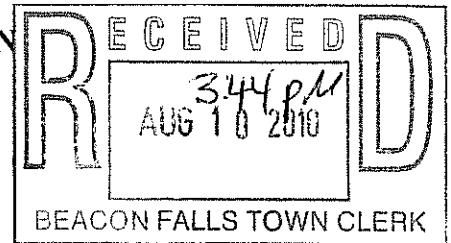


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First Selectman S. Cable called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:35 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by four year old Nicholas Bousquet.

S. Cable asked for a moment of silence in honor of those workers killed last week in Manchester.

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Lt. E. Rodriguez, E. Groth, S. Dowdell, D. Bousquet, M.E. Fernandes and M. Carralero.

D. Sorrentino made motion to open bids received for heating and air-conditioning after the Public Comment section of this Meeting, 2nd by M. Krenesky, All aye.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. S. Dowdell, 32 Wolfe Avenue, asked about the status of the 'Road to Nowhere'. S. Cable noted the land swap has been done, but nothing has been done officially and nothing is finalized at this point yet. She noted Attorneys on both sides are involved. D. Sorrentino noted he had spoken with J. Martin who had taken care of having certain tests done.
2. E. Groth asked what had been accomplished at the Special Board of Selectmen/Union Meeting. S. Cable noted agreement had been reached with regard to medical insurance co-pay by employees. S. Cable noted other concessions will be asked for.
3. E. Groth had concerns about the proposed Fire School to be located at the Commerce Park, and wondered how this could slip by the Board of Selectmen. S. Cable noted BOS does not know anything more than what was published in the newspapers. E. Groth felt that most people are against this Fire School, adding that a pilot reimbursement might not be all the Town wants it to be. S. Cable noted that for the last six (6) or seven (7) years, the Valley Fire Chiefs have been looking for a fire school location. She noted she had called Senator J. Crisco about this who noted that the Governor had agreed to approve funding to purchase the property at a cost of \$950,000. Everyone is concerned about the school in a location that would not generate any tax revenue for the Town. S. Cable noted Board of Selectmen has not officially talked about this issue, with both Selectmen D. Sorrentino and M. Krenesky adding they are still researching the matter and did not have any comment at this time. S. Cable noted Town Residents will have an opportunity to discuss the matter at a Town Meeting.

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4. M. Carralero, 87 September Lane noted the Town of Beacon Falls does not have a lot of available land to develop to generate tax revenue, and that land availability would be reduced because of the Fire School. He noted the Town has a low tax base, and asked how much money the Town would actually get back from this matter. He also asked if the Town would have to pay for training of its firefighters if the school were to be located in Beacon Falls. S. Cable said she is not in favor of the Fire School being built on eleven (11) acres of prime industrial property. She added she has asked to see some preliminary plans of the project but has not seen anything at this point.
5. D. Bousquet, past Fire Chief, noted there is a need for a Fire Training School, with E. Groth asking if that training could be provided once other schools have been upgraded.
6. M. Krenesky asked if the State could just come in and do what it wants with the Town's industrial property, with S. Cable noting the State could supersede the Town. S. Cable also noted most of what has been said is all here say, adding the Town should be kept in the loop of this project.
7. D. Bousquet, publicly wanted to thank the Beacon Falls Police Department, including Resident Trooper A. Cipriano and Officers Rubbo and Diaz for their professionalism when he recently needed their help for fourteen (14) hours. He added that the Police Department is not getting enough and urged the Board of Selectmen not to make any cuts to public safety. He added our 'Police force is top notch!' and he appreciates them.

Bids were opened by the Board of Selectmen with regard to the Air-Conditioning and Heating RFP's sent out. Please refer to attached quotes submitted for project.

