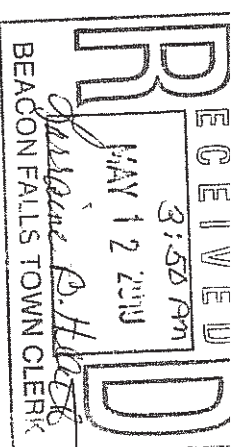


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First Selectman S. Cable called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:43 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: E. Groth, S. Dowdell, M. Pratt and others.

Selectman D. Sorrentino congratulated First Selectman S. Cable on the birth of a grandson this morning, with S. Cable adding new mom and baby were doing well.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No public comments at this time.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes – 04/12/10. Regular Board of Selectmen Monthly Meeting. **D. Sorrentino made motion to approve Minutes as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All voted aye.**
2. Minutes – 04/08/10 –Board of Selectmen Special Meeting. **D. Sorrentino made motion to accept Minutes as corrected, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye. S. Cable noted there was some confusion by J. Blesse on having one (1) tax bill for both the Town and Education.**
3. Minutes – 04/13/10 – Joint Meeting with Board of Finance. **M. Krenesky made motion to accept Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**
4. Minutes – 04/19/10 – Joint Meeting with Board of Finance. **M. Krenesky made motion to accept Minutes as presented, 2nd by S. Cable. All aye. One (1) abstention from D. Sorrentino.**
5. Minutes – 05/05/10 – Town Meeting Vote on Budget. **M. Krenesky made motion to accept the Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

PROVE BILLS ON SELECTMEN'S ORDER REGISTER

Bills on Selectmen's Order Register approved.

RESIDENT TROOPER AND CONSTABLES REPORT

No report received.

ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS

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Discussion. **M. Krenesky made motion to accept the Street Department report as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT - PARKS

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

Comments: D. Sorrentino would like to see a report from all Departments listing all monies remaining in budget line items, with Purchase Orders included, as he would like to know if the Departments are planning on using all of their monies.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

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

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

No report received.

PARK AND RECREATION ACTIVITY REPORT

No report presented.

REPORT OF FINANCE MANAGER

Transfers will be referred to Board of Finance for approval at its May 11, 2010 meeting.
M. Krenesky made motion to accept Finance Report as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

M. Krenesky made motion to accept the April 2010 report as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

No report received.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

No report received.

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REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN

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

REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY

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

M. Krenesky noted he likes the new format. S. Cable noted bike rack did come in and will be installed shortly.

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

No report submitted.

REPORT OF THE TOWN NURSE

No report was submitted.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

March Report. 40 emergency calls responded to with average response time of 6 minutes, 34 seconds. April Report. 37 emergency calls responded to with average response time of 6 minutes, 4 seconds.

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

Board of Selectmen will be sending out memos to all Departments asking them to submit their Monthly Reports on the Friday prior to the Monday Board of Selectmen meetings. This will give Board of Selectmen more time to review reports.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Tax Collector with regard to tax refunds owed in the amount of \$2056.71. D. Sorrentino made motion to pay the tax refunds, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.
2. S. Cable noted that M.I.R.M.A. in no longer and all Towns will be assessed accordingly. A meeting is being held on May 14, 2010 to discuss the matter. She noted Town will have to find a new Worker's Compensation carrier and she will be looking into this matter.

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3. Thank you received from Connecticut Preservation Trust for \$75.00 submitted for membership in this organization
4. Suggestion made to put both School and Town Budgets on website.
5. Letter from Edward Nichols, 37 September Lane, expressing an interest in serving on the Economic Development Commission. S. Cable noted there is a potential opening on that Commission.
6. There will be a motorcycle ride through Beacon Falls on September 19, 2010 on behalf of the American Cancer Society.
7. Mario Trepeca sent documentation with regard to landscaping done as required on properties located at 90 and 94 North Main Street. **M. Krenesky made motion to release the \$1500 bond held until the landscaping was completed satisfactorily, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**
8. Letter received from Joseph Mylen listing his resignation from the Conservation Commission, Energy Review Board and the Brownfield's Representative. **M. Krenesky made motion to accept the resignations with regret and thanks, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**
9. Proposal received from Jeff Keane with regard to some work to be done at the Beacon Falls Senior Center's kitchen. S. Cable noted work will be done by volunteers. M. Krenesky said he would like to see P. Colon (Custodian) submit a report on what work will be done. M. Pratt suggested having someone take a look at the floor treads at the Senior Center as well.

OLD BUSINESS

1. There will be a Meeting with regard to Open Space on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at the Beacon Falls Senior Center at 7:30 P.M. The vision for Beacon Falls and the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development will be discussed.
2. S. Cable noted there have been discussion with Fr. Stronkowski with regard to what he would like to do with a piece of Town land next to his North Main Street property. S. Cable noted we are waiting for Town Clerk to show the lines, adding the Town cannot waive DEP requirements.
3. S. Cable noted she received correspondence with regard to appointment of Municipal Assessor's rather than being elected. She added Town Ordinances supercede the Public Act, adding that our Town Ordinance was changed. It was agreed to move forward, unless someone wants to challenge the Ordinance.
4. Town Attorney D. Civitello had responded to R. Minnick's questions.
5. S. Cable noted there will be two (2) bulky waste collections in May, one on May 15, 2010 and the other on May 22, 2010.
6. S. Cable noted blight area referred to by D. Scott has been looked at, adding blight citations will be published in area's newspapers. S. Cable noted she has a blight condition checked out as soon as she hears about it.
7. S. Cable said she would work on a list of blighted properties. Discussion on the Rimmon Hill Schoolhouse. S. Cable noted property has been sold, noting the

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developer does not want to buy the Schoolhouse. She suggested contacting Eagle Scouts who might be interested in restoring the Schoolhouse as a project.

NEW BUSINESS

1. D. Sorrentino made motion to support a Resolution of the Board of Selectmen in Support of 20% Clean Energy by 2010, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye. Clerk will complete paperwork for submission. S. Cable this enables Town to apply for grant monies.
2. Information received from Charities of Hope with regard to placing bins for used clothing on or near the bulky waste transfer station. S. Cable noted up to \$100 per month could be gotten from those bins. Discussion. S. Cable had concerns with regard to people dumping all kinds of things at those bins and suggested waiting to see what the new Municipal Budget will entail. D. Sorrentino asked what the Town's responsibility is with the bins. M. Krenesky felt it might cost more than the anticipated \$100 per month revenue to manage the area. Discussion will be held at a later time. S. Cable noted Charities of Hope does have its own liability insurance.
3. Discussion of proposed Ordinance to become a member of a solid waste authority. **M. Krenesky made motion to table taking any action on this until more information from CRRA is gathered, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**
4. As a fundraise, Woodland High School is selling marker plate holders for Town Vehicles. Cost is \$10.00 per marker. This will be reviewed at a later time.
5. Proposals to repair the leaky roof at Town Hall were reviewed. S. Cable said it appeared to her that work proposed was the same in both bids, with J. Kean's bid at \$2,300, and R. Doiron's bid at \$300.00. She asked Selectmen Sorrentino and Krenesky to take a look at the proposals and project and report back to her as soon as they can.
6. Discussion of an agreement already made between Prospect and Bethany with regard to sharing Police services. D. Sorrentino asked why we did not consider making this type of agreement with neighboring Town of Seymour. S. Cable noted Seymour is not a Resident Trooper Town. Questions asked about union contracts, with S. Cable noting this does not violate Town's Union Contracts. M. Krenesky noted a Regional Concept is favorably looked upon by the State. **D. Sorrentino then made motion to endorse the proposal to share Police with Prospect and Bethany as part of an Inter-Municipal Agreement, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**
7. Letter received from Assessor J. Chadderton with regard to her and Finance Director's review of proposed 2011 re-evaluation. Because of some confusion on who should be awarded the bid and at what cost, Board will send memo to Assessor for more clarification on who is being recommended for the job.
8. Clerk noted she had made an error on the May 10, 2010 Board of Selectmen's Agenda, noting the vote on a Resolution between the Town and the Department of Transportation was for the April 12, 2010 Board of Selectmen's Meeting.

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9. S. Cable said she was looking at dates in the last week of May to hold a summit meeting for all Town Boards and Commissions.
10. S. Cable noted Board of Selectmen will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 to discuss budget cuts, adding she has come up with three (3) different proposals to possibly be discussed at another Public Hearing on the budget. Her ideas include: cutting \$1,000,000 (from School Budget) and the \$366,000 (Town Budget) totally from the Town's Municipal Budget. She also said Board must be realistic in moving ahead to make budget cuts. She felt another Public Hearing might be more beneficial to help educate the Public.
11. Discussion of the Regional School District No. 16 Board of Education. **M. Krenesky made motion to ask the Board of Education to submit a Monthly Report on its activities on the Friday prior to the Board of Selectmen's Monthly Meeting, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.** This information would be beneficial to the Town. Reference to increase in number of Beacon Falls students, which does have an impact on the Town's finances.

APPOINTMENTS

M. Krenesky made motion to table making re-appointments of J. Betkoski and J. Norton to the Economic Development Commission for one (1) month, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.

S. Cable suggested sending memos to all Boards and Commissions reminding them of the members obligation to attend meetings and any training sessions offered.

BUDGET TRANSFER REQUESTS

Board of Selectmen will refer budget transfer requests to the Board of Selectmen at its May 11, 2010 Monthly Meeting.

M. Krenesky had some confusion about budget line item 10-33-1290 – Engineering, and was concerned about a \$75,000 expense with regard to Depot Street Bridge. This will be checked into.

Fire Chief M. Pratt discussed monies collected from ambulance billing as per contract between the Town and Beacon Hose Company No. 1. Total monies collected: \$86,632. 80% of that going to the Town (as per above noted Contract) is \$69,305.60. 20%, in amount of \$17,326.40 going to Beacon Hose Company No. 1 (as per above noted Contract).

M. Pratt then gave breakdown and cost of projects the Fire Department would like to have done, using the Town's 80% share of monies collected. Projects include: Mobile EKG units, \$11,954.90, funds to replace tracks on doors, \$6030, repair sewer trap at

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Firehouse, \$6400, degrease and seal the floor, \$4,200, hood system, \$5,825., upgrade chemical system, \$2200, replace front door \$2683, replacing eight (8) windows, \$4,430, pagers for dispatchers, \$10,000, tables and chairs for Railroad Avenue property, \$4,900, office expenses - \$1100, install new garage door, \$1900. Total of proposed expenses approximately \$57,000. M. Pratt added Fire Department line items would not go up.


S. Cable felt Board of Finance might have concerns about Fire Department keeping its 20% share of ambulance billing revenues, while expecting Town to use its 80% share of those funds to pay for the above noted expenses, adding she has no problem with presenting these proposals to the Board of Finance.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

E. Groth, felt Town might lose its autonomy by joining with other Towns for sharing Police forces, adding this is what happened to Beacon Falls when it joined the Region's School District, and gave control of the School Board to Prospect. He also had questions about the \$500 cost for pagers.

With no other business, **D. Sorrentino made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 P.M. 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Wilson

Clerk for the Board of Selectmen, Regular Monthly Meeting – May 10, 2010.

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