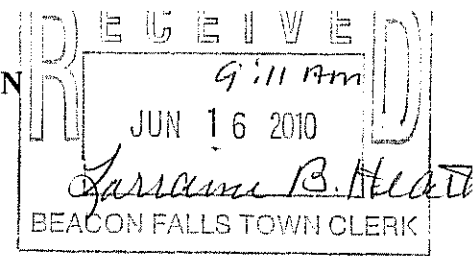


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First Selectman S. Cable called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:32 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: E. Groth, S. Dowdell, J. Dowdell, M. Zollo, M.E. Fernandez, T. Laput.

Prior to start of meeting, Board of Selectmen recognized T. Laput with a Letter of Appreciation for all the volunteer work he has done for the Town including work on the Service Award Committee and Ethics Board.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No public comments at this time.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes – 05/10/10. Regular Board of Selectmen Monthly Meeting. S. Cable clarified Town has Worker’s Compensation coverage but is currently looking for a new provider. **M. Krenesky made motion to approve Minutes with the notation, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All voted aye.**
2. Minutes – 05/10/10 –Annual Town Meeting.. **D. Sorrentino made motion to accept Minutes as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**
3. Minutes – 05/11/10 – Special Board of Selectmen Meeting.. **M. Krenesky made motion to accept Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**
4. Minutes – 05/11/10 – Joint Meeting with Board of Finance. **D. Sorrentino made motion to accept Minutes as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**
5. Minutes – 06/01/10 – Special BOS Meeting. **D. Sorrentino made motion to accept the Minutes as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**
6. Minutes – 05 05/10 – Town Meeting – Vote on 2010/2011 Municipal Budget. **M. Krenesky made motion to accept Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

PPROVE BILLS ON SELECTMEN’S ORDER REGISTER

D. Sorrentino thanked Maria’s Tailoring for the extra work she did on very short notice in preparing uniforms for new Firemen for Fireman K. Swan’s funeral. He also noted she had given an additional discount as well. Board of Selectmen will send a letter to Maria thanking her for her quick response.

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RESIDENT TROOPER AND CONSTABLES REPORT

Calls for service – 421, with 155 reportable incidents, 21 medical calls, 1 untimely death, 6 DUI's. **D. Sorrentino made motion to accept report as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.** S. Cable will check on possible type (March instead of May).

S. Cable also noted Town receives a monthly report from the State with regard to State-wide warrants.

ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS

Discussion of the report. S Cable noted E. Bea was only person who responded with a report of monies remaining in the Public Works budget and what other expenses were anticipated. S. Cable also noted E. Bea will begin using a new format for his reports. Copies of this report including remaining monies will be made for each Selectmen. Discussion on a second area on Burton Road with regard to road repairs. S. Cable noted a paving box is needed to do the job and costs for project are being gathered.

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

ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT – PARKS

In reviewing the parks report, it was noted one of the temporary workers was given instruction of field maintenance and question was asked what kind of work these temporary workers are doing and why was instruction needed. (CT Works). Memo will be sent to E. Bea asking for this information.

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

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

D. Sorrentino made motion to accept Wastewater Treatment Plant report as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye. S. Cable noted that there were some problems with alarms going off but this has been taken care of.

Letter will be sent to W. Opuszynski congratulating him on his successful completion of College Course WWT-198 Biology, Chemistry & Mathematics of Clean Water taught by Gateway Community College.

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FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

55 calls were made in May 2010. **D. Sorrentino made motion to accept report as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

PARK AND RECREATION ACTIVITY REPORT

No report presented.

REPORT OF FINANCE MANAGER

Expense report until end of April was presented. A list of budget transfers was included and will be discussed later during the 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 May 2010 report as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye. S. Cable noted it is likely tax bills will not be ready for mailing by the end of June, citing the lack of budget approval at this time. There is the possibility of sending out supplemental tax bills.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Board reviewed the May 1, 2010 to May 31, 2010 Report. S. Cable expressed concern that Finance Manager has apparently not taken over the finances of the Town Clerk's financial matters. Letter will be sent to Town Clerk and Finance Manager about this concerns.

