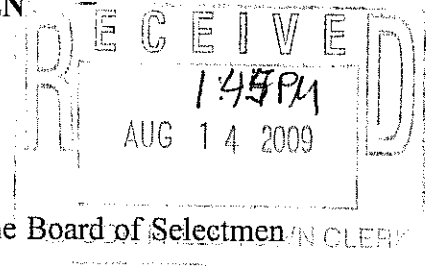


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First Selectman S. Cable called the Special Monthly Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:03P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: First Selectman S. Cable, Selectman D. Sorrentino and Selectman M. Krenesky

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Beacon Hose Company No. 1 Fire Chief B. Cloney, M. Pratt, A. Daigle, B. Miller, Town Clerk K. Novak and A. Silano.

Discussion between Board of Selectmen and Beacon Hose Company No. 1 with regard to financial requests for various projects.

- Proposal to renovate space for the Department's Clerk – approximate cost: \$3650. B. Cloney noted this is a security issue because clerk is in the building alone for most of the time. Fire Department will do at least 80% of the work. A desk for the EMS Director is also included.
- B. Cloney noted Fire Department had approximately \$18,000 on unused funds in the 2008/09 budget
- Fire Department also suggested putting aside monies each year to take care of anticipated expenses, i.e. replacing the roof of the building and plumbing problems. It was noted there has been problems with the roof since it was built. It appears that whole top of roof would have to be removed to rebuild the roof. S. Cable will check into funding for this. M. Pratt will get some quotes for the project.
- S. Cable noted the apron was paid for with grant funds.
- Furnace Room. Sheet rock is needed to seal off (cost estimate \$2500 to \$3000)
- S. Cable noted under former First Selectman Mihalcik, a study was done on possibility of building a new Firehouse. It was noted that former Fire Chief D. Rybinski has applied for a grant to build a new firehouse.
- Discussion of the Railroad Avenue property (formerly used by Peter Paul and owned by the Railroad Company). Initially, the Fire Department has a one (1) year lease on the property, but negotiations are going on for a longer lease. Things that have to be done include: secure the building with installation of a fence (approximate cost \$8550), some type of lighting has to be put up, new lock installed (approximate cost 1000), some drainage work (\$200 to \$300). It was noted it is safe to go into the building at this time. Building should be painted. There are two (2) bays in the front and area in the back for a significant amount of square feet. Tentatively, plans call for using the building for storage and have a training facility in the back. The furnace is an old steam boiler, with thoughts of going to propane heat. It was noted local

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resident B. Swan has volunteered his equipment for excavation work. S. Cable agreed it is a good idea to do this work in stages.

- S. Cable noted a property owner on Railroad Avenue wants to turn over his property to the Town for back taxes owed. This building might be able to be used for storage. K. Novak said he would take a look at the building, suggesting it might be a good location to store the overage of fire department vehicles. S. Cable added the building might have running water and sewers.
- B. Cloney noted the firehouse has a lot of life left in it! S. Cable added these projects would be reviewed, adding again it is a good idea to do these things in stages.
- M. Pratt added there are a lot of good people in the Fire Department who are willing to volunteer their time to do a lot of the work.
- B. Cloney added there is currently no five (5) year plan for equipment purchase. He noted new vehicles will be needed and suggested Town think about the vehicle replacement plan again. He added the Department will still push for purchase of a new ladder truck.
- B. Cloney also presented copy of the Audit with regard to the Ambulance Billing. Check for \$52,000 will be going to the Town.
- The Monthly EMS Report for July 2009 shows 37 emergency calls.
- S. Cable will find the Contract for Mutual Aid.
- B. Cloney also asked about some type of liability insurance for the Chiefs and some of the Officers, adding some type of compensation is necessary to get qualified people to step up for the offices. D. Sorrentino asked if the Department has a program now in place and asked if other Town's have this policy. This issue will be looked at again.
- D. Sorrentino asked if it were true that Town's Custodian was asked to only work at night at the Firehouse. B. Cloney noted he had sent a letter to the Town listing work to be done by the Custodian, adding all of the work done by the previous cleaning service is not being done at this time. They prefer the Custodian do the work during the day. D. Sorrentino noted new equipment and tools have been purchased to do a lot more custodial work. K. Novak added he was pleased when Custodian was able to repair a cooling problem recently in the Town Hall.
- S. Cable noted Town will be going green.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Brian Miller, Planning Consultant for the Town presented a proposal to update the Plan for Conservation and Development, adding this was last done in 2002 and should be updated every ten (10) years. He noted he would use information Town currently has, citing the GIS mapping system, information gathered for the Housing Incentive Program and the Land Use Committee. He added old Plan is a framework but does not give specific directions to anyone. The updated Plan would give more specifics. He also suggested there be a lot of public input,

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adding there is a core group of people who are very interested in this. He suggested conducting some type of Internet based survey which is an easy and efficient way to get information and data. Those ideas would reinforce where we want to go. Stakeholders could include representation from the Planning & Zoning Commission, Economic Development Commission, Inland Wetlands Commission, Board of Finance, Conservation Commission, the Board of Selectmen and others in the Community.

