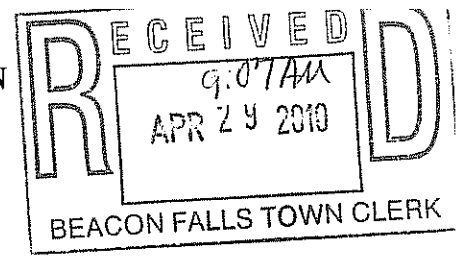


BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
APRIL 28, 2010  
MINUTES  
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First Selectman S. Called a Special Meeting of the Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen to order at 10:10 A.M. in the First Selectman's Office.

**PRESENT:** First Selectman S. Cable, Selectmen D. Sorrentino.

**ABSENT:** Selectman M. Krenesky.

**ALSO PRESENT:** J. Blesse.

**D. Sorrentino made motion to adjourn this Special Meeting at 10:10 A.M. so that First Selectmen could discuss some matters with Town Attorney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Cable All aye.**

Meeting was called back to order at 10:20 A.M. S. Cable noted she had spoken with Town Attorney D. Civitello with regard to some matters with the Call for Special Town Meeting to vote on Town's Municipal Budget.

Attached to these Minutes is an email from Selectman M. Krenesky received April 28, 2010..

S. Cable noted she called this Special Meeting to validate the scheduling of the Town Meeting on May 5, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at the Beacon Falls Senior Center to vote on the Town Budget. She noted that after the April 20, 2010 Public Hearing held to discuss the Town Budget, the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen met jointly and agreed to set the Town Meeting to vote on the Town Budget for Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at the Senior Center.

S. Cable also noted notice of this Special Meeting included the fact that after the Meeting, the Board of Selectmen would be traveling to Hartford to attend a C.O.S. T. (CT Council of Small Towns) Meeting.

S. Cable noted that her discussion with Town Attorney addressed the publishing of the Legal Notice today, April 28, 2010 announcing the May 5, 2010 Town Meeting to vote on the Town Budget. She added that the Board of Selectmen still have to hold the May 5<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting. She also noted Town Attorney will do more research on the matter.

Brief discussion on budget figures included on the Call for the Town Meeting.

J. Blesse wants the taxpayer to have a better understanding of how the budget process works; noting taxpayers only get one (1) tax bill, which includes both the School and Town's budgets. There is no separate tax bill for the Town Budget and another one for the School Budget. He feels the Town and its taxpayers have no control over the School

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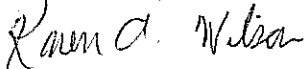
budget, adding that many new voters in the Town need a clearer perspective on how this all works.

Clerk K. Wilson, speaking as a resident and Municipal Employee, noted people should be aware of where their taxes are going, noting that most times, more money is spent on the School Budget than on the Municipal side of the Budget. People should become more educated because many do not understand how this all works.

S. Cable felt the Town should have been notified back in October 2009 when school enrollment is completed, that there was a shift in the population of Beacon Falls, which would indicate Beacon Falls would have to pay more because of an increase in the number of Beacon Falls students. This information would have prepared the Town to plan for a change in the Budget.

With no other business, **D. Sorrentino made motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 10:30 A.M. 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Cable. All aye.**

Respectfully submitted,

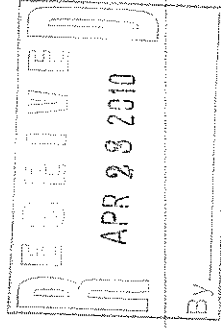


Karen A. Wilson

Clerk for the Board of Selectmen

APR 29 2010

From: Mike Krenesky <krenesky@snet.net>  
 To: Sue Cable <SusanACable@aol.com>; Dominick Sorrentino <dssbooks@aol.com>  
 Cc: Karen Wilson <ksomwil@aol.com>; John Blesse <johnb@dybrands.com>; Kurt Novak <ace911emt@yahoo.com>  
 Subject: April 28th 10am Meeting related to Town Budget  
 Date: Wed, Apr 28, 2010 9:35 am



Please read the following into the minutes for this meeting:

I vote not to support sending the Municipal Budget to a Town Vote on May 5th. I am mightily concerned and disappointed that assumptions and actions were taken related to this topic before the Board of Selectmen met to discuss these next steps. I cannot and will not endorse the action taken by my fellow BOS members by voting to send this to a Town meeting under these circumstances .

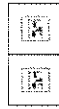
Reasons:

1. I do not understand why the call/legal notice for the Town Meeting on May 5th was signed by 1st Selectman Cable and Selectman Sorrentino and then released/posted by the Town Clerk's Office on April 27th, the day before the April 28th meeting that has been scheduled to vote on that meeting and legal notice.
2. The legal notice for the meeting has been published in the Waterbury Republican newspaper on this day, April 28th, when we have not yet voted to do so.
3. I do not agree that last year's Regional School Budget dollar figure should be used when the proposed 2010-11 number has been available for several weeks. The final Town Budget dollars are approximately \$601,000 lower that what is being proposed.

MAK

Michael A Krenesky (R), Selectman & Municipal Historian  
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