M. Krenesky made motion to accept Town Clerk's Report as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.

REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY

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

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S. Cable noted remaining monies were included in the report. S. Cable thanked J. Dowdell for installing the bike rack and thanked the Friends of the Library for the video drop that was recently installed. Thank you letters will be sent to the Friends and J. Dowdell.

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

No report submitted. S. Cable noted State has notified Town that the Animal Control Officer's Report have not been submitted for several month.

REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN

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

REPORT OF THE TOWN NURSE

No report was submitted.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

May Report. 16 fire calls were made, 47 emergency calls responded to with average response time of 6 minutes, 43 seconds.

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

S. Cable noted three (3) Blight Citations have recently gone out and list is being put together for possible publication in the future. She noted that some people are cleaning up their properties.

S. Cable also noted the Building Official is checking on swimming pools to make sure all necessary permits are in place. Laws have changed. Properly installed barriers must be in place also.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter to B. Ploss with regard to a meeting on Wyndem Homes and heavy equipment issue.
2. Letter from Donna Taylor, 61 Wolfe Avenue expressing an interest in serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission should there be a vacancy.
3. Letter from the Department of Agriculture noting Dog Warden has not yet submitted reports for February through April 2010.

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4. Letter from Valley n Track organization thanking BOS for taking quick action on its request to use the Grange and asking to be notified if Grange status changes.
5. Letter from D. Civitello with regard to 100 Railroad Avenue property.
6. Happy Birthday from Planimetrics with regard to 10th Anniversary of Town's Plan of Conservation & Development.
7. Letter from Fire Chief M. Pratt with regard to work being done; fencing and cleaning up the graffiti.
8. Letter from S. Posick. S. Cable noted everyone is working together to compile the information he is requesting.
9. S. Cable noted Town had received the \$7,744 Grant from the State with regard to on demand transportation. K. Wilson noted these monies will pay for disabled residents under age 65 who need transportation services.
10. Fire Chief M. Pratt would like better communication between the Town and Beacon Hose Company No. 1, noting Jeremy Rodorigo and himself want to make sure any information given out is accurate.
11. Letter from Edward Micklos, 37 September Lane, expressing his interest in serving on the Economic Development Commission. It was noted he lost his wife a few days ago.
12. M. E. Fernandez is interested in serving on the Board of Finance should a vacancy occur.
13. S. Cable noted several Towns are thinking about hiring an Attorney to deal with the M.I.R.M.A. assessments. Town is waiting to see what type of decision is made.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Bids for revaluation were reviewed again by the Assessor and Finance Manager. **M. Krenesky made motion to award the bid to Appraisal Resource Group from Coventry, CT, based on the recommendations of Assessor J. Chadderton and Finance Manager, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**
2. S. Cable read correspondence from Allison McGee and how it relates to Public Act 149. This notes that a Town Meeting can repeal what it wants to change. S. Cable said this might also include changing the status of an elected official to a regular position, adding it is up to the Legislative Body (Town Meeting) as to what changes are to be made.
3. S. Cable noted that after several discussions and telephone calls, it was decided not to purchase the property with the white house at the entrance to Pinesbridge Commerce Park. She also noted that this purchase would not have to go to a Town Meeting since original intent of the HUD grant was for purchase of property for the Industrial Park.
4. S. Cable noted Town is a member of the Code Red Emergency notification program, adding that both emergencies and general information can be released via Code Red. M. Krenesky was assured that training on this training has not yet

