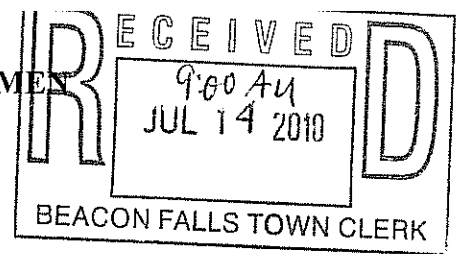


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First Selectman S. Cable called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:35 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Tfc. A. Cipriano, E. Groth, S. Dowdell, J .Dowdell, D. Scott, J. Blesse and a Chatfield Farms resident.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. E. Groth, 13 Laurel Ridge, asked if any progress had been made with regard to any union concessions. S. Cable noted medical insurance co-pays has gone to arbitration, adding there is meeting scheduled for July 15, 2010 to further discuss the matter. S. Cable also noted she cannot go into additional details at this time.
2. D. Scott, noted he had gotten a call from a woman asking why the Wolfe Avenue property would be torn down when the Town had purchased that property. S. Cable noted no decision has been on what to do with this property, adding that the Wolfe Avenue Exploratory Committee has been working with Architect Paul Bailey on the status of the building. She noted no decision will be made until it is discussed at a Town Meeting.
D. Scott also asked about status of addressing blight conditions, with S. Cable noting she will present a report on this later during the meeting.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes – 06/14/10. Regular Board of Selectmen Monthly Meeting. **D. Sorrentino made motion to approve Minutes as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All voted aye.**
2. Minutes – 06/16/10 –Town Meeting – Vote on 2010/2011 Municipal Budget. **DM. Krenesky made motion to accept Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

PPROVE BILLS ON SELECTMEN’S ORDER REGISTER

No problems with bills.

RESIDENT TROOPER AND CONSTABLES REPORT

Resident Trooper A. Cipriano presented June Report of Activities. (See attached report) Tfc. Cipriano pointed out that many people are leaving their vehicles unlocked, making it

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easy for people to steal GPS units. He also noted that a gun was left in an unlocked car and now it is missing. **D. Sorrentino made motion to accept report as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.** Board was happy to see Trooper Cipriano back on the job healthy.

D. Sorrentino asked how things were working out with regard to hiring officers from other Town's for private duty work. Tfc. Cipriano said this was working out well, as officers are pleased with getting paid at the overtime rate of the Corporal. He also noted these officers cannot go to a Town domestic.

S. Cable thanked the Police Department on behalf of D. Bousquet for its assistance at a recent matter. S. Cable also complimented the Department for its work at the recent fireworks display.

ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS

S. Cable felt new format being used by Public Works could be tweaked and felt the report was okay in its first presentation. She noted BOS would be meeting with Public Works and Town Engineer on Thursday, July 15, 2010.

D. Sorrentino said he is still trying to digest the new format, adding it is hard to relate the work being done with the number of hours worked.

D. Sorrentino made motion to accept the report as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. Discussion. Board felt there is no break out between the Street Department and Parks activities. S. Cable agreed this is a work in progress and there should be more detail. **All then voted aye to the motion.**

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

32 calls and 17 inspections were made in June2010. **D. Sorrentino made motion to accept report as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.** Clerk was advised to submit all monthly reports with submission of monthly meeting minutes to the Town Clerk.

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PARK AND RECREATION ACTIVITY REPORT

No report presented. S. Cable noted the July 11, 2010 fireworks were excellent. E. Groth said this was the first time he had attended the fireworks and they far exceeded his expectations.

M. Krenesky said he has been looking for a corporate sponsor to pay for the fireworks so that maybe next year, monies would not have to be taken from the Town's budget to pay for them. S. Cable felt it is not fair to keep asking the same local businesses for donations for so many things,.

REPORT OF FINANCE MANAGER

Board reviewed report submitted by M. Gomes. A list of transfers up to June 30, 2010 were included. S. Cable noted she had signed contract with Town Auditor and has high hopes audit will be completed in December. She also noted that Finance Manager has taken over Town Clerk's finances. **D. Sorrentino made motion to accept Finance Report as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye. D. Sorrentino made motion to recommend the budget transfers be turned over to the Board of Finance for its review and action, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

M. Krenesky made motion to accept Treasurer's Report as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye. S. Cable noted that STIF rate was 0.24%.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

No report. S. Cable noted Finance Director will now be handling the Town Clerk's Office financials. **M. Krenesky made motion to send memo to Town Clerk requesting a Monthly Report of other transactions going on in that office, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY

Report noted there were sixty-two (62) volunteer hours worked in June and two (2) deliveries were made by the Friends of the Library to homebound residents.

