

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



**BEACON FALLS INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
Monthly Meeting  
August 8, 2018  
MINUTES  
(Subject to Revision)**

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

Chairman John Smith called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

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

Not Present: Arlene Brumer and Walter Opuszynski

Others Present: Dave Keating, Beth Ann Scott

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

**2. New Applications**

**a. Beth Ann Scott, 124 Blackberry Hill Road**

Beth Ann Scott was present at tonight's meeting to update the Members on the repairs to her driveway located at 124 Blackberry Hill Road. The repairs will be to the driveway – downstream side of wall. B. Scott noted that there has been no change since she attended the June 2018 meeting. B. Scott also noted that she spoke to Jim Galligan in regards to the plans. B. Scott presented copies of drawing that her cousin drew and mentioned that she forgot the application home. J. Smith asked if they will be extending past the head wall and B. Scott indicated no. S. Knapik noted that sandbags will need to be used and to pump the brook to the other side while working on the repairs.

After a brief discussion, B. Scott indicated that she will be hiring someone to do the repairs. J. Smith indicated that that person should contact D. Keating prior to starting the repairs. J. Smith asked the Members to confirm that this project would be considered bridge maintenance and the Members agreed.

### **3. Comments from the Public**

J. Smith asked if there were any comments from the public and there were none at this time.

#### **a. Public Petitions**

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

### **4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings**

J. Smith for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2018 meeting since there was no quorum for the July 11, 2018 meeting.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 13, 2018: **M. Opuszynski/Knapik;***no discussion*; ayes from M. Opuszynski and S. Knapik; abstentions from J. Smith and D. Bousquet since they were not at the meeting.

### **5. Correspondence**

J. Smith indicated that a copy of CT Wildlife was received.

A letter from Atty. Byrne was received regarding a court action. The letter was sent to the Town Clerk, Inland Wetlands Commission, and Planning & Zoning Commission requesting, under the Freedom of Information Act, all Inland Wetlands and Planning & Zoning agreements, plans, approvals, as-builts, relating to Lot 24 – 61 Lancaster Drive in Pond Springs Village. D. Keating noted that he has responded to the letter and will arrange a time to go through the files.

A letter from Nafis & Young dated August 8, 2018 was received. The letter was a draft of a letter that will be sent to the property owners having detention basins located on their property. The Members reviewed and discussed some changes and additions to the letter. J. Smith asked for D. Keating to follow through with the changes and additions with Nafis & Young. After a brief discussion, D. Keating suggested that J. Galligan to consult with the property owner to help with the proper maintenance that is needed for the detention basins.

A monthly report from EG Homes was received.

A package was received from Len Green regarding the Codification Project. There are some questions and J. Smith gave the package to D. Keating for his review.

**6. Show Cause Hearings & Considerations of Public Hearings**

J. Smith indicated that there are no Show Cause Hearings & Considerations to discussion.

**7. Administrative Report**

J. Smith indicated that a complaint was received from the owner of Beacon Falls Pizza regarding water being dumped onto his property now that the paving has been done next door. J. Smith indicated that the Members should inspect the paving and water issue located at the property owned by Mario Trepca.

**a. Wetlands Enforcement Officer**

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

**8. Applications - Old Business**

There was no discussion regarding Applications - Old Business.

**9. Old Business**

The letter to the Property Owners was discussed under Correspondence.

**10. New Business**

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

**11. Budget**

**1. Report of Accounts**

A copy of the Report of Account was not received.

**2. Payment of Bills**

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

There was an invoice from the Commission's clerk submitted for the July 11, 2018 meeting totaling \$43.50.

**b. Other Invoices**

There was an invoice from Dave Keating submitted for \$170.16.

Motion to pay the two invoices submitted for tonight's meeting for a grand total of \$213.66: Bousquet/M. Opuszynski; no discussion; all ayes.

### **3. State of Connecticut Fees**

D. Keating indicated that the CT fees are caught up through July.

### **12. Miscellaneous**

M. Opuszynski indicated that he surveyed Lantern Ridge after the tornado and it is not safe. The Conservation Commission is going to try and get work done there but it is a dangerous situation with the damage from the tornado. M. Opuszynski also noted that there is a Regional Trail Project that is underway where they are trying to identify all the trails in the region.

### **13. Petitions from Commissioners**

- a. **Conservation Commission Report from Michael Opuszynski**
- b. **Community Media Center Building Committee Report from Arlene Brumer**

D. Bousquet indicated that the Committee will be doing a study.

S. Knapik asked who is responsible for Oak Drive noting that there are ladders, hay bales, saw horses blocking the road and there is erosion going down the road towards Rt. 42. J. Smith indicated that the Town is responsible for the catch basins and snow plowing the road. J. Smith indicated that he will talk with Rob Pruzinsky about the situation and what is the protocol.

D. Bousquet noted that there are 2 trees in the detention pond in Pond Springs Village since the tornado. D. Keating indicated that he will look into this.

### **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 8:24 P.M.: M. Opuszynski/Knapik; no discussion; all ayes.

**The next Inland Wetland and Watercourses monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, starting at 7:30 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo  
Clerk, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission