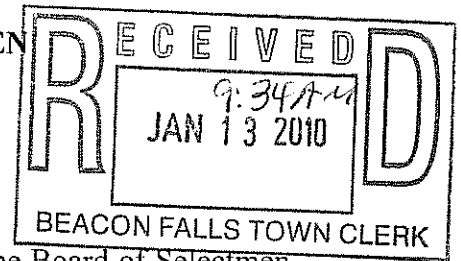


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First Selectman S. Cable called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:33 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** J. Dowdell, H. Mis, D. Daigle, E. Dionne, E. Grace, D. Bousquet, W. Mulinski and others.

S. Cable thanked everyone for their support upon the death of her father John Betkoski.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

1. W. Mulinski, representing the Friends of the Library noted the organization is planning on purchasing a stainless steel media return container to be placed at the lower level of Town Hall opposite the current the book drop container. She noted there is a need for this container. Cost is approximately \$2200 and will be paid for by the Friends. Board of Selectmen has no problem with this purchase. She also noted the bicycle racks will be purchased, the Scrabble Challenge will be held at the end of March 2010.
2. J. Dowdell, 32 Wolfe Avenue, asked about location of upcoming training sessions.
3. E. Dionne, Minibus Driver, gave a brief presentation on her duties as the minibus driver in response to concerns expressed by Selectman Krenesky at the last meeting. She noted there is a lot of paperwork to complete to comply with the grant award from WCAAA, Title III Funding. Some of this paperwork includes scheduling of riders, monies spent of gasoline and rider destinations, etc. She noted she did drive some of the seniors, who are all members of the Beacon Falls Senior Citizen Organization, to the AAA Travel Office in Waterbury and picked them up at that same location, never driving them to the airport. D. Sorrentino asked about the average monthly ridership, with S. Cable noting all of the information is provided on monthly reports prepared by K. Wilson. H. Mis thanked E. Dionne for giving this good presentation.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes – 12/14/2009. Regular Monthly Board of Selectmen Meeting. S. Cable noted there is a spelling correction for Jeffrey Krolik. **D. Sorrentino made motion to approve Minutes as corrected, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krenesky. All voted aye.**

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2. Minutes – 12/16/09 – Special Board of Selectmen Meeting with regard to Homeland Security. **M. Krenesky made motion to accept Minutes as corrected, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**
3. Minutes – 12/29/09 – Special Board of Selectmen Meeting with regard to Beacon View Village and Economic Development matters. **D. Sorrentino made motion to accept the Minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

S. Cable noted two (2) workshops were held because of suggestions made at the last BOS Meeting; the Economic Development and Beacon View Village workshop and the Homeland Security matters.

**APPROVE BILLS ON SELECTMEN'S ORDER REGISTER**

Bills on Selectmen's Order Register approved. S. Cable noted K. Wilson is working on letters to Brian Miller and Nafis & Young with regard to their billing procedures.

**RESIDENT TROOPER AND CONSTABLES REPORT**

November report was submitted. There were 408 calls during December 2009. **D. Sorrentino made motion to accept the report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krenesky. All aye.** S. Cable noted Officer G. Gallo had been injured on the job but he was due back at work.

**ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS**

**M. Krenesky made motion to accept the Road Foreman's Report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

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

Board of Selectmen had questions as they reviewed the lists of work done with both Street Department and Parks, wondering how much time and how many men were doing the jobs, and is there enough work being done by the seven (7) employees to keep them busy during a five (5) day workweek.

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT**

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

S. Cable noted a nice article with photo appeared in 'The Waterwheel', a quarterly newsletter from Atlantic States Rural Water and Wastewater Association.

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**FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT**

**D. Sorrentino made motion to accept the Fire Marshal's Report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krenesky. All aye. 25 Inspections were made and 41 calls check on.**

**PARK AND RECREATION ACTIVITY REPORT**

No report submitted.

**REPORT OF FINANCE MANAGER**

S. Cable reviewed report as presented, noting a transfer of \$18,894 is being requested to come from Fire Department's revenue to a new Fire Department Site Improvement line item.

**S. Cable made motion to accept the Finance Manager's Report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye. M. Krenesky made motion to approve the \$18,894 transfer of funds as requested, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

S. Cable noted the Board of Finance will analyze this report in depth at its January 12, 2010 Monthly Meeting

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

S. Cable noted that even though economic times are tough, tax revenue has been coming in with Finance Manager being very pleased. **M. Krenesky made motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

Reports for December 2009 and January 2010 were submitted. **D. Sorrentino made motion to accept the reports as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

Town Clerk turned over \$3,393.88 to the Town as part of conveyance and other permit fees. **D. Sorrentino made motion to accept Town Clerk's Report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

**REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY**

No report submitted.

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**REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN**

**D. Sorrentino made motion to accept the Custodian's Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krenesky. All aye.** M. Krenesky noted there seems to be a photo cell problem with timer for outside lights at Town Hall as they are on until 11:00 in the morning. He will speak to Custodian again about this.

**REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

**M. Krenesky made motion to accept the Animal Control Officer's three (3) latest monthly reports, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

**REPORT OF THE TOWN NURSE**

No report was submitted.

**REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

There were 36 emergency medical calls in the month of December 2009, with an average response time of 8.25 minutes.

**D. Sorrentino made motion to accept the Fire Department's Report as submitted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Copy of letter sent to S. Knapik from O&G noting they have completed the work at Toby's Pond. Signage and traffic control have been addressed.
2. Copy of letter sent to the Economic Development Commission with regard to economic development in the Town.
3. Proposal for heating the Town Garage received from Olsen's. D. Sorrentino will look further into this. Board agreed that this should go out to bid. Specs will be needed.
4. Meeting will be rescheduled on 'Pride in America'.
5. Courses are being offered at Naugatuck Valley Community College. K. Wilson is in charge of enrollment and scheduling with the College.
6. Letter received from Beacon Hose Company, noting they want to send four (4) of its members to training in Derby at a cost of \$600 per student. They will try to go for a grant for funds to outfit each person at a cost of \$1600 each.
7. Thank you from Woodland High School's Cross Country Team, noting they are grateful for being able to use Matthies for part of its training.