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S. Dowdell noted there are over one hundred (100) children in the Summer Reading Program and the Library is now doing on-line registrations. Chatfield Farms resident Doug Burke was also recognized for his commitment to the job of processing the 750 Middletown books staff.

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

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

No report submitted. Memo will be sent to Animal Control Officer asking him to submit monthly reports.

REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN

No report submitted. Memo will be sent to Custodian asking him to submit a monthly report.

REPORT OF THE TOWN NURSE

D. Sorrentino made motion to accept report of the Town Nurse as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

June Report. 17 fire calls were made, 29 emergency calls responded to with average response time of 5 minutes, 14 seconds.

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

REPORT ON BLIGHT CONDITIONS

S. Cable noted many citations have been sent out, with the violator given thirty (30) days to take care of the problem. D. Scott was told that the Building Official is following up on the issued citations. She told D. Scott that trailer he has been asking about will be taken away. S. Cable noted Board of Selectmen will be meeting with Zoning Enforcement Officer on July 15, 2010.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Beacon Hose Company No. 1 has been awarded a \$2500 grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection to be used for training,

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- water handling equipment, communications, prevention projects, safety supplies, suppression gear and other related issues.
2. S. Cable noted there will be a meeting on July 15, 2010 with regard to union negotiations.
 3. S. Cable noted there will be a meeting on July 15, 2000 with Board of Selectmen meeting with the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Public Works and Tax Collector.
 4. Letter received from resident Louise Bradley thanking the minibus drivers E. Dionne and L. Mennillo for all of their assistance to her after she recently broke her leg. She expressed her thanks for the great service provided by the Town. Letter will be sent to E. Dionne and L. Mennillo thanking them as well, along with a copy of L. Bradley's letter.
 5. Letter from the Tax Collector listing a total of tax refunds of \$448.83 to be made. **M. Krenesky made motion to approve payment of the tax refunds, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**
 6. S. Cable noted many letters and memos have been received from S. Posick. She noted she will be meeting with S. Posick and Town Engineer on Tuesday, July 13, 2010.
 7. Letter received noting the Union and Town will be meeting in arbitration to discuss employee medical insurance co-pays.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Letter received from the Wolfe Avenue Exploratory Committee with regard to consultant P. Bailey's report, asking for more detail on the structural analysis. It was noted that Committee member J. Petersen (former Town Building Official) would be meeting with BOS and would come up with some type of punch list on what should be done. J. Petersen wondered why small holes were not punched into the walls to see exactly what is present. Exploratory Committee feels consultant Bailey did not do everything he said he would do. S. Dowdell was concerned about a cost of \$300,000 plus to do additional remedial work and felt it is not fair to taxpayers to pay this additional expense. E. Groth asked if the building is taken down to the studs, then what is the significance of the historical status of the building. S. Cable added any action taken has to go to a Town Meeting.
2. S. Cable noted new Inland Wetlands regulations with regard to the aquifer have been approved by the DEP.
3. DEP also reminded Communities to take extra care with regard to burning and brush due to high heat and dry conditions.
4. S. Cable has not pursued conversation with custodian P. Colon with regard to the roof repairs.
5. S. Cable noted two (2) people are interested in purchased the former Grange Building. Town is still waiting for appraisals. S. Cable noted Town Attorney is having some difficulty coming up with something to compare the Grange

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- Building to. D. Sorrentino added that an experienced realtor should be able to come up with an appraisal.
6. S. Cable noted Requests for Proposals for heating and air-conditioning are in her office. S. Cable also noted State has approved the tank on Railroad Avenue for storage of diesel fuel.
 7. S. Cable will put together list of new, proposed and revisions to Ordinances.
 8. Phase I study of the Railroad Avenue Watkins property has been done.
 9. Depot Street Bridge reconstruction is going well.
 10. S. Cable noted she has maps of the Streetscape Enhance Project in her office. She had Chatfield resident R. Spear look at maps and plans, who had some suggestions with regard to safety and long-term maintenance.