B. Miller suggested setting up a Stakeholders Committee to work in stages to get this Plan developed. He added Town does have the mapping and the CNVCOG has already done a budget analysis.

K. Novak said he would like to see Town have a true developmental plan.

S. Cable said she would speak to Finance Director about setting aside funds for the Plan.

M. Krenesky asked if Town is required to go out to bid for this project, with S. Cable noting Board of Selectmen has right to waive going out to bid, adding B. Miller already works for the Town and is very familiar with the Town.

Suggestion made to fund this in two (2) to three (3) budget cycles.

It was noted Town does have some 'spotty zoning' but this is the way it is in some circumstances, but it can be changed.

A. Silano said he would gladly pay for costs to suggest making zone changes so that his project, Chatfield Farms II can move forward. B. Miller added the State has to change its Plan, and noted Board of Selectmen and Planning & Zoning have to review any zone changes before it goes up to Hartford. A. Silano then thanked First Selectman S. Cable for her help with this, adding this is a benefit to the Town, adding Chatfield Farms would like to put in more condos in the back of the property. S. Cable noted Chatfield Farms has been a good neighbor to the Town.

S. Cable noted Town won the court cases on this project.

S. Cable would like to see B. Miller write the new regulations that would be good for the Town. B. Miller stressed that he "works for the Town of Beacon Falls, not for any developer!"

D. Sorrentino said he would like to see some type of payment schedule, adding this is a proposal from B. Miller that should be put into a contract.

2. Discussion with Town Clerk on various matters. Town Clerk K. Novak noted his pay had increased last month due to check submitted by Chatfield Farms. He noted he did give copies of the Finance Handbook to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance.

S. Cable noted there are several errors on most recent list of appointments to be made, with K. Novak saying he would look at the list, adding "he is ultimately in charge".

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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1. Minutes – Website Development Meeting – 7/13/2009. D. Sorrentino asked if the P&Z regulations are included in the website yet, adding he had just received the latest copy and would turn over to the Town Clerk. M. Krenesky noted proposed Town Charter is still on the website. **D. Sorrentino made motion to approve Minutes as presented.** M. Krenesky said he could not second the motion because he felt that Meeting was held in Executive Session and no Minutes should have been taken. Board reviewed the Minutes and noted format of those Minutes should have indicated when Executive Session was over and business with regard to the website was discussed. **M. Krenesky then 2nd the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.**
2. Minutes – 07/213/09. Board of Selectmen Regular Monthly Meeting. Board reviewed Minutes page by page and made comments. Status of Stronkowsky property will be discussed later (page 1). Since the Town is paying the fees for the Conservation Commission’s website, it should follow standard procedure to post Minutes with Town Clerk (page 5). Letter will be sent to C. Yaranella addressing this. Letter has been sent to owner of property connecting Wolfe Avenue to Burton Road to repair the problem. A meeting has been scheduled for August 18, 2009 to discuss the J. Martin project. S. Cable noted she was told sork will be begin on the Depot Street Bridge in three (3) weeks. S. Cable noted enclosure will not be put up around the bridge until after the Duck Race. **M. Krenesky made motion to accept Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**
3. Minutes – 07/21/09 – Board of Selectmen Special Meeting. **M. Krenesky made motion to accept Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**
4. Minutes – 07/27/09 – Board of Selectmen Special Meeting. **D. Sorrentino made motion to accept the Minutes as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

APPROVE BILLS ON SELECTMEN’S ORDER REGISTER

Bills on Selectmen’s Order Register approved.

RESIDENT TROOPER AND CONSTABLES REPORT

Report for Activities for Month of July 2009 was read. 428 calls were made. **D. Sorrentino made motion to accept Report as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

ROAD FOREMAN’S REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS

D. Sorrentino asked if E. Bea had repaired the pump at the park. Discussion on recent storm (microburst) which hit Andrasko Road. M. Krenesky noted there is still a pile of trees on Andrasko Road and asked who is supposed to remove them. S. Cable noted

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because of downed wires, Town did not touch the trees due to safety reasons. She noted debris was on people's property. K. Novak noted he was in contact with Homeland Security via his phone which could send photos, etc. S. Cable will check with Road Foreman on status of the debris removal.

