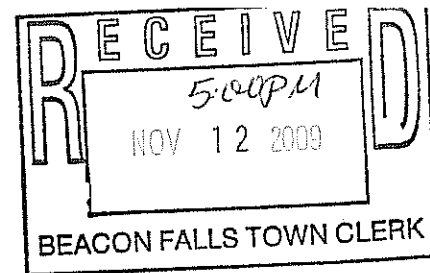


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SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETING
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First Selectman S. Cable called the Special Monthly Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: E. Bea, S. Dowdell, J. Dowdell, J. Rodorigo, A. Sirowich and others.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. S. Dowdell, 32 Wolfe Avenue had a few questions for the Board of Selectmen. She noted the Library Board of Directors is one (1) member short on the Board. She also noted it is difficult to make a left turn from Burton Road due to the Depot Street Bridge project. She then asked who would be putting together the RFP for the Wolfe Avenue Study. S. Cable noted Finance Manager would take of this.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes – 10/07/2009 Special Board of Selectmen Monthly Meeting. **D. Sorrentino made motion to approve Minutes as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All voted aye. Motion passed.**
2. Minutes – 8/26/09 – Town Meeting. **M. Krenesky made motion to accept Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**
3. Minutes – 11/02/09 – Special Board of Selectmen Meeting – Pass Resolution for Energy Grants. **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. D. Sorrentino noted that duplication of two (2) bills were made. Memo will be sent to Finance Department about this.

RESIDENT TROOPER AND CONSTABLES REPORT

October report was submitted. There were 305 calls during the month. **M. Krenesky made motion to accept the report as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

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ROAD FOREMAN’S REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS

Road Foreman E. Bea presented report. He noted various projects done by Public Works adding all work done is included in the day sheets, which are included with the payroll timesheets. He noted there is a problem with beavers on Lancaster Drive. This will be discussed further with Town Engineer. S. Cable noted GIS mapping would be looked to determine who actually owns this property with the beaver problem. Voting equipment was moved. Eight (8) dumpsters were needed for the October bulky waste. Sewer lines were cleaned, with note that lines are breaking up in Hill Section of Town. E. Bea noted biggest problems he has concern manpower, equipment and scheduling to get all of the projects completed. He also noted high cost to rent specific equipment needed for various projects. Sand will be available for residents on December 7, 2009. Press release will be sent to newspapers. E. Bea gave a brief description of ‘magic salt’ and noted Town will be using this as well.

M. Krenesky made motion to accept the Road Foreman’s Report as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.

E. Bea then presented the Parks portion of the Public Works Report, adding all work done is included on day sheets presented with payroll timesheets. He noted mowing and trimming is always going on. Signs were put up at Matthies. Brief discussion of the Pent Road irrigation system. S. Cable suggested asking employee who worked on this for additional information.

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

Discussion of the email sent with regard to work to be done at the Parks. E. Bea noted picnic tables will be painted during the winter months. Discussion of cutting brush at Matthies. E. Bea suggested this work be done at one time and to discuss this D. Keating the Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer, to get the IW input. A set of bleachers was moved, the water spillway was cleaned out. E. Bea will work on a maintenance schedule to be reviewed and updated throughout the year.

Discussion of the pathway at Matthies Park. S. Cable would like to see a plan of work planned.

S. Cable thanked E. Bea for attending this meeting and agreed Public Works is short-handed and there is a lot of work that has to be done.

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WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

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

S. Cable publicly congratulated the Beacon Falls Treatment Plant for receiving the Outstanding Operations Award from the Atlantic States Rural Water and Wastewater Association at the 2009 Connecticut Annual Conference. The Beacon Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant is recognized as an outstanding facility in the States of Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Letter will be sent to the Treatment Plant. Plaque will be placed in the Town Hall Assembly Room.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

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

S. Cable noted Fire Marshal had recently attended a two (2) week training school in Chicago.

PARK AND RECREATION ACTIVITY REPORT

Chairman A. Sirowich presented a report, noting there are currently four (4) after school programs being offered. Kids basketball is also being offered. The Haunted Hayride was a success. This season's Christmas Lights decoration contest is in the planning stages.

S. Cable asked for specific planning with regard to the TPA Plan. J. Rodorigo suggested the entrance to Matthies be worked on to make the entrance look more like a park by making it more family friendly. He noted the pathways should be designed and marked with the least amount of impact to the park. He also discussed opening up the park to everyone in order to qualify for more Federal and State funding. Some of this funding might include: \$6,000 for a DEP Trails Grant and some federal highway monies. Because part of the park borders Oxford, some monies be available using this fact. He noted costs for some of the work that needs to be done pre exorbitant.

S. Cable suggesting hold a Public Hearing to discuss opening up Matthies Park. The Park and Recreation Commission would hold the Hearing and be prepared with information to answer resident's questions and concerns. She suggested having this meeting after the holidays.

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REPORT OF FINANCE MANAGER

Report was submitted. S. Cable noted a budget transfer request of \$19,500 from the Contingency Fund is being suggested to cover costs to pay unemployment for a former employee. S. Cable noted Town had fought the ruling with the Labor Board but lost its case.

D. Sorrentino made motion to accept the Finance Manager's Report as presented and recommends the budget transfer request of \$19,500 to the Board of Finance for its review and action, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

M. Krenesky made motion to accept the October 2009 Tax Collector's Report, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.

S. Cable noted a large amount in back taxes owed by Beacon Mill Village was received in October.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

No report submitted.

REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY

D. Sorrentino made motion to accept the Library Report as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye. S. Cable noted many people are using the videos and added the programs presented have been very well attended. She also noted a job was well done by the Library staff with regard to various Halloween activities.

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

No report submitted.

REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN

M. Krenesky made motion to accept the Custodian's Report, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.

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REPORT OF THE TOWN NURSE

No report was submitted.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Tax Collector with regard to tax refund of \$426.09. D. Sorrentino made motion to approve the tax refund, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.
2. S. Cable noted information had been received with regard to assistance for people having trouble paying their taxes.
3. Letter from Regional School District No. 16 with regard to the distribution of ECS monies. Funds will be sent directly to the Region and to each Town. Copies of this letter will be made for each Selectmen and Finance Director.
4. S. Cable noted paving work on Route 8 is being done at night.
5. Letter received from Angela Caron, Beacon Mill Village, expressing an interest in serving on the Conservation Commission
6. Correspondence received from Beacon Hose Company No. 1. S. Cable noted underground oil tanks would be removed. A tank for diesel fuel will be located at Public Works. Discussion of new roof needed for firehouse. Cost of \$5,000 to do temporary repairs, with a proposed cost of \$174,000 to replace the entire roof. Grant money will be looked for.
7. Letter from Senator Crisco giving listing of new funds allocated in the State Budget.
8. Letter from Regional School District No. 16. Final school enrollment as of 10/1/09 is from 2,616 to 2,518. Prospect responsible for 60.14% of school budget and Beacon Falls for 39.85%. There are 181 school days.
9. Second letter requesting a payment of tax refund totaling \$440.80. D. Sorrentino made motion to approve the payment, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.
10. Letter received from Jeffrey Goerig expressing interest in serving on the Conservation Commission.
11. There will be a ceremony honoring Veterans on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2009 at Matthies Park at 11:00 A.M.
12. The Wolfe Avenue Exploratory Committee voted to hire Rachel Carley as the Architectural Engineer for the project. S. Cable noted the \$5,000 Historical Preservation Grant Award is still in place and there is also approximately \$45,000 remaining in the bond monies. She will get the specifics from Finance Director.

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S. Cable noted former Building Official J. Petersen will go through the Lewis House. A water problem was noted at most recent inspection. Building had been winterized in 2008.

The Wolfe Avenue Exploratory Committee will hold its meetings on the first Thursday of every month. Next meeting is December 3, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS

1. S. Cable noted Code Red system was activated on October 30, 2009. M. Krenesky asked what phone list was used, as he had heard that many people never got the phone message. S. Cable noted that many people no longer have landlines. Suggestion to place a notice in the Citizens News advising residents of Code Red was agreed to.
2. Valley Discount Oil had submitted a proposal for diesel fuel and heating oil. Proposal also received from Smith Oil Company. S. Cable will speak to P. Smith about a clarification in his bid.
3. S. Cable noted she had spoken with R. Cherhoniak, representing Energy Solutions with regard to the Town's purchase of energy. This will be turned over to the Energy Improvement Board, D. Rybinski, Chairman.
4. S. Cable noted three (3) winning duck winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded. Also, three (3) winners of the Duck Scavenger Hunt will be announced with prizes also to be awarded. S. Cable noted she is in negotiations with the duck vendor to discuss condition of some of the ducks.
5. S. Cable noted she was in Hartford today (11/10/09) meeting with the DOT to discuss the Depot Street Bridge. She noted a recent inspection done by another arm of the DOT had discovered another bad stringer. This does not affect the current safety of the bridge, but a cease and desist order had been given on the project. There will be one (1) lane in the middle of the bridge during construction. Platform will be put up under the bridge. People have been upset about the traffic lights, blinking of the lights, traffic flow and lighting. S. Cable noted plan is being reconfigured and recommendations will be put in place. Police are on duty. S. Cable also noted installation of a traffic bar. Discussion. Signs will be changed because of confusion of drivers. D. Sorrentino asked if a Police vehicle is needed while Police Officer is on duty at the bridge. S. Dowdell noted there is confusion as to pedestrian walk signs, with everything appearing to be blinking at this time. S. Cable noted this is all temporary. S. Cable also assured Selectman M. Krenesky that this project is NOT messed up, adding the Town's Engineering Firm Nafis & Young is also on top of this project. S. Cable agreed that there should be no parking on the medians.

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APPOINTMENTS

None at this time. **D. Sorrentino made motion to extend the terms of all Board and Commission members whose terms expire in November 2009 for one (1) more month, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.** Board of Selectmen will make appointments at its December 2009 meeting. S. Cable noted there are errors on the most recent list of Board and Commission members prepared by the Town Clerk's Office and they have to be corrected before appropriate appointments are made.

S. Cable noted there is a vacancy on the Library Board of Directors and a vacancy on the Board of Finance. S. Cable noted Town Attorney is reviewing this in more detail.

BUDGET TRANSFER REQUESTS

D. Sorrentino made motion to approve the budget transfer request submitted by the Finance Director in the amount of \$19,500 from the Contingency Fund to fund unemployment wages to a former employee, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye. This will be sent to the Board of Finance for its review and action.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. S. Cable noted this is the last official meeting of this Board of Selectmen, adding newly elected officials will be sworn in on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Assembly Room. She added it has been a pleasure working with the Board of Selectmen and suggested meeting to consider goals for the next two (2) years.
2. H. Mis, Registrar of Voters, noted recount of votes for positions on the Regional School District No. 16 Board of Education was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 with the following results: William Fredericks – 899 votes, E. Falzone – 891 votes and S. Feducia 1063 votes. Discussion on how recount was conducted. A manual and machine count were done with equal party representation in attendance.
3. D. Sorrentino noted three (3) employee's three (3) month probation period would be up on November 24, 2009. S. Cable noted she would schedule a Special Meeting to discuss this.

With no other business coming before the Board of Selectmen, **D. Sorrentino made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 P.M. 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Wilson

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