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- been done, but can be scheduled in the near future. S. Cable noted that she and E. Rodriguez currently the only two (2) people who can access the system.
5. Discussion of the two (2) bids received to fix the leaky roof. One bid was for \$300 and other bid was for \$2,300. Board was concerned about the large difference in both bids. D. Sorrentino asked if both bidders knew exactly what we wanted done, with S. Cable saying she would check further on this. She felt that both bids listing work done, appeared to be exactly the same. Board still felt there is confusion on this. S. Cable said she would go over work to be done with Building Official and would also discuss project with P. Colon who said he could do the job as well.
 6. Discussion on the Grange property. S. Cable noted that in December 2004, appraisals of the property were received from Frank Hoinsky (\$50,000) and Joseph Rodorigo (\$100,000). Bids were received on April 12, 2009 from Flash Signs for \$58,500 and Seth Reichardt for \$57,800 to purchase the building. S. Cable noted a Town Meeting had given the Board of Selectmen approval to sell the property. Because BOS felt bids were too low, the Grange was not sold. Flash Signs and Seth Reichardt both again submitted proposals to purchase the building. Board feels everything is back to square 1. D. Sorrentino suggested having another fair market value appraisal done again. S. Cable also suggested Town Attorney D. Civitello would do a good job in representing the Town in this matter. M. Krenesky felt that with prospect of Town acquiring the Watkins Railroad Avenue property, this building would better suit the needs of the Town versus the Grange building. **D. Sorrentino made motion to have a fair market appraisal done of the Grange building, with Town Attorney acting as representative for the Town and recommending someone to do the appraisal, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**
 7. Discussion on the Watkins property. Board wants to know what it would be getting with this building. **M. Krenesky made motion to begin the process by having a Phase I Study done by A. Bogen (Brownfields) before taking possession of the property, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.** M. Krenesky added the Town would be taking the property for back taxes owed, as proposed by property owner Watkins.
 8. S. Cable noted Board of Selectmen did not receive updated report from Bailey Associates with regard to the Wolfe Avenue property. More information is wanted on the structural analysis for example. It was noted that J. Petersen and Chairman K. Shultz will get more information. Letter should be forthcoming once additional information is received.
 9. Board briefly discussed letter from Town Treasurer G. Fredericks with regard to having a separate computer for sue by Treasurer only. No action has been taken on this request. Board feels this is something Union Savings Bank wants to done for added security concerns.
 10. S. Cable noted Citizens for Tomorrow's Downtown in interested in continuing working on the purchase of additional ducks for Town's Duck Race.

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11. Discussion on request for extension of completion of Depot Street Bridge. S. Cable had met with Thomas Weldon from the State DOT. Extension would be from September 5, 2010 to December 1, 2010. There could be a penalty clause if extension is not given. S. Cable noted that the eighty-seven (87) days were all deemed legitimate by the State DOT.
12. Discussion of the Land Management Ordinance. S. Cable noted other Ordinances have been mentioned to be added or revised and suggested the Board of Selectmen have a workshop to discuss all of the proposals. M. Krenesky would like to see a list compiled with suggested new Ordinances or revisions to existing Ordinances. S. Cable does not want to rush into anything before reviewing any changes, etc.
13. \$41,802 received to replace heating and cooling at the Fire House, Senior Center, Public Works and Treatment Plant.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on Building Permit fee increases suggested by Building Official. Discussion to include this with a new Ordinance. S. Cable noted Planning & Zoning and Inland Wetlands each have their own fees.
2. S. Cable noted she had met with Jack Lardis with regard to use of decorated oil drums to possibly be placed at the Town Hall or Volunteer Park, adding she has seen them all over Waterbury and Naugatuck. Any ideas would be appreciated.
3. STEAP funds were approved for some roadwork to be done, including Blackberry Hill and North Main Street. M. Krenesky felt nothing should be done on Main Street until it is known if there would not be any conflicts with proposed work (i.e. the Streetscape Enhancement project). He added that Beacon Mill Village has requested to be notified of any projects going on which might impact its residents.
4. S. Cable noted the Aquifer Protection areas in the Town might be re-designated.
5. S. Cable noted she had spoken with G. Smith with regard to an independent audit on electricity in order for the Town to save money. Town Hall was inspected, with D. Sorrentino suggesting the Pent Road Recreational Complex be looked into as well. S. Cable noted this program is a Small Business Energy Advantage Program which can now include Municipalities. **D. Sorrentino made motion to continue to pursue this, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**
6. **D. Sorrentino made motion to adopt the Mid-Connecticut Municipal Advisory Committee Resolution State Assistance with Closure of Hartford Landfill, May 26, 2010, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.** Clerk will correct typos of Hartford and not. S. Cable noted this process is an attempt to get the State to pay for more of the costs as a result of landfill closure. Clerk will complete and submit necessary signed paperwork.
7. **M. Krenesky made motion to adopt the Authorizing Resolution of the Town of Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen to enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems necessary to appropriate, 2nd**