M. Krenesky made motion to accept the Road Foremen's Street Department report as presented 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.

Board will ask Road Foreman via a memo that he does not have to include payroll information in his Monthly Report.

M. Krenesky made motion to accept bid in amount of \$8,405 from Universal Body and Equipment to repair the Dump Body on Truck # 2, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.

Board reviewed Parks Report.

D. Sorrentino made motion to accept the Parks Report as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

M. Krenesky made motion to accept Wastewater Treatment Plant report as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye. S. Cable noted there will be a hearing on the phosphorous reduction.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

D. Sorrentino made motion to accept the Fire Marshal's Report for July 2009, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.

PARK AND RECREATION ACTIVITY REPORT

No report presented.

REPORT OF FINANCE MANAGER

No report presented. S. Cable noted Audit work has been completed with M. Gomes suggesting waiting until September 2009 before making any budget transfers

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

No Tax Collector's Report was presented.

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TREASURER’S REPORT

No Treasurer’s Report was presented. **NOTE:** Copy of report had been left with K. Wilson who did not see it until Wednesday, August 12, 2009. This report will be presented at the September Board of Selectmen Meeting.

REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY

No report was presented.

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

No report was presented.

REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN

Custodian noted there has been vandalism going on at the Town Hall. M. Krenesky noted he has seen some kids sitting on the roof at various times.

D. Sorrentino made motion to accept the Custodian’s Report, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye. M. Krenesky thanked Custodian for submitting a typed report. K. Wilson had typed the report.

REPORT OF THE TOWN NURSE

D. Sorrentino made motion to accept the Town Nurse’s Report as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye. S. Cable added Town is luck to have S. Mis as its Town Nurse.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

37 Emergency calls were responded to in July 2009. **D. Sorrentino made motion to accept the report as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

Board reviewed Town Clerk’s Report. Refer to Public Comment Section of these minutes.

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1. D. Sorrentino made motion to accept the resignation of Anna Marie Altieri from the Library Board of Directors, effective May 31, 2009, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.
2. Letter received from Patricia Lane, 111 Feldspar Avenue, with a check for \$150.00 to purchase a duck for the upcoming 'Parade of Ducks'. She commended the 'great idea'.
3. Letter from Regional School System No. 16 with regard to problems on Fawn Hill Road, which does not allow the school bus to go all the way down that road. Cl&P has been asked to remove a pole and Town has been asked to remove an earthen bank. This will be looked into.
4. Letter from CRRA with regard to asking if Town is interested in hosting a CRRA landfill for ash with compensation. Board is not in favor of this.
5. \$9,100 grant received by Police Department with regard to communications.
6. Thank you received from Lauren Classey for fruit basket.
7. Check in amount of \$41,476 received from O&G with regard to agreement for materials taken out. These monies are to be used in the pond area.
8. K. Wilson received Certification on successful training on Team Building.
9. Assessor J. Chadderton received Certification as to additional training she has taken.
K. Novak asked if Town could pay for his attendance at the Annual Town Clerk's Conference. S. Cable said Town would pay as this is considered education.
10. Discussion of the O&G closure agreement and installation of an electric gate. D. Sorrentino feels this is a liability waiting to happen. It was agreed people would somehow find another way to get in. M. Krenesky asked where the gate would go. D. Sorrentino felt a gate would create problems and agreed he would like to walk through the area. S. Cable noted there is more liability on the Railroad than on the Town. K. Novak said he would like to see the area left completely open which would not be vandalized, with S. Cable adding she sees lots of motorcycles and other vehicles on that property.
J. Smith, Chairman of the W.P.C.A. joined the meeting at 7:40 P.M. He noted there is a person who uses a part of that property as his own personal driveway for parking his vehicle. S. Cable said Town has to come up with a way to control the people using that facility.
S. Cable said she would check on the closure plan to see if there is a stipulation for a gate.
11. Email (7/27/09) from B. Ploss, Skokorat Road, with regard to Cherry Hill Trucks on the road very early and driving fast, was discussed. This matter will be turned over to the Zoning Enforcement Officer to investigate.
12. M. Krenesky had questions about a financial report prepared by DeCarlo & Doll and presented to the Economic Development Commission at its July Meeting, namely a \$9500 expense for design of gate. K. Wilson (Clerk of the Economic Development Commission, noted this was not an Invoice and had not been paid by the Town. This report was prepared for discussion purposes only. S. Cable