M. Krenesky made motion to accept the bids as presented and to turn them over to the Fire Marshal for review and recommendation, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. M. Krenesky asked if Town could pick and choose from the bids presented, with S. Cable noting she would check on this, but felt Town could do this. **All then voted aye to the motion.**

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes – 07/12/10. Regular Board of Selectmen Monthly Meeting. D. Sorrentino noted a typo on page 1 which should be MK, not DM. **D. Sorrentino made motion to approve Minutes as corrected 2nd by M. Krenesky. All voted aye.**
2. Minutes – 07/15/10 – Special Board of Selectmen Meeting held in Executive Session. **S. Cable made motion to accept Minutes as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All voted aye with an abstention by D. Sorrentino.**
3. Minutes – 08/03/10 – Special Board of Selectmen Meeting held in Executive Session. **D. Sorrentino made motion to accept Minutes as presented, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

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PPROVE BILLS ON SELECTMEN'S ORDER REGISTER

S. Cable noted she is still checking on B. Miller's bills, with D. Sorrentino noting he is waiting for a breakdown to see what balances are still owed. D. Sorrentino noted he had asked Nafis & Young for a breakdown on Invoices dated March 31, 2010, February 28, 2010 and May 3, 2010.

RESIDENT TROOPER AND CONSTABLES REPORT

Lt. E. Rodriguez presented the Police Report for July 2010, noting 325 calls were responded to and 4 DWI's, 15 vehicles were broken into, 12 unites at the storage facility were broken into. There are also several arrest warrants to be issued. He added that July was one of the busiest months ever.

S. Cable suggested letter be sent to the Police Department congratulating them on the great police work they have been doing.

M. Krenesky asked if there would be any charges against person who left a gun in an unlocked vehicle, with E. Rodriguez noting there will be.

M. Krenesky also wanted to thank the Police Department for its handling of an investigation at the Town Hall.

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

ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS

D. Sorrentino felt he does not know how to comment on the report because it does not have enough details. S. Cable felt this Department has shown an improvement in its duties and felt it would continue on this path and it is up to the Selectmen to help and encourage this process.

D. Sorrentino that perhaps it might be his lack of knowledge on this to make any type of judgment, adding he still wants to see how much time it takes to get each project done. M. Krenesky agreed, adding that with seven (7) people in Public Works, are we getting hours for the bucks?

S. Cable added that perhaps the Selectmen then should ask all departments how much time it actually takes to complete a project. She also noted during the month of July, lots of vacation hours were used by Public Works employees. D. Sorrentino felt BOS should get this Department straightened out first before going to other Departments. D. Bousquet suggested the Road Foreman should first come to the Board of Selectmen. M.

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E. Fernandes noted the Public Works Foremen is not a clerical person and might need more direction from the BOS in what they actually want from him on his reports.

D. Sorrentino noted more issued are going through the First Selectman's Office than ever before, with S. Cable noting Public Works is using a tag system which puts a tag on every piece of equipment and who uses it and when.

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

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

M. Krenesky made motion to accept Wastewater Treatment Plant report as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye. S. Cable referred to above comments on the Public Works Department, noting no actual times are given for work done at the Treatment Plant.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

54 calls and 17 inspections were made in July 2010. Fire Marshal E. Rodriguez noted an incident which occurred recently on Watch Hill. Apparently a juvenile's father purchased fireworks and the 17 year old juvenile had an accident with those fireworks which did a lot of facial damage, adding this young man's life has been changed forever. The matter is still under investigation.

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

PARK AND RECREATION ACTIVITY REPORT

No report presented. Board noted the various concerts put on by the Commission have been well received and well attended.

REPORT OF FINANCE MANAGER

Board reviewed report submitted by M. Gomes. List of Budget Transfer Requests to end the June 30, 2010 fiscal year were presented. A report on expenses was also submitted, with M. Krenesky adding it would be helpful if Finance Manager included some type of summary sheet to BOS could know what to be on the lookout for.

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.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

No Tax Collector's Report was presented.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

M. Krenesky made motion to accept Treasurer's Report as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye. D. Sorrentino commented he wished interest rates were a little higher.

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.**

S. Cable noted there was nothing in Finance Manager's Report with report to Town Clerk's finances. Memo will be sent to Finance Manager about this.

REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY

No report was presented.

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Reports from February (21 complaints), March (21 complaints), April (23 complaints), May (27 complaints) and June (13 complaints) were submitted.

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

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

June Report. 15 fire calls were made, 46 emergency calls responded to with average response time of 9 minutes, 29 seconds. Comment noted response time is increasing.

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

REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN

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M. Krenesky made motion to accept report as presented, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. M. Krenesky would like to see more detail in this report. Memo will be sent to Custodian.
All voted aye to the motion.

REPORT OF THE TOWN NURSE

No report submitted.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. S. Cable noted she had recently met with regard to the Metro North Railroad Bridge at High Rock, adding this bridge will be repaired beginning sometime in the spring of 2012. Information will be provided at a future meeting to be held at the Senior Center.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Request from the Lions Club to hold its Annual Riverfest and Duck Race on Saturday, October 2, 2010 from 10:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Discussion on their request to clear some brush next to Volunteer Park on property the Town owns.
D. Sorrentino made motion to grant request to use specific areas for the Annual Riverfest and Duck Race on October 2, 2010, and to not allow the clearing of any brush as requested, 2nd by S. Cable. All aye.
2. Letter received from Nafis & Young with regard to removing the oil storage tanks. S. Cable noted Town is looking for monies to pay for this. Recommendation to use one (1) above ground storage tank to be possibly located at the Town Garage. Total cost: \$120,000.
3. A. SanAngelo will attend the Fundamentals of Economic Development & Planning to be held on Tuesday, August 31, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in Waterbury.
4. Letter received from Karen Battaglini resigning from the Economic Development Commission. M. Krenesky made motion to accept her resignation with regret, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.
5. Letter received Kathy Shugdinis resigning from the Board of Assessors. D. Sorrentino made motion to accept her resignation with regret, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.
6. Request for tax refunds totaling \$351.32. D. Sorrentino made motion to approve the payment of tax refunds, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.
7. Letter with regard to business grants and tax incentives.
8. Attorney D. Civitello has contacted Attorney Mendel to help with the Railroad Avenue Watkins property.
9. Inland Wetlands will be updating its regulations.
10. M. Krenesky asked for a clarification in the memo sent to some Town Departments with regard to a petty cash procedure, adding the memo sent was not

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that clear. Memo to indicate any monies over the \$150.00 should be deposited. Town Clerk's Office is still not on board with this request.

11. M. Krenesky noted Greg Farmer has indicated Town cannot apply for any more funds with regard to Historic Preservation until it has closed out the current \$5,000 grant received from them for the Wolfe Avenue Building study. He also noted CT Tourism might also have some funds available to the Town.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Wolfe Avenue Exploratory Committee. Letter received from Wolfe Avenue 'Lewis House' Exploratory Committee (see attached). Its recommendation is to demolish the structure on 35 Wolfe Avenue due to prohibitive costs involved. The Committee also recommended a new Committee be formed to look into a Library/Community Center by constructing a 19,000 sq. ft. building under the proposal reuse study. S. Cable spoke with Town Attorney D. Civitello, asking what the Town's next move should be. D. Civitello noted Town has to present plans for demolishing the building to the Planning & Zoning Commission for its review within thirty-five (35) days. M. Krenesky noted he had spoken with Historical person Mary Donahue who suggested the next step would be to do an adaptive reuse study (which has been done) and meet also with Greg Farmer and her to see how the Town could be helped with this. There is a difference between restoration and renovation, with M. Krenesky noting there is a standard procedure to follow to effectively get inside of a building to bring it to code. Board of Selectmen would like to meet with M. Donahue and G. Farmer to see what the State can offer the Town. S. Cable asked what actually are we restoring and what is the historic significance of this building, or did she miss something? D. Sorrentino said he likes the staircase in the house and asked how you qualify as an historic structure. S. Cable noted there is a fine line with regard to M. Krenesky serving as a Selectman as well as being the Town's Historian. S. Cable noted Town did not buy the house because it had some historical significance but because it was a good deal on a piece of Wolfe Avenue property. She added the Wolfe Avenue Exploratory Committee did exactly what it was charged to do. M. Krenesky felt the significance of Tracy Lewis in that property is of historical significance to the Town. He also cited the 'Heritage Corridor' being discussed and felt it is not right to eliminate something without further discussion. S. Cable also noted there could be some safety issues for those being allowed to tour the building. She added she is interested in some type of Community Center on that property. S. Dowdell noted the Exploratory Committee would like to see some type of recreation of the living and dining rooms in the new structure, adding this would be a re-creation, whether it be in an existing or new structure. M. Krenesky said this was not the meeting for this discussion.