NEW BUSINESS

1. S. Cable noted she has met with L. Appell who is interested in working as a Consultant to the Economic Development Commission. She noted nothing has been signed or agreed to; she has only met with Ms. Appell. S. Cable suggested profiling a different business once or twice a month on the Town's website. S. Cable also presented information put together by the Beacon Falls Merchants Association with regard to welcoming new residents to Town. She suggested having Town pay for postage to send this mailings out. M. Krenesky said he has concerns about using Town's postage meter for this. S. Dowdell noted Friends of the Library send out welcomes to new residents as well, with the Friends paying for the postage. S. Cable said Beacon Falls relies heavily on its volunteers and felt that sending out a few mailings is in compliance with goals of the Economic Development Commission to market the Town. D. Sorrentino asked what the packet would consist and how much it would cost to mail. It was noted there are monies in the EDC budget to cover this expense.
2. Discussion of an increase in fees proposed by Building Official A. Dubois. (see attached list of fee increases). **M. Krenesky made motion to adopt the increased fees as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.** M. Krenesky asked if this should be done with an Ordinance, with S. Cable noting she had checked on this and no Ordinance is needed.
3. Resolution presented on the Determination of the Selectmen and the Treasurer, Town of Beacon Falls (Rimmon Hill Area Sewer Project). S. Cable noted this is only a formality since the project has been completed, as Town is re-doing its bonds. **D. Sorrentino made motion to approve the resolution, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.** Board of Selectmen then signed document, with signature needed from Town Treasurer. Clerk will get signature and submit to Finance Manager.
4. S. Cable has met with Jeff Rudzauice with regard to some type of insurance for the Fire Department members. She is waiting to get more information.
5. Letter sent to Regional School District No. 16 with regard to meeting with them in September to discuss upcoming school year. Board of Selectmen feels it is

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important to meet with the Board of Finance as well so that both are on the same page and present a united front.

6. S. Cable noted some improvements will be made to the Beacon Falls Train Station.
7. D. Sorrentino noted he had met with webmaster R. Buzgo with regard to Town's website. He noted he will be paid for work done since March and has agreed to month to month contract. R. Buzgo noted website is getting from one hundred (100) to two hundred (200) hits a day. Board was curious as to who is actually going to the website.
8. M. Krenesky said he had spoken with Dr. Frank with regard to Woodland Regional High School being designated as a site to go to in case of an emergency. He said he knew of no Homeland Security Emergency Plan and would like to see a copy of this plan. The Senior Center is also designated as a sheltering site. M. Krenesky noted there is a new security at the High School.
9. M. Krenesky noted he is against Prospect's request to help pay for a water line that passes in front of the Tallmudge property (proposed site for a new school). **M. Krenesky made motion to send a letter to the Board of Education noting Town of Beacon Falls cannot support the request to help pay for the water line, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.** S. Cable wants this letter to be hand delivered as well as mailed to the Board of Education.

APPOINTMENTS

S. Cable noted there is an opening on the Conservation Commission and asked J. Blesse, Chairman of the Republican Town Committee to ask his members if anyone is interested in serving on this Commission. J. Blesse said he had someone in mind.

M. Krenesky noted E. Micklos is still interested in serving on the Economic Development Commission. S. Cable noted she is still waiting for an official resignation from K. Battaglino from that Commission.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

1. J. Blesse, noted the Rotary Club had received a letter from Beacon Falls Senior Citizens Organization's President E. Dionne, with regard to use of the Senior Center by the Rotary Club. J. Blesse noted the Rotary Club made sure to leave the building in good condition, adding that a picture had fallen off the wall, which they did offer to take care of. J. Blesse felt the language in the letter was very rough and should be toned down. S. Cable noted the Seniors do have priority for use of the Senior Center, but it is available to the Town for various uses. J. Dowdell said he was at the Rotary Meeting in question, and felt the building was left in the same condition it was when they arrived. He also noted that the building was locked after the Rotary's use of it.

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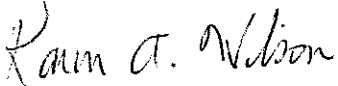
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BUDGET TRANSFER REQUESTS

Action taken on budget transfer requests earlier during the meeting.

With no other business, **D. Sorrentino made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M. 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Wilson

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

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