

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



BEACON FALLS COMMUNITY MEDIA CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
September 25, 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 September 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present:

Michael Krenesky
Doug Bousquet
Arlene Brumer
Martha Melville
Mary Ellen Fernandes, alternate

Members absent:

Steve Ruhl
Susan Cable, ex officio member

Others present:

Sue Dowdell, Library Director; Joe Rodorigo, BOF Chair; Ken George; Bob Spear; Luke Marshall, Citizen's News

2. Public Comment

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

3. Approval of Minutes – August 2017

The August 28, 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion to accept the August 28, 2017 meeting minutes as presented: Brumer/Krenesky; no discussion; all aye. D. Bouquet abstained as he was not at the August 28, 2017 meeting.

4. Correspondence -

M. Krenesky reported that he has had no contact with the New York firm that had expressed interest in possible salvage items from the Wolfe Avenue house.

M. Krenesky noted that he received an email from M. DiCocco asking if a decision had been made about his offer for items from the Wolfe Avenue house. M. Krenesky said this committee is not in a position to sell anything and it would be up to the Board of Selectmen.

5. Old Business

A. Building Project Survey - Discussion and Possible Action

M. Krenesky reported that the Board of Selectmen decided not to take any action until after the election. The survey was discussed at their August 31, 2017 Special Meeting and regarding the need to have two separate locations in order to vote on the Building Committee proposed question during the November 7th election and the lack of cost-savings, it was agreed that no action be taken at this time.

M. Krenesky said setting up a table outside the polling place for an informal survey may not get the proper attention. He requested the members brainstorm ideas for potential survey vehicles to suggest for the Board of Selectmen to consider.

M. Krenesky reported he walked several residents and a Republican-American reporter through the Wolfe Avenue house.

B. Spear suggested a plan that would incorporate rehabbing the current house and build on for the library which would also include a 2-3 story elevator so that all stories of the house could be used.

S. Dowdell commented that the existing house is not structurally built to take the weight of the library collection.

M. Krenesky reiterated that it was the mission of this committee to come up with a building project plan for the property on Wolfe Avenue not to debate whether to demolish the house or not. He thanks B. Spear for his input.

K. George asked how long it would take for a building project. S. Dowdell explained the process of getting bids, applying for grants, getting bonding approval, that it would be 3 years before ground breaking.

S. Dowdell added that Beacon Falls has the smallest library in the state and it is not handicap accessible. She suggested this committee work on writing the planning document so it's ready to go as money becomes available.

6. New Business

A. Possible Visit(s) to Area Community/Media Centers

S. Dowdell provided a list of several library community centers. After considering the location and hours open the committee decided to visit the Shelton Recreation/Community Center at 41 Church Street on Saturday October 14 and to meet at the Beacon Falls Town at 9 AM.

B. Spear suggested the committee tour the former Community School in Prospect to see that project.

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm: Krenesky/Bousquet; no discussion; all aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Melville

CC:
Board of Selectmen
Library Board
Park & Rec Commission