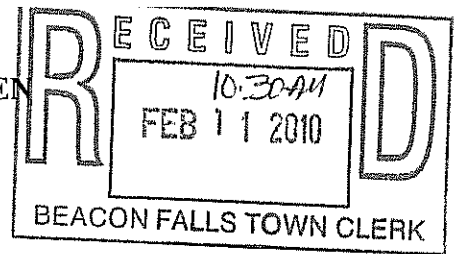


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First Selectman S. Cable called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for the persons who lost their lives in the February 7, 2010 explosion in Middletown.

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: H. Mis, D. Daigle, Joseph Rodorigo, S. Falzone, W. Mulinski.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. W. Mulinski, representing the Friends of the Library noted the organization is planning on purchasing a stainless steel media return container to be placed at the lower level of Town Hall opposite the current the book drop container. She noted she had met with the Town's Building Official who suggested replacing a slab of cement which would be better able to anchor the container because the bolts could be put in when cement is poured. S. Cable will check with Public Works to see if they can do this. She also showed plans of a bike rack to be placed at Town Hall.
She also noted Scrabble Challenge will be held at the end of March 2010.
M. Krenesky asked about a white container recently installed by Town Hall Custodian, but no one seemed to know anything about this. W. Mulinski and J. Rodorigo went to look at the area and reported there was no piece of equipment recently installed.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes – 01/11/2010. Special Board of Selectmen Meeting. **D. Sorrentino made motion to approve Minutes as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All voted aye.**
2. Minutes – 01/11/10 – Regular Monthly Board of Selectmen Meeting. S. Cable noted correct spelling is 'Krolik'. **M. Krenesky made motion to accept Minutes as corrected, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**
3. Minutes – 02/02/10 – Special Board of Selectmen Meeting with regard to the 'Take Pride in America' Program. **M. Krenesky made motion to accept the Minutes as presented, 2nd by S. Cable. All aye, with an Abstention by D. Sorrentino.**

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PPROVE BILLS ON SELECTMEN’S ORDER REGISTER

Bills on Selectmen’s Order Register approved. .

RESIDENT TROOPER AND CONSTABLES REPORT

No January 2010 Report submitted.

ROAD FOREMAN’S REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS

Discussion. D. Sorrentino asked if debris from beaver problem had been cleaned up. D. Sorrentino also asked how many recycling bins had been ordered. He also questioned what unnecessary items were removed from the Matthies Park garage. W. Mulinski noted Rubbermaid cabinets were removed, with J. Rodorigo adding they were not discarded but were dismantled.

M. Krenesky said in looking at both the Public Works and Parks Reports, he does not see how six (6) to seven (7) men are doing enough work for a five (5) day workweek. S. Cable noted a detailed description of work being done is included with bi-weekly payroll timesheets.

S. Cable it serves no purpose or growth in nitpicking these reports even though the Board of Selectmen is disappointed with the reports’ contents.

M. Krenesky made motion to accept both the Public Works and Parks Reports as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.

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

Board of Selectmen had questions as they reviewed the lists of work done with both Street Department and Parks, wondering how much time and how many men were doing the jobs, and is there enough work being done by the seven (7) employees to keep them busy during a five (5) day workweek.

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 that B. Fitzpatrick and W. Opuszynski had both received Certificates acknowledging their attendance at Phosphorous Removal training.

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FIRE MARSHAL’S REPORT

D. Sorrentino made motion to accept the Fire Marshal’s Report as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye. 15 Inspections were made and 55 calls were checked on.

S. Cable noted our Fire Marshal is on loan this week to assist in the recent Middletown explosion. She also noted there are plans to improve our radio system.

PARK AND RECREATION ACTIVITY REPORT

No report submitted. S. Cable noted Town of Bethany has been calling about the Park & Recreations’ programs.

REPORT OF FINANCE MANAGER

S. Cable noted Town Meeting held earlier a transfer of \$18,894 was approved to come from Fire Department’s revenue to a new Fire Department Site Improvement line item.

S. Cable noted Finance Manager’s Report is quite self-explanatory, adding we are in middle of February and no budget transfers have had to be made yet. She noted ‘revenues are down a little, but not totally’.

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

TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT

No report was submitted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

January 2010 Report submitted. **M. Krenesky made motion to accept the reports as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

S. Cable would like to discuss the Samuel Melbourne Trust later during this Meeting.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

No Town Clerk’s Report submitted.

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REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY

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

S. Cable said she is ‘absolutely, overwhelmed and impressed with the types of programming our Town Library is doing’, noting a recent presentation was attended by fifty-three (53) people who crowded into the Town Hall Assembly Room, and at an earlier time during the same evening, programming was held in the Library for children. Letter will be sent to the Library Staff congratulating them for a job well done.

M. Krenesky agreed with S. Cable adding this proves the need for a creative media center.

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

M. Krenesky made motion to accept the Animal Control Officer’s Monthly Report, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye. 24 complaints were addressed.

REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN

M. Krenesky made motion to accept the Custodian’s Report, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye. D. Sorrentino asked if locks had been purchased for Town Hall restrooms, with S. Cable saying they have not.