D. Sorrentino made motion to thank the 'Lewis House' Exploratory Committee for doing what they were charged to do and to dismiss this Committee, 2nd by S. Cable. All voted with a NO vote from M. Krenesky.

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D. Sorrentino then made motion to have the Board of Selectmen meet with M. Donahue to get further information on funding, etc. 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.

M. Krenesky made motion to send any information to the Planning & Zoning Commission after that Meeting with M. Donahue, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.

2. M. Krenesky suggested having Finance Director close out the \$5,000 Historic Preservation Grant.
3. Discussion on the Grange. S. Cable noted appraisal of \$90,000 had come in for the Grange Building. It was agreed to go to bid again for the purchase of the Building, with bids to be opened at the September 13, 2010 Board of Selectmen Meeting. Discussion on whether or not to include a starting bid, with S. Cable noting she would look into proper wording of this.
4. S. Cable noted she had traveled to Portland, CT to see Brownstone Park owned by the Hayes Brothers. They will take a look at Matthies Park and Toby's Pond to see how some type of activities, i.e. kayaking, bicycling, zip lining might be established at Toby's Pond to bring in economic revenues to the Town. These activities would take place in a very natural setting. S. Cable and D. Sorrentino noted Toby's Pond is very clean and serves a purpose of slowing down the Naugatuck River.
5. Economic Development Commission sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen with regard to placement of signs at the Commerce Park suggesting that some type of simple sign be placed at the entrance to the park along with spaces to list which parcels are available and who to contact for additional information. Board felt letter should come from the Economic Development Commission rather than from its Chairman. No action will be taken as everyone agreed signage is needed to promote park activity.
6. Brief discussion on the Greenway and Streetscape Projects. D. Sorrentino noted he has had some parking concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

1. S. Cable noted taxes generated on Lots 1,2,3 & 5 in the Commerce Park is \$3,066.10 for these undeveloped parcels. S. Cable noted Dr. Dey has purchased Lot 11 to construct a medical building, which does abut Lot 5.
2. Board of Selectmen will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, August 12, 2010 at 1:30 P.M. to discuss Ordinances and some Department reorganization.
3. Board of Selectmen will hold another Special Meeting on Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 1:30 P.M. to take a road trip to look at properties with various issues such as water run-off problems throughout the Town.

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APPOINTMENTS

1. M Krenesky made motion to appoint Edward F. Micklos, 37 September Lane, to serve on the Economic Development Commission, filling the vacancy left with the resignation of Karen Battaglino, 2nd by D. Sorrentino. All aye.
2. S. Cable noted there is a vacancy on the Board of Assessors, the Inland Wetlands Commission and the Conservation Commission.
3. S. Cable would like to have a meeting of all of the Land Use Boards in September.

BUDGET TRANSFER REQUESTS

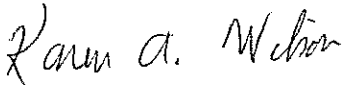
D. Sorrentino made motion to approve the Budget Transfer Requests presented by the Finance Director to present to the Board of Finance for its action, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No additional public Comment.

With no other business, **D. Sorrentino made motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 P.M. 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Wilson

Clerk for the Board of Selectmen, Regular Monthly Meeting – August 9, 2010

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