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8. Tax refund requested by Tax Collector for overpayment of taxes totaling \$1625.00. **D. Sorrentino made motion to approve the tax refund overpayments, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krenesky. All aye.**
9. Information received from CRRA with regard to what will happen to our garbage in the future. Information will be left in Selectmen's drawer for their review.
10. Letter from L. Siemenski with regard to failure of Town Clerk's office to deal with Hunting and Fishing Likenesses, resulting in a resident not being helped by this Town Clerk's Office.

**NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

1. S. Cable noted she would like to attend a Green Energy Expo to be held at the Mohegan Sun at a cost of \$20.00. She asked other Selectmen if they might be interested as well, adding they have been very diligent about attending various seminars, workshops and programs.
2. TPA has completed its Matthies Park Plan. The next step is asking the Park and Recreation Commission for a priority list.
3. S. Cable had exciting news about the Town's cell towers, noting Maxton Company has taken over the handling of this matter. Town now has its own account and will be getting more money in the future. She also noted there is a one (1) time contribution of \$1500 to pay for our 911 service. Board was happy to hear more revenue would be coming in.
4. S. Cable noted Wolfe Avenue Exploratory is in process of reviewing architecture firms and will be making its recommendations. M. Krenesky noted he has spoken with a grandson of Tracey Lewis who has expressed an interest in looking at the house before the Town does anything with it.
5. S. Cable noted Mariano case had been settled in the Town's favor, adding the Town did everything by the book.
6. Resident F. Mis has been trying to get a location in Beacon Falls where people can pay certain bills without cost. S. Cable will have his flyers put in various locations in Town.
7. S. Cable noted State Representative T. Conroy and State Senator J. Crisco recently held office hours in the Town Hall Assembly Room. This will continue to be done a few times throughout the year. S. Cable noted both were given information about the repeal of Public Act 149. Copy of Town's Ordinance with regard to Local Elections will be sent to Senator Coleman for his continued work to have that act repealed. Board questioned whether or not the repeal might be necessary because of the Town's revised Ordinance on the local elections.
8. D. Sorrentino reminded Board of its intent to review the Fireman's Service Award and would like to set up a date and time for this. S. Cable suggested sometime the first week in February.
9. S. Cable noted that various changes are being suggested for some Town Departments, adding she would be discussing this with the Union first.

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10. D. Sorrentino asked if Town had signed an agreement with regard to using the new Energy Company. S. Cable noted letter had been to sent to D. Rybinski, Chairman of the Energy Improvement Board, but no response has been received. Letter will be sent to D. Rybinski asking about the status of this.
11. D. Sorrentino and M. Krenesky will be attending the COST Connecticut Town Meeting 2010 on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center.
12. Region No. 16 Superintendent J. Augustine has scheduled a walkway on Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. to tour the Tallmadge property in Prospect to investigate building alternatives. S. Cable asked D. Sorrentino and M. Krenesky to go on the tour.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. S. Cable asked Selectman Krenesky to spend time in the Town Clerk's Office to review what is done in that office and to evaluate what he sees by the next BOS Meeting. D. Sorrentino was asked to do the same in the Tax Collector's Office. S. Cable noted evaluation and observations have also been going on at Public Works and a change in hours was recently implemented at the Police Department. This is all being done to make the running of the Town more efficient.
2. M. Krenesky will get additional information on the Bicycle Community Symposium.
3. M. Krenesky would like to see some type of letter go to the Department of Transportation with regard to two (2) deteriorating retaining walls on Route 42 and South Main Street.

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. **S. Cable made motion to appoint Christopher Bielik, 119 Rice Lane, to serve on the Conservation Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye.** This appointment makes the Conservation Commission a full Commission. S. Cable noted Commission is in compliance with the correct political affiliations.
2. S. Cable noted she had spoken with C. Edwards who expressed his interest in continuing to serve on the W.P.C.A. **M. Krenesky made motion to re-appoint C. Edwards to serve on the W.P.C.A. 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**
3. As per the Special Board of Selectmen Meeting held on December 16, 2009, **D. Sorrentino made motion to appoint Jeremy Rodorigo and K. Kurt Novak, representing the Fire Department and EMS, to serve as Assistant Coordinators, working with E. Rodriguez, for Homeland Security, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

S. Cable noted Town Clerk's Office has not completed the updated list of Board and Commission members, adding she wants to make some changes in the list to include Elected Officials and Employees.

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**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. H. Mis, Registrar of Voters, asked exactly what will be done in the Town Clerk's Office concerning the observations by Selectman M. Krenesky and how this would be monitored. S. Cable responded no formal plans have been made yet. H. Mis added she has offered suggestions many times and felt proper procedure is not always followed, citing a problem with signatures obtained by a person interested in running for office. She added that as an Elected Official she does her job and was not happy with language spoken to her in the Town Clerk's Office, adding she could get people to testify as to what happened. She added it is not up to the Registrars to help out in the Town Clerk's Office. S. Cable responded that the Board of Selectmen is aware of this and is taking proper steps to take care of the matter.

**M. Krenesky made motion to go into Executive Session at 8:45 P.M. to discuss personnel matters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

Board came out of Executive Session at 9:00 P.M. and meeting was called back to order.

D. Sorrentino made motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 P.M. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krenesky. All aye.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen A. Wilson*

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