

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



**BEACON FALLS COMMUNITY MEDIA CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 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 March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present:

Michael Krenesky  
Arlene Brumer  
Doug Bousquet  
Steve Ruhl  
Mary Ellen Fernandes

Members absent:

Others present:

Sue Dowdell  
Susan Cable

**2. Public Comment**

Selectman Mike Krenesky asked if there was any public comment. Susan Cable, expressed concerns from community members about the liability of the Wolf Avenue building still standing as it was purchased by the town and nothing has yet to be done. Susan further discussed reaching out to the community with an informal poll to gauge support of pursuing a community building at the Wolf Avenue location.

Committee response in Old Business.

**3. Approval of Minutes – February 2017**

The February 27, 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion made by D. Bousquet, seconded by A. Brumer to accept February 27, 2017 meeting minutes: all voted aye.

#### **4. Correspondence**

- a. Motion to accept clerk's invoice requesting payment of \$50.00 for the 2/27/17 meeting and associated administrative work and pay the bills as submitted. Motion made by D. Bousquet to approve bills, seconded by S. Ruhl; all voted aye.
- b. Community Media Center Estimated Costs Spreadsheet submitted by Mike Krenesky
- c. Letter from Ames & Whitaker Architects
- d. Correspondence regarding fees from Ryszard Szczypek of TSKP Studio  
Architecture/Planning/Interiors

#### **5. Old Business**

##### **A. Review of Previous Committee Work:**

In response to public comment, Krenesky presented a spreadsheet documenting a high level breakdown of costs based on assumed construction costs for a presumed 15,000 square foot building. Also discussed letter from Architects Ames & Whitaker and the committee is waiting on two additional informal requests.

Discussion continued about pending water company bill for the Wolf Ave. property. Brief discussion ensued about the possibility of a restoration company purchasing anything in the historic building before the building is demolished.

Dowdell asked if Parks and Rec would be returning any money from last year's budget to the town that could possibly be carried over as Community Media Center funding.

##### **B. FY 2017-18 Budget Proposal**

Motion made by S. Ruhl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Bousquet to propose to the Board of Finance at the next scheduled meeting that \$60,000 be placed in the FY17-18 town budget for architectural services as part of the capital building project. All voted aye.

The committee is asking the BOF to respond to this number to get the committee to Phase I, the Schematic Design Phase of the potential Community Media Center.

#### **6. New Business**

##### **A. Community Center Discussion**

Brief discussion ensued about committee members visits to libraries in surrounding towns and plans to visit more towns in the future.

Sue Dowdell will be meeting with the Library Board in April and will discuss the building plan.

**5. Adjournment**

Motion by S. Ruhl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bousquet to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm: all aye.

The next Community Media Center Building Committee regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, April 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