

Beacon Falls Community Media Center Building Committee
10 Maple Ave.
Beacon Falls, CT 06403



BEACON FALLS COMMUNITY MEDIA CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2016
(Draft Copy-Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance

Selectman Mike Krenesky called the meeting to order on November 28th at 7:02 PM. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present:

Michael Krenesky: Selectman, Historical Society President

Steve Ruhl: Parks & Recreation Vice-Chairman, Town Historian

Doug Bousquet: Beacon Hose Co. No. 1 member, Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate, Construction

Darlene Raggozine: Library Board of Trustees, Chatfield Farms resident

Others present:

Sue Dowdell, Library Director: ex-officio member of committee

Arlene Brumer: Inland Wetlands member, Pond Springs resident, member to be appointed at next Board of Selectmen meeting

Mary Ellen Fernandez: Clerk/Planning and Zoning, sent First Selectman a request to be placed on committee as an alternate.

2. Public Comment

Selectman Mike Krenesky asked three times if there was any other public comment and there was none at this time.

3. Committee Mission/Goal

Krenesky gathered the contact information of all in attendance, which will be compiled and sent out. The group reviewed the charge document adopted by the Board of Selectmen and noted that the Library Director Sue Dowdell is a non-voting member of the committee and serves as an advisor. Dowdell was asked to compile information and relevant documents regarding the work of the previous committee to be sent to members.

Other discussion ensued about status of current structures on the property. Krenesky indicated that he accompanied a representative from Belfor Restoration on a tour of the house, as requested by the First Selectman. Since there had been some discussion that a

new structure should honor the architecture of the current house, the committee will meet at 10AM on December 10th at the property for a tour.

Discussion also ensued about the need for proper communication of the project once a plan is in place and ways to get feedback from the community. S. Ruhl will survey his 8th graders to gain further understanding of the needs of this age group. He was also asked to query the Parks & Recreation Commission regarding their wants/needs.

Discussion took place about the idea of honoring the history of the town with a mural in the new facility. Krenesky and Ruhl were asked to gather information about the needs of the Historical Society. Other ways to gather feedback from the community will be discussed more in the future.

Discussion also took place about the need to create a request for FY17-18 budget. Dowdell will provide information of a previous Capital Plan request as a starting point for the committee to consider.

4. Committee Roles and Possible Election of Officers

The Committee Charge calls for three officers: a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Secretary. These will be selected at the next meeting.

5. Set Meeting Dates for 2017

The group decided to hold its regular meetings on the 4th Monday of each month. The next meeting would occur on a date that the town hall is closed. A special meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 7PM in the library.

The agenda of the next meeting will include:

1. Election of officers
2. Review of previous committee work and next steps
3. FY 17-18 Budget proposal

6. Discussion of Hiring a Committee Clerk

D. Ragozzine made a motion, seconded by D. Bousquet to hire a clerk for the committee meetings. Dowdell was asked to contact a possible candidate who may be interested.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by D. Bousquet, seconded by D. Ragozzine to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Dowdell
Beacon Falls Public Library Director