that the Commission met last night, and the topics of discussion were the sewage discharge and hydraulic oil spills in the Naugatuck River; looking to do some events and spread the word about conservation; and getting out to enjoy our local trails and parks.

b. Community Media Center Building Committee Report from Arlene Brumer

Arlene Brumer was not at tonight's meeting to get a report.

14. Adjournment

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

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:53 P.M.: Knapik/Bousquet; no discussion; all ayes.

The next Inland Wetland and Watercourses monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, starting at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission