

locating information on this so when he located it, he wanted to share it. He noted it is information that should be passed on to our grant writer to be looked at.

8. A letter from BETA Group regarding FHWA Sign Maintenance Requirements was received and noted.
9. S. Cable noted that she received a letter from Governor Jody Rell noting that the Town of Beacon Falls has been awarded a \$200,000 grant through the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) making it a total of \$400,000 in that we received \$200,000 last year as well.

M. Krenesky asked that if this money was part of the bond package that will be paid back to the bond. S. Cable explained that when we went through the Road bond package, part of it was that the developer from up on the hill was going to do all the work and as houses are sold, he pays us money; we went to court over that. She noted that is what we will be paying off the bond with, as he sells the houses we will pay the bond.

10. S. Cable noted that she received a note from the Council of Government that they are working on a regional transportation plan. In the plan it notes that there are supposed to do improvements to the Beacon Falls Train Station and the Depot Street Bridge which is already being taken care of. The letter was read and notes that the letter says that the intersection of Lopus Rd. and Pines Bridge Road should be straightened and widened. S. Cable explained that 14 years ago there was grant money (that we had to match) to take the houses down that were on Lopus Road and the Board at that time decided not to pursue it because it was very controversial. S. Cable asked that M. Krenesky and D. Sorrentino review this information by Friday so it can be discussed at a later date. She asked that their comments should be put in writing.
  11. A letter from Lt. Rodriguez was read. The letter is requesting a \$1.00 per hour raise to all its' part time Police Officer and noted that they are all working very hard.
  12. A letter from James Agostine was read. The letter is inviting The Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen to a meeting between the Board of Education, Prospect and Beacon Falls. It will be held on Wednesday October 6, at Woodland Regional High School at 7:00 p.m.
  13. A letter from Kirk Shultz was received noting that he is interested in serving on the Library/Community Center Committee. The letter also noted a water problem coming down from Cedar Lane to his property.
  14. A letter from K. Wilson resigning from the Board of Selectmen Clerk position was read.
- M. Krenesky wanted it confirmed that K. Wilson will continue to take minutes of meetings held during the day. S. Cable confirmed that she would.
15. A letter from J. Levine requesting appointment to the vacant position on the Board of Finance was read.

16. S. Cable discussed a letter that she sent to E. Bea proposing an increase of fees for recycling. S. Cable noted that she has not received a response yet.
  17. A letter from S. Dowdell noting that she is interested in serving on the Wolfe Ave. Committee was read.
  18. A letter from D. Bousquet noting that he would like to be on the Wolfe Ave. Building Committee was read.
  19. A letter from E. Groth requesting consideration for a seat on the Library/Community Center was read.
  20. A letter from W. Mulinski to Trooper Cipriano commending Officer Obar for her professional actions at an ambulance call at her house was read.
- S. Cable also noted that Officer Greg Gallo will be recognized at the Birmingham candle light vigil for Domestic Abuse for his involvement in domestic abuse issues.
21. A letter from the Inlands Wetlands Commission requesting a pay raise for their Board Clerk was read.
  22. A thank you note was received from the family of Bernard Drabicki.
  23. An email from Ken Mitchell regarding the Valley Fire School Beacon Falls Location was received. K. Mitchell is requesting that he be presented with a list of concerns that have been presented to the Selectmen's office so he is better prepared to address them at the meeting scheduled for October 18, 2010.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Wolfe Avenue - S. Cable noted that everything that has been done by Planning and Zoning has been done by legal and proper procedures. The Board of Selectmen would like to have a planning and design committee for the property to look into the property issue. She would like to put the formal committee together by next meeting. Additionally, she is going to plan an "informational" town meeting to hear what the Towns people opinion is on Wolfe Ave. She would like a specific information agenda for this meeting, i.e., property values, facts about the money, etc. She noted that property for Beacon Falls future use was voted on and now we have to be smart about what we do with it. M. Krenesky clarified that this will be a town meeting looking for the opinion of the town as to what they want do with the Wolfe Ave. property. It was clarified that this will be an "informational" meeting. She noted that she personally has a lot of questions regarding re-reading the report as well as getting more prices, etc. M.

Krenesky pointed out that they have never gone out and got bids for demolition of the house.

J. Woodward asked if it was true that the Board of Selectmen voted to tear it down. S. Cable responded that yes it is true that 2 members of the Board of Selectmen voted to accept the report to tear it down. They voted to accept the recommendation to tear the house down.

E. Groth asked if it was possible to have the house appraised prior to the meeting. S. Cable noted that we will try and get as much specifics as possible for the meeting.

Whether or not we have to pay for a market analysis was discussed. It was noted that when a more detail report is requested, we did have to pay for it but a basic market analysis should not cost anything.

2. Industrial Park Fire School- S. Cable noted that she has spent a lot of time on the phone with Commissioner Rayan Curtis (Commission of Public Works), this is the commission that the Fire School has to go through. She has also been talking on a regular basis with Dr. Dey regarding their plans. She has also spoke with the engineer from the Commissioner's office. S. Cable sent a letter to the Commissioner expressing our concerns about the Fire School in Beacon Falls. S. Cable read the letter that she sent expressing her concerns that we did not know about the proposal or the location, we have received nothing but negative feedback including it will not generate any tax dollars, negative affect to our Economic Development, traffic, etc. In her letter, she has asked them to seriously reconsider this project as it is not a positive move for Beacon Falls. S. Cable noted that since the letter, every time she speaks with them, she feels like she's talking to deaf ears. She noted that she had a letter in her file from 5 years ago from Charles Stanke (the previous Chairman) asking Haynes if they would be interested in putting up the Fire School (with no response from Haynes). The bottom line is that there is a meeting scheduled for October 18, 2010 at Woodland High School at 7:00. She noted that our representatives from Hartford will be there, Joe Crisco and Theresa Conroy. S. Cable noted that she was told that when the Governor was doing the bond package everyone was excited that they were going to receive bonding money for a school but no one knew where it was going to be built.

J. Blesse asked for confirmation that J. Crisco and T. Conroy will be attending the meeting. The answer was that was what S. Cable was told. J. Blesse noted that he looks forward to seeing them there.

E. Groth asked if we were aware of the closing. K. Novak answered saying that nobody knows until it comes through the Town Hall.

S. Cable also noted that she has been talking to J. Neubizer and the Dey's and their intention is to stay in Beacon Falls but ideally they would like to sell their property in the Industrial Park and look for property elsewhere because they would feel more comfortable. J. Conair who represents the seller in the Industrial Park told S. Cable that he has another buyer for the

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Dey's property, a manufacturer who does not care about the Fire School being there. S. Cable noted that everyone is invited to the meeting.

3. S. Cable noted that they have some property they are looking into on Rockland's property. The attorney recommend that we do a Phase II study if we get the grant money.
4. S. Cable publicly apologized to B. Ploss for Galligan's visit to his property. She note that the last visit that Galligan made to his property was suppose to give them some idea of what we may or may not do to show him that corner lot for the sight line. S. Cable mentioned that she had proposals for M. Krenesky and D. Sorrentino to look at but they had not received them yet. She explained that it has to do with Ploss and Poplaski residents, it includes some corrections measures near the road that they want to do. It would be something that both residents could look at and make comments or decisions on.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Meeting with Police Administration - A meeting will be set with the Board of Selectmen and the administration of the Police Department to discuss a raise for part-timers and any other issues that may come before them.
  2. Possible Retirement Packages - M. Krenesky noted the comment that he had made earlier regarding in determining the combination of age and service which he believes is the major discussion. The following will be reviewed by our Financial Manager and Legal Department (25 years, 30 years and 35 years of service at age 55).
  3. Group Term Life Insurance Proposal for Beacon Hose Company - S. Cable noted that she received information from Jeff Rudzavice regarding a life insurance policy for membership. This insurance will be all encompassing. A meeting will be arranged between J. Rudzavice and the Selectmen.
  4. School House Property - S. Cable would like both Selectmen to review and comment on the information on the School House Property. She noted that Dr. Dey is looking at this property.
  5. Clerk for the Board of Selectmen - M. Krenesky noted that he was of the understanding that L. Classey was clerking for this meeting only to get the Board through this meeting. He noted that they have received another request for appointment or hiring for this position. S. Cable noted that this is done usually at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen and it's an appointed position. M. Krenesky noted that they had an emergency to fill the position and thanked L. Classey for stepping up to fill it. He noted that he is guessing that L. Classey is interested in the

position going forward as well as just filling in for the evening. M. Krenesky noted that there is now another person who is interested in this position so he is wondering if the position should be posted. S. Cable noted that not one of our clerks positions has ever been posted. S. Cable noted that if they would like to change the policy going forward they could do that but she also noted that most of the time they can't find clerks. She noted that this appointment has never been posted before. M. Krenesky noted that he thinks under fair employment practices, they should be posting the position and he noted that it may be different for boards and commissions. M. Krenesky also noted that this position should not be called an employee but it is a position that is paid for by the Town of Beacon Falls and thinks it should be handled as a posting. He noted that he is looking for comments on this subject. D. Sorrentino noted that he thought that L. Classey was filling in as a temporary position until they decide who they would like to fill the position. S. Cable asked if they want to post this position and D. Sorrentino said he did not want to post but thought it was temporary until they decision is made as to who the board wants. M. Krenesky asked how we do that. D. Sorrentino noted that there's a possibility of 4 people who may be interested and suggested that each one be tried out. S. Cable noted that this job needs consistency and that games can't be played with this position. D. Sorrentino noted that it will only take 6 months to get consistency and that it shouldn't be a big difference. S. Cable asked if they want to put together a job description. S. Cable noted that she personally went to all of the commissioners that they read minutes from and asked 4 different clerk's and each had an issue as to why they could not clerk on a consistent basis. D. Sorrentino noted that she thought that A. Swartz was interested. S. Cable noted that A. Swartz would not be available all the time but would be back-up to L. Classey. S. Cable noted that it is important that who fills this position has experience. She also noted that she only received the email from A. Comninel today and did not mean any disrespect. D. Daigle asked that if they made a new procedure for this board, wouldn't they have to have the same procedure for all boards? S. Cable noted that this position has always been at the discretion of the Chairman of the Board and her decision was to pick L. Classey as clerk and A. Swartz as a back-up. The Board of Selectmen considered this to be a resolved issue at this point.

6. Bond Package - the road package was discussed, S. Cable noted that the town recieved \$400,000 from 2 different STEAP grants so they can now probably include another road into the package. She noted that this is for discussion purposes only to be brought before the Board of Finance. The Board of Finance will discuss it and then make their recommendation and go forward from there. It was noted that Wolfe Ave. was added to this package (includes piping and sewers on Patricia, Dolly, Wolfe Ave. and Maple). M. Krenesky noted that he will have questions as to what residents will or won't have to pay something. S. Cable explained that when we go to a public hearing, we will have all the different prices for presentation but these are the numbers they will bring to the Board of Finance. M. Krenesky wanted to clarify that the pumper truck is still on the list and S. Cable noted that M. Gomes left it in there for the Fire Department to give proposals. S. Cable asked that if the Selectmen had

anything they would not like to be in this package they should state it tonight. There are some items that are mandated and some that are not.

The projects total \$9,925,000 and include fuel tank removals (with some grants applied), Mathies Park project #1 and #2, ladder truck, pumper truck, air equipment, ambulance, road projects, pw loader and sewer plant upgrade.

M. Krenesky noted that if this package is accepted it will be a 1.5 mil increase (if it's a 20 year plan), if it's longer, the increase will be less. S. Cable noted that this is for discussion purposes.

M. Krenesky noted that there are 3 items that are mandated; the fuel tank removal, air packs and the sewer plants, everything else is an option including the roads. He noted that he is concerned about the road projects because he is not sure that all the roads that need repair are included in this package. He was wondering if we should have a ranking of every road in town. S. Cable noted that this is the 5 year plan and these are the priority roads and they can get a ranking of every road if he would like one.

D. Daigle asked about the STEAP grant for Blackberry Hill Rd. It was noted that Blackberry Hill will be done from the Bethany border to past where they left off. They have been allocated \$400,000 and the cost to fix the road was \$450,000 - all of the roads will be completely redone including draining, etc.

M. Krenesky thinks that they should send the entire package to the Board of Finance but believes that everything but the mandated items are up for discussion, i.e., he's aware the roads are a real issue but he's not sure anyone is prepared to spend 2 million dollars on Mathies Park. He noted that he keeps hearing we could get another 2 years out of the ambulance, do we really ladder truck or pumper truck? He's asking if we should do it now because the bond rate is so good or not?

**D. Sorrentino motioned to take the bond package as prepared by the Financial Manager be brought to the Board of Finance for their review and input. M. Krenesky 2nd the motion. All voted aye.**

### **APPOINTMENTS**

M. Krenesky commented on the 3 openings that they are looking for Republicans to fill. He noted that they did have a discussion regarding this at the Republican meeting and they did look at the town ordinance. He noted that the town ordinances describe what the committee does and there is some confusion as to whether that is the real job description of being a committee member. He is going to have a conversation with J. Blesse to go over this. There are no other job descriptions other than what the ordinance explain the duties to be. If they can't be clarified to them to find Republicans to fill those spots then their next step would be to find unaffiliated voters to fill the positions.

- 1. S. Cable recommended they re-appointed S. Knapik and S. Brumer to the Inland Wetlands Commission.**

**D. Sorrentino motioned to re-appointed S. Knapik and S. Brumer to the Inland Wetlands Commission. M. Krenesky 2nd the motion. All voted aye.**

**2. S. Cable noted that before the next Planning and Zoning meeting that 3 positions will be up. She recommends that those positions be extended by one month.**

**M. Krenesky motioned to extend D. Chadderton, J. Fitzpatrick and C. Vitale positions on the Planning and Zoning Commission for one month. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.**

S. Cable suggested that anyone interested in filling any of the board positions should go to a couple of meetings to see what they are about.

G. Smith asked how the word gets out when they are looking for an unaffiliated voter. It was noted that the openings were put on the website and there is a lot of word of mouth. An advertisement has also been put into the Citizens News.

S. Cable noted that there is a Town Meeting that is going to be held next Tuesday, 10/12, at 7:00 before the Board of Finance meeting to vote on the land use ordinance and to vote on a transfer.

**Clerks Raises** - M. Krenesky noted that he still has the same comment on the Clerk's wages that the wages should be set by the Board of Selectmen as being paid by the Town of Beacon Falls. It is a budgetary issue and should be discussed during the next budget cycle. He also noted that he has the same argument with the Police Department. D. Sorrentino noted that he feels the opposite. He believes that the clerks have been picked by the Board and the Board is responsible enough to know that they have to work within their budget. The Board knows what the clerk does for them. The town voted to allow so much money for that line item for that purpose and the Boards should be able to use that line item as they see fit.

S. Cable noted that she has not received all the responses back from the Chairman of the Boards. The letter was sent but they can't make a decision until they hear from the Boards. S. Cable will send a reminder letter to them to respond.

#### **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. M. E. Fernandes asked if there is anything that can be done to enforce the leash law at Mathies Park. She noted that it creates a dangerous situation when the dogs run free. It

was noted that it is difficult to enforce them and unless the Police see the dogs off their leash or someone calls the Police then it's hard to enforce.

M. Krenesky mentioned that its difficult sometimes to get enforcement for having a park sticker. M. E. Fernandes pointed out that the park sticker and whether or not you have one does not put anyone in danger but dogs running around freely pose a threat to other people and dogs.

M. E Fernandes asked if more signs could be put up and noted that there are not signs all the way up the driveway. It was suggested that if anyone sees dogs running freely then it should be reported.

S. Cable suggested that we put something on the website which should help,

2. M. E. Fernandes asked about the situation with the Plosky property and is the town paying for it. The answer was that the town is paying partly for it. We made a change on Skokorat Road which is causing more ground water to the residence.

M. Krenesky reviewed the last comment in that the change the Town of Beacon Falls made to Skokorat Road (a town project), caused problems to some residents.

3. J. Dowdell noted that the Ethics Board did not think it made sense to call a meeting and pay a clerk to talk about paying the clerk. That is why they have not yet responded.
4. J. Dowdell asked what the position the Board is going to take on the presentation from the group that wants to record the Wolfe Ave. property. M. Krenesky noted that his position would be to make a motion to approve it. D. Sorrentino noted that he has mixed feelings on it in that he is concerned about liability issues and them possibly getting hurt. S. Cable noted that she will check with our insurance company.

E. Groth noted that he does not see any upside for the town, only potential risk.

After touching base with the insurance company and also after they have the informational meeting regarding the Wolfe Ave. property, they can invite the group back for further discussion.

With no other business, **D. Sorrentino made motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 P.M. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

Respectfully submitted,



Lauren Classey

Clerk for the Board of Selectmen, Special Monthly Meeting – October 4, 2010