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- by D. Sorrentino. All aye.** Clerk will complete and submit necessary signed paperwork.
8. Board discussed Tallmadge Property Report. S. Cable noted after reading the report she felt insulted, as it seemed to her that Beacon Falls was thrown a little crumb. She felt there seems to be a little separation again between the two (2) Towns. M. Krenesky said he felt the same and added if 'the project can't standalone, then it is not a worthwhile project'. S. Cable suggesting holding some type of summit meeting to discuss this further Board agreed to send a letter to the Beacon Falls members of the Regional School District No. 16 Board of Education asking them to submit a monthly report, due on the Friday prior to the Monthly Board of Selectmen Meeting, in include what is going on in the Region with note of any actions or discussions taken.
 9. Discussion of the renewal contract submitted by A.E. Olsen who services the Towns heating and cooling. S. Cable noted they are not asking for an increase. The Board feels Olsen has been generally doing a good job for the Town. **M. Krenesky made motion to renew the contract with A.E. Olsen, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**
 10. Discussion about the Service Award given to firemen. The Committee had suggested an increase to length of service and continuing with the Service Award. Town is concerned about the older firemen's safety as they might respond to a fire in order to keep their status and requirements needed to get the award. E. Groth, a member of the Service Award Committee noted he has some issues with the Service Award and felt he should have better informed before he voted on anything. S. Cable noted this Award is included in a Town Ordinance and possibly could be revised along with other Ordinances noted earlier to be discussed.
 11. M. Krenesky said he is working on his own for a possible change to Town Hall's current phone system, adding there is a possibility of a savings of \$1200 to \$1500 per year. He added he is not proposing anything at this point, and did note that the upgrade to the telephone system had been removed from the 2010/2011 proposed Municipal Budget. S. Cable noted that investigations had been done on this for many years previously.

APPOINTMENTS

S. Cable noted she has requested the Town Clerk's Office to provide an updated copy of the list of all Board and Commission members. She received the most recent updated list on May 12, 2010 and she has been noting any corrections, etc to be made.

1. **D. Sorrentino made motion to appoint Mary Ellen Fernandez to serve on the Board of Finance, filling the vacancy left with the resignation of A. Choi, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**
2. S. Cable noted there is still a vacancy on the Ethics Board, with resignation of T. Laput.

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3. S. Cable noted K. Battaglini has expressed her intent to resign from the Economic Development Commission. She noted E. Micklos had expressed his interest in serving on the Commission. Board agreed to table this appointment for now.
4. **D. Sorrentino made motion to re-appoint John W. Betkoski to serve on the Economic Development Commission, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**
5. It was noted that Bruce Angeloszek is on the Energy Board. There is a vacancy on that Board with the resignation of J. Mylen. S. Cable noted that J. Burkitt has also expressed his intention to resign from the Energy Board. M. Krenesky will contact J. Burkitt to see if he wants to resign or remain on the Board.
6. S. Cable noted L. Swanson and Joseph Rodorigo's terms on the Park and Recreation Commission are up. **D. Sorrentino made motion to re-appoint Lisa Swanson to serve on the Park and Recreation Commission, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**
7. **D. Sorrentino made motion to extending J. Rodorigo's term on the Park and Recreation for one (1) month and make the appointment at the next Meeting if he agrees to the re-appointment, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**
8. **D. Sorrentino made motion to appoint Donna Taylor to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

