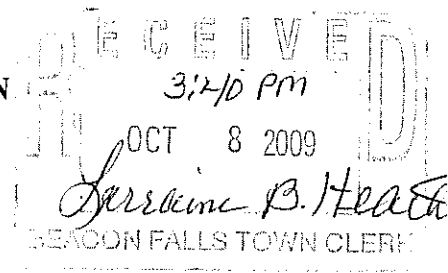


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First Selectman S. Cable called the Special Monthly Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** S. Dowdell.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

1. S. Dowdell, 32 Wolfe Avenue, asked the Board to consider including monies in the next year's budget to purchase two (2) changing tables for the men and women's bathrooms, citing fact of many young children using the library. S. Cable noted monies could be found somewhere to take care of this now.

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS – WOLFE AVENUE STUDY – ARCHITECTS**

Board of Selectmen opened up fourteen (14) submitted RFQ's. **M. Krenesky made motion to give all submissions to the Wolfe Avenue Exploratory Committee for their review, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

**BID OPENING – HYDRAULIC REVERSIBLE SNOWPLOW WITH POLYMER MOLDBOARD FOR PUBLIC WORKS**

The following bids were received: **Universal Body & Equipment - \$10,588**  
**W.H. Rose - \$ 7,640**

**D. Sorrentino made motion to turn the bids to Public Works Foreman and Crew Leader for their review and recommendation to the Board of Selectmen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes – 09/01/2009 Special Board of Selectmen Monthly Meeting. **D. Sorrentino made motion to approve Minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krenesky. All voted aye. Motion passed.**

**APPROVE BILLS ON SELECTMEN'S ORDER REGISTER**

Bills on Selectmen's Order Register approved.

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**RESIDENT TROOPER AND CONSTABLES REPORT**

No report for September Activities was presented. S. Cable noted Police Department had a very busy weekend and busy day due to weather related problems.

**ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS**

Discussion. S. Cable noted wires were down on Quarry Road as a result of a transformer falling down because of a rotted pole. She noted Public Works would begin to pay more attention to this area, adding she had noted parts of the road were overgrown. S. Cable also noted trees had been taken down on Church Street. D. Sorrentino questioned what kind of work was done on the sewers, where and what for. S. Cable noted it has been very busy at the bulky waste transfer station.

**M. Krenesky made motion to accept the report as amended (mention of Quarry Road), 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino.** Discussion continued.

D. Sorrentino felt report should be more detailed, adding with five (5) men working forty hours per week for a month, report should be more detailed in describing work done. S. Cable noted more detailed reports are included with timesheets submitted for payroll.

D. Sorrentino said he feels frustrated with the report and suggested sitting down with Public Works to talk about the direction of the Street Department, with M. Krenesky adding this would set an expectation of what is expected of them. S. Cable suggested it would be a good idea to explain how a Monthly Report should be done and what should be included in it, adding there are no formats for any Departments as to what type of report they should submit.

M. Krenesky and D. Sorrentino both rescinded their earlier motion. **M. Krenesky then made motion to not accept the Road Foreman's Report with suggestion to make the report more detailed, and ditto for the Park Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino.** All aye.

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT**

**M. Krenesky made motion to accept Wastewater Treatment Plant report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino.** All aye.

**FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT**

Fire Marshal's Report indicated 36 calls were made. **D. Sorrentino made motion to accept the Fire Marshal's Report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krenesky.** All aye.

**PARK AND RECREATION ACTIVITY REPORT**

No report presented.

**REPORT OF FINANCE MANAGER**

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Monthly Report not submitted, but a list and explanation of Budget Transfer Requests was presented. Board will discuss this later during the meeting. S. Cable noted these transfers should clean up the last 2008/2009 budget.

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

**M. Krenesky made motion to accept the September 2009 Tax Collector's Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye.** D. Sorrentino asked if Tax Collector had submitted a report on back taxes owed, with S. Cable noting that report had been submitted. She would make copies for Selectmen if they want the report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

No report presented.

**REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY**

**D. Sorrentino made motion to accept Library Report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krenesky. All aye.** S. Cable noted many people are using the videos and added the programs presented have been very well attended.

**REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Reports for July, August and September were presented. **M. Krenesky made motion to accept the reports as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye.** S. Cable noted she has been doing some research on putting together some type of Ordinance with regard to cats, but added this has been very difficult.

**REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN**

**D. Sorrentino made motion to accept the Custodian's Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krenesky. All aye.** D. Sorrentino added there seems to be a lot of vandalism going on, with S. Cable noting there are problems with the Library being on the third floor and bathrooms on the bottom ground floor.

**REPORT OF THE TOWN NURSE**

No report was submitted.

**REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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**M. Krenesky made motion to accept the Fire Department's Report as submitted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

No report submitted.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Via email, the Park and Recreation Commission is holding the Hayride on October 24<sup>th</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
2. Beacon Falls Energy Improvement Board reviewed various energy groups and made recommendation to go with Positive Energy LLC as the Town's supplier of energy. This move could result in a \$5,000 savings for the year. M. Krenesky made motion to go with the Energy Improvement's recommendation to have Positive Energy LLC serve as the Town's supplier of energy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye.  
S. Dowdell asked if other energy saving practices are investigated, with S. Cable responding they are.
3. Letter received from A. Daigle with regard to additional funding of the Fire and Ambulance Service Award Fund. S. Cable noted that request had not been turned down, but it was tabled until more information was received with regard to where this money would come from. S. Cable also noted Audit would be completed by January, adding this would give the Board more information. A. Daigle noted with at least \$3,000 saved because an election primary was not held, might be used for this purpose. D. Sorrentino serves on this Committee. He did not have the paperwork in front of him, but thought cost was approximately \$4200 to \$4500 per year. D. Sorrentino said he would provide more information at the November BOS meeting. Board will respond to A. Daigle's request.
4. Letter from Park and Recreation Commission asking the Town to seek Federal and State funds for the maintenance, upkeep and progress of Matthies Park. M. Krenesky added the Commission is concerned about not having funding to what has to be done at the Park, adding budgets have been very lean. He also noted Town would lose all control over Matthies Park if it accepts federal funding. S. Cable noted the TPA plan has been drafted and asked now what does the Town do? She noted this plan has not been accepted at this point, adding it would have to go to the public at a Town Meeting to see what Town wants to do. S. Cable noted plans have to be presented and also cost to implement those plans must be given. Letter will be sent to Park and Recreation Commission with regard to this matter. S. Cable added that 'growth is fine, but what are the costs?'
5. Letter received from Attorney Ralph Crozier with regard to any action taken by the Board of Selectmen with regard to his client's request for waiving of fee for subdivision project. S. Cable noted this request had taken the BOS by surprise.

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Board agreed a request for any waiver of any fee has to be recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission, adding the BOS cannot waive any fee at this time. Board agreed to send letter to Attorney Crozier to take his request to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

6. Letter received from Attorney D. Civitello with regard to Stronkowski agreement on the piece of property behind his house. Rev. Stronkowski would like to cut a few trees and remove some brush from the property. Board discussed the proposal and agreed to notify Attorney Civitello that most likely the Army Corps of Engineers and the Inland Wetlands Commission. M. Krenesky felt there is not enough detail as to what Rev. Stronkowski wants to do. He also felt Town's Tree Warden should be involved in. S. Dowdell asked if the Town would have the liability in case someone got hurt removing those trees.
7. Letter from Helen Higgins from the CT Trust for Historic Preservation offering free assistance to the Town on any Municipal Historical Sites. This letter will be turned over to the Wolfe Avenue Exploratory Committee.
8. S. Cable noted \$200,000 has been awarded in STEAP funds to the Town for roadwork on N. Main Street and Blackberry Hill. S. Cable added nothing will be done with these funds until the spring since it is too late in the season now for paving work to be done.
9. \$41,705 has been received from an Energy Savings Efficiency.
10. State Representative T. Conroy notified the Town that some roadwork will be done on sections of Route 8 affecting Beacon Falls.
11. Letter from Bill Brocks and Ricky Molleur (Valley Discount Oil) with regard to offering diesel and oil fuel to the Town at 25 cents over wholesale prices. It was noted this a new company and the Smith Oil Company has been servicing the Town with diesel and heating fuel for many years. Discussion. Board felt it might be a good idea to have both Smith Oil Company and Valley Discount Oil submit a bid. Board did not have figures with exact amount of heating oil and diesel used by the Town. S. Cable noted there will be an added expense with removal of oil tanks coming out at the Firehouse. Suggestion to have one (1) diesel tank at the Town Garage to be used by the Town. S. Cable noted E. Rodriguez is working on a proposal. There is also the Railroad Avenue property to consider. D. Sorrentino suggested continuing with what we have now because we know where we stand. M. Krenesky added there is another offer on the table. Board felt it would be a good idea to get a competitive bid, with S. Cable noting it might work out to get heating oil from one vendor and diesel fuel from another vendor based on prices. Letter will be sent to P. Smith (Smith Oil) asking for a bid for both diesel fuel and heating oil.
12. S. Cable noted insurance check had been received with regard to damage caused to the back door entrance to the firehouse.
13. It was noted Fire Marshal is meeting with regard to a diesel tank.
14. Letter from Beacon Hose Company No. 1 with regard to an opportunity to purchase a used ladder truck at a cost of \$295,000 plus \$30,000 for air packs and other equipment for a total cost of \$325,000. Fire Company thinks this ladder

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truck is exactly what the Department is looking for. Estimated lease/purchase per year would be \$56,000. Board reviewed long plan up to 2029 with regard to purchase of fire equipment/apparatus. S. Cable noted on October 5, 2009, entire Fire Department voted to buy this truck, adding they are looking to offset some of the expense using some of the Ambulance use reimbursement monies. S. Cable noted this process takes quite a lot of time. Board suggested authorizing First Selectman S. Cable to contact the seller of the ladder truck to explain the lengthy process to purchase the vehicle and ask if vehicle could be held for up to ninety (90) days. The Finance Director and Board of Finance both need to review the proposal to determine how best to fund this purchase.

