



BEACON FALLS COMMUNITY MEDIA CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2017
(Draft Copy-Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Michael 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 June 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present:

Michael Krenesky
Doug Bousquet
Mary Ellen Fernandes
Arlene Brumer
Martha Melville
Steve Ruhl

Members absent:

Susan Cable, ex officio member

Others present:

Sue Dowdell, Library Director

2. Public Comment

M. Krenesky asked if there was any public comment and there was none at this time.

3. Approval of Minutes – May 2017

The May 22, 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion made by D. Bousquet, seconded by M.E. Fernandes to accept the May 22, 2017 meeting minutes as presented: all aye. *S. Ruhl abstained as he was not at the May 22, 2017 meeting.*

4. Correspondence

M. Krenesky noted that he had received an email from the contractor in New York that he is still interested in possible salvage items in the Wolfe Avenue house. He requested photos and would try to visit the house this summer.

5. Old Business

A. Review of Previous Committee Work: NTR

6. New Business

A. Community Media Center Discussion

M. Krenesky noted that we need the community center requirements, including square footage, before moving forward. He added that he drafted a survey and will forward it to the building committee members for review before it is presented to the Board of Selectmen. He will also ask the Registrars what they need for space in order to use this building as a polling place.

ACTION: M. Krenesky will forward his draft survey to the committee.

D. Bousquet reported that he and S. Ruhl had spoken informally at the firemen's carnival.

Discussion of ideas regarding the best way to get feedback from residents:

- a question on the November ballot could turn political
- mailing a survey to all households, but no funds to pay for it
- paper survey would most likely serve the older residents
- electronic survey would get more of a response from younger residents
- more information on costs is needed before surveying the town

S. Dowdell commented that the committee needs to define the project before asking people to support it.

M. Krenesky suggested approaching the Board of Selectmen to request a transfer of funds to pay for a survey mailing.

S. Ruhl asked about media coverage in the Citizen's News. M. Krenesky said he was contacted for a story but had not been interviewed yet.

M.E. Fernandes suggested holding an open forum to answer questions. S. Dowdell suggested the committee members go talk to the various groups in town at their meetings to present the plan, answer questions and garner support.

ACTION: M. Krenesky, S. Ruhl and D. Bousquet will meet within the next 10 days to discuss the community center piece.

5. Adjournment

Motion by S. Ruhl, 2nd by D. Bousquet to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm: all aye.

The next Community Media Center Building Committee regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, July 24, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Connie Christensen Children's Room of the Beacon Falls Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Melville

CC: Board of Selectmen; Library Board; Park & Rec Commission