1. S. Dowdell had some questions about the Employees Union Contracts, asking if any increases in work time must be approved by the Union. S. Cable noted that the Town can recommend various things to the Union, but that the Union cannot appropriate funding. S. Cable noted the Union has to agree before anything can be put into the budget. S. Cable suggested that what should have been done was to take extra monies from the Contingency Fund to pay for the fifteen (15) extra hours for library staff per week. S. Cable also noted that all pay increases, etc are discussed with the Town's Labor Attorney and that the Unions are notified first of any changes. S. Dowdell noted that a letter from a Department should first go to the Union for its approval before being sent to the First Selectman. If a union puts in a request and nothing is done, then this is when both sides are asked to negotiate. S. Cable agreed that this is very confusing, adding the Board of Selectmen never received anything in writing from the Library. She added that all three (3) unions are currently in negotiations with the Board of Selectmen on certain issues. She responded to S. Dowdell that the unions have not come forth with any concessions at this time.

BUDGET TRANSFER REQUESTS

M. Krenesky asked if the BOS is agreeing to go to the Board of Finance on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 and present the budget transfer requests compiled by the Finance Manager for tonight's meeting. D. Sorrentino asked for an explanation of the \$19,900 budget

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transfer request, for engineering fees. He asked if the TPA was part of the engineering expenses. He also asked why some of the engineering bills were dated as far back as February 28, 2010, adding that most likely, there will still be bills owed for April, May and June, and where would that money be coming from. S. Cable noted some of the bills were probably sent back for more investigation. D. Sorrentino said he would like to see a little more detail in the bills, adding he had asked that at least an application # be put on the bills with a more detailed explanation of the services provided. S. Cable did a quick review of the bills and suggested that all bills, with the exception of the Engineering bills be approved and then paid upon the approval of the budget transfer of funds, which would give more time to take a closer look at those bills. M.E. Fernandez, noted that P&Z Chairman and Inland Wetlands Chairs both sign their bills and she does take a closer look at them to make sure nothing is being paid twice. D. Sorrentino asked why we would want to pay a three (3) month old bills. S. Cable noted that not all of the bills are for Nafis & Young, with some of the bills from TPA and Brian Miller. D. Sorrentino felt that the TPA funds had already been allocated from the current budget and should come from a separate budget line item. S. Cable suggested all bills should be dated as they come in, which has not been done with most of these bills in question.

S. Cable then said we have two (2) issues here: (1) approve all of the budget transfer requests except for the \$19,000 and pay the TPA bills and (2) approve all of the budget transfer requests, but do not pay Nafis & Young bills until a more detailed explanation is received. She added that no check would be processed until this is done. D. Sorrentino expressed concern that check would be cut anyway, with S. Cable adding that this would not happen. D. Sorrentino also noted he is not willing to agree to all of the budget transfer requests.

M. Krenesky made motion to approve all of the budget transfer requests with the exception of the \$19,900 for recommendation to the Board of Finance, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All voted aye with one (1) abstention by S. Cable.

M. Krenesky made motion to go into Executive Session at 9:30 P.M. to discuss personnel matters, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.

Board came out of Executive Session at 9:50 P.M. with S. Cable noting no action(s) had been taken.

NEW BUSINESS – CONTINUED

1. Discussion of the real estate signs placed at the entrance to Pinesbridge Commerce Park, as an Economic Development Commissioner took exception to their placement in that they might detract from the park. This presents a dilemma; on the one hand, you want people to know there is a vacancy or property for sale in the park, and if you do not physically drive into the park, you would not know about any availability. Both signs currently up are in compliance with P&Z regulations. Questions on who owns the property. Town does have a right of way to the property and Ideal might own more of the property. D. Sorrentino

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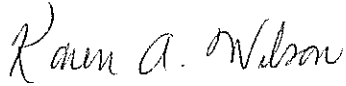
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asked if the signs could be placed at another location, possibly across the street. It was noted there is not much space to put a sign on. **M. Krenesky made motion to send a letter to the Economic Development Commission asking them their thoughts on this matter and if they agree that placement of signs is a part of selling and marketing, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

With no other business, **D. Sorrentino made motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 P.M. 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Wilson

Clerk for the Board of Selectmen, Regular Monthly Meeting – June 14, 2010

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