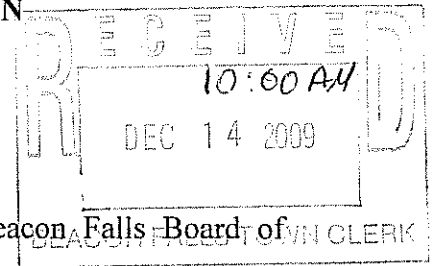


**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2009
MINUTES
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First Selectman S. Cable called the Special Meeting of the Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen to order at 1:20 P.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

S. Cable noted that in prior years under previous Administrations, the First Selectman made the appointments to all Boards and Commissions whether the other Selectmen agreed or not, but she thought it would be a good idea for the BOS to meet and discuss possible appointments.

Selectmen used document put together in Town Clerk's Office to discuss appointments and make changes if necessary. Board will review each page.

Change title of document to: **"TOWN OF BEACON FALLS
BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/ ELECTED OFFICIALS/EMPLOYEES"**

Page 1. - Assistant Town Clerks L. Beckwith and L. Heath are Town Employees, J. Rodorigo was appointed by Town Clerk

Page 2 - For now, the members of the Board of Assessors are elected. Assessor K. Shugdinis suggested the Board of Assessors meet four (4) times a year. BOS will review the Ordinance with regard to Board of Assessors.

- Change "Peace" Officers to "Police Officers"
- Move Lt. E. Rodriguez to top of list, as he is now a full-time Police Officer

Board agreed to take a short recess at 1:30 P.M.

S. Cable called Special Meeting back to order at 1:55 P.M. Discussion of Board/Commission/ Elected Officials/Employees continued.

Page 3 - There is still a vacancy on Board of Finance. Five (5) person have expressed Interest in being appointed to the Board: J. Dowdell, R. Bortzfield, S. Reichardt, A. Daigle and G. Smith. S. Cable noted she has spoken to all five Persons. BOS agreed that each person would bring something to the Board of Finance. S. Cable noted that G. Smith was also interested in serving on another Board or Commission.

- There is one (1) opening on the Library Board of Directors. S. Cable noted K. Priestly is interested in serving on that Board.

Page 4 - T. Laput is resigning from serving on the Board of Ethics. BOS would like to change E. Shultz from an Alternate Member to a regular member of the Board.

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Question asked if B. Cloney could continue to serve on the Board while serving Fire Chief. M. Krenesky felt best practices should be followed. S. Cable will ask Town Attorney D. Civitello about this.

- Conservation Commission. Commission membership is seven (7) J. Goerig is interested in serving on the Commission. BOS wondered if G. Smith or J. Moffat might be interested in serving. A member would also sit on the Land Use Board.
- Council to Prevent Alcohol & Drug Abuse. This Council can be eliminated due to formation of Region 16 Prevention Council now in place. Elaine Miner has agreed to serve as the Town's Representative to the Council.

Page 5 - The E-911 Commission will be eliminated

- The House Numbering Committee will be eliminated as the Assessor determines the house numbering.
- No appointments are needed for the Economic Development Commission. S. Cable noted E. Falzone has agreed to co-chair the Citizens for Tomorrow's Downtown organization with R. Cherhoniak.
- Inland Wetlands Commission – P & Z has to appoint someone to serve on the Inland Wetlands Commission

Page 6 – No openings on the Park & Recreation Commission.

- No openings on the Planning & Zoning Commission
- S. Cable noted that persons who do not take training necessary for certain Boards and Commission could be removed from that Board or Commission. BOS will ask Chairmen for attendance records of members.

Page 7 – Safety Committee Members are Town employees.

- WPCA. J. Smith said he would continue on the Board. It was noted that C. Edwards has missed several meetings and calls to him have gone unanswered. It was noted that C. Bielek is interested in serving on the WPCA.

Page 8 – Part of K. Wilson's Job Duties are to serve as Human Resources Director.

- Discussion of the Civil Preparedness Director. S. Cable suggested a more accurate title is Homeland Security Director, adding that part of E. Rodriguez's job is the Director of Homeland Security.
- Discussion of Town Planner. S. Cable noted Planning & Zoning Commission Relies on the Town Planner who is assisting with writing the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development. Question asked what the Town Planner is delivering and when will it be completed.

Page 9 - UN Day Chairman will be eliminated.

- Discussion of Town Engineer. Board discussed retaining current Engineer for

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at least one (1) year, noting Depot Street Bridge work is going on. S. Cable said she had not heard of complaints about the engineer. D. Sorrentino added the Town Engineer works for the Town, not anyone else. M. Krenesky suggested possibility of negotiating new rates with Nafis & Young, and perhaps negotiating a different contract. What is in place currently is a General Agreement with Nafis & Young. Discussion also on how Public Works fits into this.

Page 10 - Anti-Blight Hearing Officers terms are indefinite. The Officers only meet when necessary.

Page 11 - BOS is suggesting that the Traffic Commission be eliminated

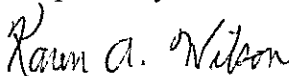
- Volunteer Fire/Ambulance Service Committee – S. Cable noted T. Laput has resigned from that Committee. E. Grace is on the Committee. The Board of Finance delegated one of its members L. Krepinevich to serve on the Service Award Committee.
- Land Use Committee. Membership is based on appointments for various Town Boards and Commission. Terms of office is based on term of office for each individual member.

Page 12 - Wolfe Avenue Study Committee. All members are in place. The Committee has begun holding its meeting.

S. Cable also noted the Grange Study Committee was disbanded.

D. Sorrentino made motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 3:00 P.M. 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Wilson

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