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noted the HUD monies have not been spent at this time while the Board of Selectmen is determining what type of project to fund.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion on inclusion of Town Ordinances on the Website. K. Novak noted he had the files, with the exception of latest changes made.
2. Discussion of the Stronkowsky property on North Main Street. With information gathered by Joseph Rodorigo for the last meeting, D. Sorrentino said he wants the Town to keep the property, keeping in mind what this property might be used for in the future. S. Cable noted the Stronkowsky's have been maintaining that piece of property, asking if Town could continue to let them do what they've been doing since this is Town property. She and D. Sorrentino noted that in the past both the Economic Development Commission and the Park and Recreation Commission had looked at that property and felt Town should maintain ownership of it.
3. E. Rodriguez's employment Contract has to be reviewed and will be discussed on August 12, 2009.
4. Public Works in correspondence dated July 27, 2009 has accepted the Holiday concession by giving up Lincoln's Birthday holiday for the one (1) holiday known as President's Day. The Police Union has not agreed to this yet.
5. Meeting has been scheduled with Rachel Carley for Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at 11:40 A.M. to discuss her possible involvement with giving her suggestions and ideas on the Wolfe Avenue 'Lewis House' property.
6. Board discussed the Wolfe Avenue 'Lewis House' Exploratory Committee, with S. Cable noting nine (9) people had expressed an interest in serving on that Committee: **D. Sorrentino made motion to appoint the following persons to serve on that Committee: Art Daigle, Kathy Grace, Susan Dowdell, James Woodward, Susan Ploss, Liz Falzone, Kurt Shultz, Richard Adamaitis and John Peterson, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**
 - I. Mission of this Committee will be gather information to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the following:
 1. What could be the adaptive reuse of the existing structure.
 2. Recommendations for any stabilization of structure.
 3. How could the property be used for both current and future needs of our Community, i.e. for Municipal purposes, museum.
 - II. All preliminary information and recommendations should be given to the Board of Selectmen at its November meeting
 - III. Rachel Carley will be doing the Historic Grant Study as Consultant and this information will be given to the Committee.
 - IV. All communications from this Committee will go to the First Selectman's Office and then be distributed to the other Selectmen.

This information will also be posted on the Website.

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NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

1. J. Smith, Chairman of the W.P.C.A. reported that Chatfield Farms II had reapplied at the W.P.C.A. meeting tonight. He suggested the Board of Selectmen discuss this application with the Inland Wetlands Commission as well. He noted this project is in a rural area.
2. **M. Krenesky made motion to waive the Board of Selectmen's right to go to bid to accept Planning Consultant Brian Miller's proposal with regard to updating the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye. M. Krenesky made motion to negotiate a Contract for update of the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.** Board of Selectmen would like to see this project done in stages. S. Cable again noted that Planning Consultant B. Miller works for the Town, not any developer.
3. S. Cable noted any changes made to the Planning and Zoning Regulations will also be presented to the Board of Selectmen for its approval. M. Krenesky noted that with changes proposed to the Planning and Zoning Regulations, this could open up the Town for development which it might not be ready for, on the other hand, this could also open up a new level of progress. S. Cable added ultimately the Town should be able to control activities.
4. D. Sorrentino noted Town spends a great amount of money for various Consultant services, adding it might be a good idea for future Public Works Director to have an engineering background, which could save money.
5. D. Sorrentino made motion to authorize Planning Consultant Brian Miller work with the Planning and Zoning Commission to define its Regulations with regard to the Chatfield Farms II project, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.

NEW BUSINESS

1. S. Cable noted Town is 'Going Green'.
2. S. Cable noted a letter was received with regard to the phosphorous situation. The State wants the Town to lower its phosphate levels.
3. S. Cable noted the judge threw out cases with regard to Chatfield Farms II.
4. S. Cable wanted to wish Selectman M. Krenesky's wife a happy 60th birthday.

APPOINTMENTS

D. Sorrentino made motion to appoint Erin Schwarz, 54 Wolfe Avenue, to serve on the Library Board of Directing replacing Anna Marie Altieri who had resigned from the Board, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye. Her term will expire on November 5, 2013.

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BUDGET TRANSFER REQUESTS

No Budget Transfer Requests at this time. Finance Director wants to wait until September to make any requests.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

K. Novak asked about status of job openings that had been posted in July. S. Cable noted interviews were scheduled for August 12, 2009, with no decisions made at this time.

With no other business coming before the Board of Selectmen, **M. Krenesky made motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M. 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Wilson

Karen A. Wilson, Clerk for the Board of Selectmen, Special Monthly Meeting – August 11, 2009.

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