REPORT OF THE TOWN NURSE

No report was submitted.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

There were 46 emergency medical calls in the month of January 2010, with an average response time of 7.25 minutes.

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

S. Cable noted a draft copy of the Audit has been submitted. This will be reviewed at the March 2010 Meeting. She also noted audit indicates a 7.5% fund balance or \$1,377,454 in the fund balance.

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CORRESPONDENCE

1. Town received notification that it has passed criteria to move forward in its grant application for monies to assist with removal of oil storage tanks at the Fire House and Public Works garage.
2. Board of Selectmen has posted Special Meeting with the Economic Development Commission to be held on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. Purpose will be to discuss plans for Economic Development.
3. Friends of the Library has requested use of Town Hall Assembly Room and Conference room for its Spring Book Sale to be held on June 4th and 5th 2010. Board approved request.
4. DOT has not yet responded to concerns about deteriorating retaining walls.
5. Letter from Ms. Farley asking Handicapped Parking Signs be placed near St. Michael's Church. S. Cable asked where these signs could go. It was noted St. Michael's does not have its own parking lot.
6. Robin (Green) Andrews is coordinating a ziti supper to benefit Nicholas Lucas who is suffering from cancer. Event will be held from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Trinity Church in Seymour. After discussion, **S. Cable made motion to donate \$1,000 from the Samuel Melbourne Trust Fund to the Lucas family, 2nd by D. Sorrentino (and 3rd by M. Krenesky). All voted aye.** M. Krenesky asked if Board could get a report on how and where this Trust Fund is invested.
7. Town is getting a refund of \$2,935 for Resident Trooper Services for 2009/2010. M. Krenesky noted town is currently subsidized by State at 70% for its Resident Trooper Services but this due to a possible change to 30% subsidy or even lower in the years ahead.
8. Letter from State Senator J. Crisco with regard to repeal of Public Act 49. S. Cable noted with the Town's adoption of a New Ordinance with regard to local elections, the Public Act is already off the books. She would still like to see this in writing.
9. Letter from T. Laput, who earlier given his resignation from the Ethics Board, and is now resigning from the Service Award Committee.
10. S. Cable met with Fire Personnel who noted they had volunteered to remove snow from areas near fire hydrants. They would like to see an Ordinance requiring people to remove snow from areas near a fire hydrant. S. Cable suggested this proposal as well as other Ordinance suggestions be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen.
11. Thank-you's received from W. Hopkinson and K. Shugdinins for Town's acknowledgement on the death of their respective parents.
12. Hugh Potter is the new Regional School District No. 16 Business Manager. He noted the Region has a \$89,274 surplus. Beacon Falls next payment will be reduced by \$35,180. S. Cable noted Beacon Falls had a larger increase in number of students.

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13. M. Krenesky brought back information from the Beta Group he had met at the recent COST Meeting.
14. M. Krenesky also noted he had attended an Energy Task Force meeting with Bruce Angeloszek. Question asked if Town wants to join the Task Force. Suggestion made to have Town's Current Energy Improvement Board also serve on the Task Force. M. Krenesky made motion to have Town's current Energy Board also serve on the Task Force, along with the addition of Bruce Angeloszek, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye. Copies of information will be forwarded to D. Rybinski, Chairman of the Energy Board.
15. M. Krenesky noted he had attended a meeting with two (2) representatives from a School District in China. Size of their classes are from fifty (50) to eighty (80) students and has longer school days. The Chinese representatives also presented the Town with a red decoration said to symbolize good luck.
16. S. Cable also noted Teacher's will be going to Arbitration with a meeting on Friday, February 12, 2010 scheduled before this process begins.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

1. Board agreed to put the idea of purchasing a new and larger minibus on hold for now, noting the current bus is serving our needs at this time.
2. S. Cable noted the Land Use Board will be meeting with the Park and Recreation Commission and the Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 to discuss Matthies Park and Toby's Pond. Meeting will be more of a workshop.
3. M. Krenesky attended a meeting with regard to the Naugatuck/Beacon Falls Probate Court. He noted areas will be combining and that Middlebury and Prospect will join the Naugatuck/Beacon Falls probate area. He also noted Beacon Falls was never charged for services and beginning in 2010/2011, Town will be charged \$1500. This will have to be included in the Town's Municipal Budget.
4. S. Cable noted she had attended a meeting with the Union and Public Works, and that all agreed to hire a Highway Maintenance Superintendent. Monies to pay for this new position will come from less money having to be spent on paying for an outside engineering consultant. She added the Union and Public Works Foreman are both pleased with the decision.
5. Letter from AFSCME Union Representative D. Johnson with regard to medical insurance negotiation. S. Cable noted town has one of the best medical plans for its employees. **D. Sorrentino made motion that Board of Selectmen wants to enter into negotiations with the Unions with regard to Medical Insurance and to notify the Town's Labor Attorney F. D'Urso of this decision, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**
6. S. Cable noted stringers under Depot Street Bridge have all been repaired.
7. S. Cable noted the Streetscape Enhancement Project is moving along.

