

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



**BEACON FALLS INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
Public Hearing  
February 10, 2021  
MINUTES  
(Subject to Revision)**

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

Chairman Stephen Knapik called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Public Hearing legal notice was published in the Republican-American on January 28, 2021 and February 03, 2021. Notice was sent to Naugatuck Town Clerk, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, and the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments.

**Members Present:** John Smith (JS) Richard Minnick (RM), Stephen Knapik (SK), Doug Bousquet (DB), Brian Swan (BS)

**Members Absent:** Fred Bowes (FB)

**Others Present:** Dave Keating (DK) Paul DeStefano (PD)

**2. SK announced that he has opened the hearing for public comment regarding application A-2021-318 and SW 2021-021: The Application of the Town of Beacon Falls to renovate and repave Beacon Valley Road and revise the adjacent storm drainage system.**

PD: What we're planning on doing is reconstructing about 2700 linear feet Beacon Valley Road. That will be from Beacon Valley bridge up to the Beacon Hill Commons. The project consists of reconstruction of the road pavement. It's going to be a reclamation project so basically that's grinding up the existing asphalt that's there and using that as a base to the road and then paving over that - included in the project we're going to be replacing some driveway aprons and installing new curbing, replacing some inadequate sections of guide rail. We will, one of the, one of the bigger components, I would say is we are going to be improving the storm drainage significantly. Basically, by adding some catch basins, where they should be. Now, the whole intent here is to get the water underground faster, instead of it, you know, staying on top of the road and deteriorating the road over time. That being said, we're going to be utilizing the existing outfalls that go to the river now. We will not be adding any new ones. We will be replacing any failing underground pipe with concrete pipe. We're also going to be adding in two streetlights, I believe, to improve safety as well. If there's any questions or concerns, you know I'm happy to help with any answers.

JS: You know the guy with the driveway we've been having problems. And the work you're going to be doing in front of his house and that catch basin right there that concerns me a little bit. But I know Dave's been in contact with him and gave him some kind of plan, something we can really push on in as the roads we have done.

PD: We met with the homeowners last year. Their responsibility is from that right of way line from the street line, you know, back to their homes. In a perfect situation they'd be going on, side by side. Because there's going to be some grading that has to be done with the road improvements to that driveway that may affect if they were to do their driveway ahead

of time. The other way they can handle it, is they could repave their driveway to the property line to the street, and then do some gravel transition in the meantime, and then the contractor for the road can take out that gravel and then repave up to the street.

JS: Will there be a provision, so that he can tie into that catch basin that's going to be, I think it's pretty close to the bottom of the driveway? So we don't have a situation where it has to run over the surface and then back into the top of the catch basin.

PD: Part of the proposed plan and then part of the homeowners' plan was to actually have a little divergence while going down the side of the driveway. And what's going to happen is there's going to be a little punchbowl at the backside of that catch basin. And what I like to do is just knock out a little section of that top in the back, which we've done quite a few times before in the past. And what will happen is the water will build up in that plunge pool and then spill into the back of the base and so it doesn't go onto the road.

RM: It looks like you're going to be doing the road at sections at a time, with the drains, is that correct?

PD: Beacon Valley Road as a whole is going to get reconstructed, and what's going to happen is the section from the bridge to the condos is going to get done now, and in the future, which will probably either be later this year, or the very beginning of next year, the area from the condos to the Naugatuck town line to the north is going to be completed.

DB: On page 17 the concrete driveway- is that the gentleman's driveway we're talking about?

PD: It's address 124-126.

BS: Are you going to knock out the back of the basin?

PD: So, the top will be set flush on the structure, what we'll do is knock a little, little rectangular section in the back of that the very top of the basin itself. Not the actual top but the structure.

SK called for any other public comment. No further public comment.

### **3. Adjournment**

Motion made by RM to adjourn public hearing at 7:15 PM. JS seconded. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Daigle*  
*Planning & Zoning, Clerk*