

**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 12, 2010
MINUTES
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Letter received from Treasurer G. Fredericks with regard to getting a free standing dedicated PC for Town Treasurer business only, as per suggestion of Union Savings Bank. There would be no email service and there would be a direct line from the Town Hall to the bank. M. Krenesky felt no decision should be made at this time without knowing whether the service would be web-based or a dedicated line. It was noted G. Fredericks does not have a computer at the Town Hall. All agreed to wait until we hear further from Union Savings Bank to make any decisions on purchasing a new computer for Treasurer. S. Cable said she would speak to Finance Director to see what other Towns do.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

D. Sorrentino made motion to accept Town Clerk's report as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye. Memo will be sent to Town Clerk asking him to provide copies of his report to each Selectmen so they would have time to review it before the Selectmen's meeting. K. Novak noted report contained a little more detail.

REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN

M. Krenesky made motion to accept the Custodian's Report, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye. Memo will be sent to custodian asking him to install the Town Hall restroom locks by April 16, 2010, with instructions to have extra keys made (one (1) for each Town Hall floor, a master key for Custodian and another one for the First Selectman's Office.

REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY

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

Circulation has increased, but there was a drop in computer usage.

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

No report submitted.

REPORT OF THE TOWN NURSE

No report was submitted.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

No report submitted.

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CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter received indicating Lt. E. Rodriguez is a member of the Police Chief's Association.
2. Beacon Falls Historical Society would like to use the Senior Center on Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. for purpose of conducting a Scrap booking fund raiser. Board granted permission. E. Bea will be asked to have Public Works bring up tables from Senior Center's storage area for use in this event.
3. Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at Long River Middle School to discuss the School Budget. S. Cable noted population increase has increased for Beacon Falls this year and ECS money has been frozen. Increased cost to Beacon Falls is \$599,000 (1.2 mils). S. Cable noted she is desperately trying to get State to release the ECS monies. M. Krenesky noted the student increase (1%) amounts to approximately thirty (30) students. He also noted there is an increase of high school students, most likely due to students no longer going to private high schools. Since there is not a large number of new families moving into the area.
4. S. Cable noted a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. in Mayor Chatfield's office in Prospect to discuss use of the Tallmadge property recently purchased by the region. Discussion on a possible zone change. Selectmen agreed there should be more communication between School Board and the Towns, and the decision to make any zone changes might be a bit premature.
5. Letter from Assessor J. Chadderton requesting Assessor's Clerk J. Ahern be given a salary increase to \$15.13 per hour as per Union Contract.
6. Copy of letter from Economic Development Commission to Planning Consultant B. Miller to take another look at Downtown parking. M. Krenesky noted this was earlier addressed in the 2002 Town Plan of Conservation and Development.
7. Letter from EMS Assistant Director Sean Cloney with regard to Fire Department's readiness to make Beacon Falls a heart safe Community. S. Cable added grant funds will be looked for.
8. Beacon Hose Company's Annual Carnival is scheduled for June 10th through June 12th, 2010.
9. Household Hazardous Waste Collection scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2010 in Watertown. Information will be posted at Town Hall and Town's website.
10. Tax Refund totaling \$395 requested. **D. Sorrentino made motion to approve the tax refund, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**
11. Copies of letters sent to B. Herb and A. Dubois with regard to asking them to check on various blight conditions.
12. Residents urged to use alternate routes other than the Depot Street Bridge due to its rehabilitation, to avoid traffic problems.
13. Thank you from Bowen family for fruit sent to them upon loss of their father.

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14. Thank you from Nicholas Lucas. He is doing well.
15. Letter of resignation received from Aaron Choi resigning from the Board of Finance due to personal work commitments. **D. Sorrentino made motion to accept A. Choi's resignation with regrets, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.** Letter will be sent to him thanking him for his service to the Town and thanking him for staying on the Board until a replacement is found.
16. Lions Club will be holding its Wine Tasting event on Friday May 21, 2010 from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the Senior Center and Volunteer Park.
17. Letter from Ronald J. Holzman, requesting use of Volunteer Park for the 59th Annual Observation of the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 6, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Jack Watkins would like to give his Railroad Avenue property to the Town for back taxes he owes on that property. Information received from Town Attorney D. Civitello will be given to both Selectmen for their review and comments.
2. Contract for J. Martin property has been signed and executed.
3. M. Krenesky will meet with Town Clerk staff. D. Sorrentino will meet with Tax Collectors Office. Both will submit written reports on their findings.
4. S. Cable noted TEAM had awarded a grant of \$4500 to the Town of Beacon Falls to assist with social services needs. Unfortunately, TEAM did not set up any protocol earlier on and now they will be working with the Town in the next few weeks to determine how to disburse these funds.
5. S. Cable noted there is a continual water problem on Edgewood Drive and Skokorat Road. She will schedule a meeting with E. Bea and Town Engineer to figure out a way to finally resolve this problem. She noted Town has already tried to fix the problem but it is still a problem.
6. The Tracey Lewis House final environmental report will be completed by May 6, 2010.
7. S. Cable suggested once again reviewing the Grange building for possible use by the train track club and determine what the Townspeople want done with that building. S. Cable suggested once the budget is completed that this issue be looked into.

NEW BUSINESS

1. S. Cable and K. Wilson gave a brief overview of grant applied for with regard to the Town of Beacon Falls and the Department of Transportation to provide transportation services to disabled residents, regardless of their age. **M. Krenesky made motion to adopt the Resolution authorizing First Selectman Susan A. Cable to negotiate and execute all necessary Agreements/Contracts on behalf of the Town of Beacon Falls with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.** K. Wilson noted this Resolution is a necessary component of the grant application.

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She will have Town Clerk certify and sign this documentation for submission to the CNVCOG.

2. M. Krenesky asked if Town's website had a link to the Census on it, with K. Wilson noting she had sent this information to R. Buzgo and he had taken care of it. K. Wilson said she has seen the Census link and has used it.
3. S. Cable said handicapped parking signs will be looked at, at the Senior Center. Appropriate lines will also be put in. M. Krenesky questioned legality of those signs and parking lines, adding lines should be drawn so people know where they can park. No Board member had heard anything about a parking space for the minibus.

APPOINTMENTS

No appointments made.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BUDGET TRANSFER REQUESTS

None.

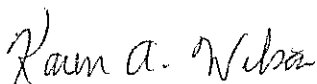
D. Sorrentino made motion to go into Executive Session at 8:55 P.M. for purpose of discussing personnel matters, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.

Board of Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 9:13 P.M.

S. Cable discussed fundraiser for firefighter Kevin Swan. M. Krenesky made motion to donate \$500 from Veterans Funeral expenses budget line item to the family of Kevin Swan to help with expenses, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.

With no other business, **D. Sorrentino made motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 P.M. 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Wilson

Clerk for the Board of Selectmen, Regular Monthly Meeting – April 12, 2010.

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