

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



BEACON FALLS COMMUNITY MEDIA CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Feb 27, 2017
(Draft Copy-Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance

Selectman Mike Krenesky called the meeting of the Beacon Falls Public Community Media Center Building Committee to order in the Connie Christensen Children's Room of the Beacon Falls Public Library on February 27th at 7:04 p.m. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present:

Michael Krenesky
Arlene Brumer
Doug Bousquet
Steve Ruhl
Mary Ellen Fernandes

Members absent:

Darlene Raggozine

Others present:

Brian Horgan, Community Member

2. Public Comment

Selectman Mike Krenesky asked if there was any public. Brian Horgan, of Beacon Falls, stated that he is a big proponent of the Community Media Center and after hearing there was a scheduled meeting decided to come and offer his support of the project.

3. Approval of Minutes – December 2016

The February 6, 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion made by D. Bousquet, seconded by A. Brumer to accept February 6, 2017 meeting minutes: all voted aye.

4. Correspondence

Motion to accept clerk's invoice requesting payment of \$57.50 for the 12/28/16 meeting, \$35.00 for the 1/23/17 meeting, and \$45.00 for the 2/6/17 meeting and associated administrative work and pay the bills as submitted. Motion made by D. Bousquet to approve bills, seconded by A. Brumer: all voted aye.

5. Old Business

A. Review of Previous Committee Work:

Krenesky briefly updated members not present at previous meeting on the selection of chairs to the building subcommittees for the media center and the community center.

Continued discussion on what information the committee needs to collect to move forward, including how big of a building space is allowable on the Wolfe Avenue property and how big of a building space is needed to meet the needs of the community.

Discussion ensued with community member present about previously discussed demolition costs.

B. FY 2017-18 Budget Proposal

Requests have been submitted to the Finance Manager and the Board of Selectman recommending \$60,000 be placed in the FY17-18 town budget for architectural services as part of the capital building project. Also, requesting \$100,000 to be put in the FY17-18 budget for demolition and hazardous material abatement of the Wolfe Avenue structures.

6. New Business

A. Community Center Discussion

S. Ruhl presented the committee with a collection of ideas generated by his Region 16 Eighth grade students about their vision of a new community media center. The students' ideas included:

- A place they could go to be with friends.
- Many students shared a desire for a kitchen area so that they could have culinary programs and classes.
- Students expressed an interest in having a stage as a place for drama programs and activities.
- A space to build and create and listen to music to both learn together and complete school projects together.

Discussion ensued over what a future media center needs to include and look like to meet the needs of all age groups of the community. Krenesky stressed the need for the community center and the library to be able to work together, but also able to function separately. The committee and the community member present discussed what civic organizations from town are in need of a meeting space and also the consideration of housing voting equipment.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Krenesky, 2nd by Bousquet to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm: all aye.

The next Community Media Center Building Committee regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Connie Christensen Children's Room of the Beacon Falls Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Mays
Community Media Center Building Committee Clerk

CC:
Board of Selectmen
Library Board
Park & Rec Commission