Discussion continued, with note that maintenance is not included in the 2020 long term plan. Question also on where equipment will be stored. It was noted voters had voted down original request for bonding of a new ladder truck. S. Cable noted a Public Hearing and then a Town Meeting would have to be held to discuss and vote on the ladder truck purchase. There is also a possibility of having a referendum on the purchase.

**D. Sorrentino made motion to authorize First Selectman S. Cable to contact the seller of the ladder truck to discuss time frame, noting the Finance Director and Board of Finance have to review the purchase and where funding would come from, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

After a short five (5) minute recess, meeting began with discussion of Old Business.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. S. Cable noted LOCIP funds have been used for renovations at the Fire House with regard to the Department's Clerk's office space.
2. More information is needed on use of propane to heat the Railroad Avenue property. Fire Department is suggesting use of some of the Ambulance Service funds to help pay for this. S. Cable noted the \$62,000 received from the Fire Department was put into a Special Account.
3. The Lease requirement on the Railroad Avenue property is requiring a fence be put. Approximate cost of fence and a new furnace is \$18,000. S. Cable noted no quotes or bids have been presented for these projects. M. Krenesky felt that putting in a propane system might be the least expensive but felt more planning should go into this, for example, there are no concept drawings, where would be the best place to install the propane system, adding this all should be roughed before the BOS makes any decision. D. Sorrentino asked if Town Engineer could do this to give the Board more specific drawings to get more accurate quotes and bids. **M. Krenesky made motion to contact DeCarlo & Doll to take a look at this, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

**NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

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1. S. Cable noted Depot Street Bridge work has started with seventy-three (73) items needed to be kept track of. She noted traffic signs have been put in place, adding they might have a positive benefit for the Town in the long run. M. Krenesky noted he had received calls from some of the Main Street businesses expressing their concern at losing parking in front of their businesses during the Depot Street Bridge rehabilitation. M. Krenesky asked what kind of traffic studies were done by the DOT and if the Town had seen any of those studies. S. Cable noted Town is superseded by both the State and Federal DOT, adding the Town did not know what the flow of traffic would be like during the reconstruction.\
2. It was noted Board of Selectmen had allowed Conservation Commission to keep their own domain with regard to its website. Letter will be sent to the Commission about this.
3. Dedication for turnover of O&G Pond to the Town of Beacon Falls will take place on Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. at the Park. Naming of park will be discussed later during the meeting.
4. S. Cable noted no one has attended Region 16's teacher negotiation meeting. She noted Ray Binkowski has expressed an interest in attending those. S. Cable noted R. Binkowski would have no input, but he was welcome to sit in during discussions. S. Cable will again ask Board of Finance if any of their members would volunteer to do this, if not, Board will ask R. Binkowski to do it.
5. S. Cable noted gate to the new Recreation area will not be an electric one, but would be a locked gate with a key access. Signs will note the area as an unsupervised recreational area. In the spring area will be open to public use. S. Cable will ask railroad if they could put up something to keep area safe.

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. **D. Sorrentino made motion to appoint Ray Binkowski to attend Region 16 Teacher negotiation meetings if no one from the Board of Finance is interested. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krenesky. All aye.**
2. **D. Sorrentino made motion to appoint Joseph Mylen Sr. to serve on the Brownfields Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krenesky. All aye.** S. Cable noted J. Mylen has already met with A. Bogen of Brownfields and is making himself familiar with Brownfields.

**BUDGET TRANSFER REQUESTS**

Board reviewed list of Budget Transfers presented by Finance Director M. Gomes, There are big budget overruns as a result of Engineering expenses. M. Krenesky made motion to approve the Budget Transfer Requests to present to the Board of Finance for its approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye.

**S. Cable made motion to suggest that the Board of Finance put together a Purchase Order system en an effort to control expenses of private vendors and consultants,**

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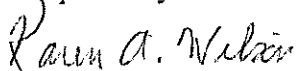
2<sup>nd</sup> by **M. Krenesky**. All aye. D. Sorrentino noted some bills presented are three (3) to four (4) months old.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Board reviewed list of names suggested for the name of the O&G Pond. After discussion, **M. Krenesky made motion to name the pond “Toby’s Pond and Recreation Area”**. 2<sup>nd</sup> by **D. Sorrentino**. All aye. It was noted the name Toby has a lot of historical significance to the Town of Beacon Falls. Winning name was submitted by Robin Rau.

With no other business coming before the Board of Selectmen, **M. Krenesky made motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 P.M.** 2<sup>nd</sup> by **D. Sorrentino**. All aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Wilson, Clerk for the Board of Selectmen, Special Monthly Meeting – October 7, 2009

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