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8. The Economic Development Commission prepared a document outlining some strategies to think about in the revitalization of Main Street. This will be discussed at the February 22, 2010 Economic Development Commission.
9. S. Falzone presented letter from E. Falzone with regard to reorganization of the Citizens for Tomorrow's Downtown. She is now working on an ad to promote an open house event for the organization.
10. S. Cable noted Grant Writer L. Zukauskas is researching grants to share an Economic Development Consultant with Seymour. She has submitted a grant proposal to remove oil storage tanks located at the Public Works Garage and Fire House, she will also apply for STEAP funding; move the Pent Road playground to a safer area, hire a consultant for EDC. Town could be eligible for \$500,000 but most likely would end up getting approximately \$200,000.
11. M. Krenesky reported on a kick-off meeting of Tallmadge Ad Hoc Committee. Next meeting will be held on February 24, 2010. Discussion held on replacement for a new school. The Committee is looking at all five (5) schools and what is needed for each school. Biggest concern is Laurel Ledge School and possibility of connecting all of the buildings, with security being a huge issue. Joseph Rodorigo noted he is on that Committee and added discussions center around how you solve the problem. Current Algonquin School has about seven (7) acres. Prospect would like to utilize the area for its use. Possibility of selling the acreage to Town of Prospect discussed. J. Rodorigo noted a finalized report has to be completed by June 2010 to be ready to go for Referendum. Opening of new school could be 2015 or even 2016. Cost sharing will most likely change.
12. S. Cable noted no contract has yet been signed with proposed Town's new energy provider. Some discussion on energy; possibility of buying bulbs wholesale. M. Krenesky noted a salesman had suggested doing an energy audit of Town Hall. S. Cable noted she attended a meeting with Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro. Grant possibilities were discussed. The focus now is to 'go green'.
13. M. Krenesky noted a meeting was held with John Blesse with regard to the 'Take Pride in America' program. There might be a possibility of getting some federal funding through the Department of the Interior. S. Cable noted she has asked for this information from Rosa DeLauro.
14. S. Cable noted a representative from the Southwest Region will meet with R. Minnick to study Toby's Pond. She added a letter had gone to O&G asking them to address some of the issues in the area; i.e. the gate. M. Krenesky asked who is charge of Toby's Pond at this time, with S. Cable noting the Board of Selectmen is in charge.
15. S. Cable again noted 40 stringers were repaired on Depot Street Bridge. Project is still within our budget. She noted the DOT is keeping a close eye on construction costs, etc. She had met with Tom Weldon. M. Krenesky asked who authorizes change orders, with S. Cable noting she does, but only after review of all of the inspections.
16. Discussion of the Knox Box situation. S. Cable noted it appears that keys were given out inappropriately, so the plates have to all be changed. S. Cable noted she

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had never authorized the expenditure of \$7,000 for those Knox Boxes. M. Krenesky said he had noticed Knox Boxes on some Municipal buildings but not on all of them. D. Sorrentino asked who originally paid for the boxes. Private businesses had to pay for their own, at a cost of approximately \$300. An Ordinance was passed on the Knox boxes. H. Mis asked for an explanation of a Knox Box. These boxes contain keys to a building and can provide access to a building in case of an emergency. S. Cable said she is waiting for a list and a Purchase Order.

17. S Cable noted a \$150,000 grant was received for Riverbend Park. She added Planning Consultant B. Miller is currently working on the Plan of Conservation and Development. The incentive grant includes S. Main Street.
18. There is no signed contract with an Energy Provider. Meeting will be held with Energy Board's Chairman to discuss the situation and solve the problem.
19. S. Cable noted that Nafis & Young and Brian Miller have both been asked to include project name and number on their Invoices.
20. M. Krenesky asked about status of Code Red. He said he was approached by Town Clerk who had concerns about access to Code Red. S. Cable noted she and E. Rodriguez have access to the system. At some point in the future a training session will be held and a policy will be set up in how the system can be used. Announcements can be sent.
21. S. Cable asked D. Sorrentino and M. Krenesky if they had prepared their reports with regard to their observations in the Town Clerk's and Tax Collector's Offices. D. Sorrentino said he would like to go into Executive Session to discuss this. S. Cable would like these reports submitted by the BOS March meeting.
22. D. Daigle asked for clarification of K. Novak's and Jeremy Rodorigo's status with regard to Homeland Security. S. Cable noted that K. Novak was appointed as an Assistant Coordinator in matters related to the Fire Department's role in Homeland Security activities, while Jeremy Rodorigo will be the Assistant Coordinator in matters related to the Ambulance.

APPOINTMENTS

1. **D. Sorrentino made motion to appoint Ed Broth to serve on the Service Award Committee, filling the vacancy left with the resignation of T. Laput, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

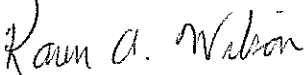
D. Sorrentino made motion to go into Executive Session at 8:55 P.M. to discuss Personnel matters, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.

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Board of Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 9:45 P.M. Board noted it had discussed issues relating to the Town Clerk's Office and Tax Collector's Office

With no other business, **D. Sorrentino made motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 P.M. 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Wilson

Clerk for the Board of Selectmen, Regular Monthly Meeting – February 8, 2010.