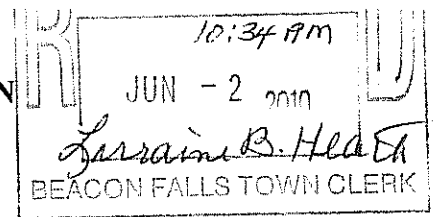


BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 1, 2010  
MINUTES  
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First Selectman S. Called a Special Meeting of the Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen to order at 11:35 A.M. in the Board of Selectmen's Conference Room.

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

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** H. Daniels.

S. Cable noted she called this Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting to discuss some items before the regular June 14, 2010 BOS Meeting.

1. The Valley-N Track organization would like to use the former Grange building, but Town would have to take care of expenses. S. Cable noted if the building were to be used by the general public, then the Town would have to bring the building up to code. She noted that in its current condition, the Town cannot use or rent out the facility. S. Cable also noted the last Town Meeting held on the Grange voted to sell the building. She noted two (2) bids were received, but the bids came in too low.

D. Sorrentino suggested bringing up the building to code and possibly using the building for some type of training. M. Krenesky felt Town should either bring up the building to code or sell it.

D. Sorrentino suggested taking off the top part of the building and then putting up some type of steel building to be used for storage. M. Krenesky noted the building is able to support a whole first floor structure, with S. Cable noting Town Engineer said the same thing.

**M. Krenesky made motion to send a letter to Valley –N Track informing them that while the Town appreciates their interest in using the facility; the Town will pursue selling the building, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

2. Discussion on the Watkins property. Board noted it had reviewed information submitted by Attorney D. Civitello. S. Cable noted property owner owes Town back taxes. If Town were to take the property in lieu of those back taxes, Town would have an easier securing Brownfields funds to solve any environmental issues, than a private business would.

M. Krenesky felt if Town owned this building it would be a better building than the Grange building to own. **D. Sorrentino made motion to take the Watkins property on Railroad Avenue for back taxes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krenesky. All aye.**

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3. Discussion on Toby's Pond. S. Cable noted she would be going up to Portland, CT to see what they are doing and invited both Selectmen to go with her if they can. S. Cable noted more signage is needed. She also noted the Scouts and Rotary are interested in working on some type of Community project, suggesting they might be able to clean up the area to accommodate some type of launch area. She would like to utilize volunteers rather than spend tax dollars to do something with the property. She noted she still has concerns about safety issues. S. Cable also noted the park would not open until after Woodland High School starts classes and not before the school day starts.

D. Sorrentino suggested the Rotary or Scouts create some type of survey with regard to the future of Toby's Pond and what people want to do with it. After brief discussion, **M. Krenesky made motion to have the Town create some type of survey with regard to future of Toby's Pond and have either the Scouts or Rotary implement the distribution, etc of it, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

4. Discussion of road paving. S. Cable noted some work is to be done on West Road. S. Cable noted Public Works Foreman suggested using P. Betkoski's paving box at a cheaper cost. S. Cable noted she would not be able to vote on the matter. **M. Krenesky made motion to have the Road Foreman get three (3) prices on cost of renting a paving box, which will then be acted upon by the Board of Selectmen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

5. Discussion of the Poplowski property water problems. S. Cable noted Nafis & Young had come up with two (2) options. Cost of option 1 is \$12,000 to \$14,000. Cost of option 2 is \$6,000 to \$7,000. S. Cable noted option 2 is the direct solution.

S. Cable felt this problem is not totally the Town's problem, with M. Krenesky adding that problem occurred with Town allowed homes to go in. Discussion on who is responsible to pay for the solution to the problem, with general consensus that perhaps cost to remedy the situation be shared by the homeowner and the Town in some way. S. Cable noted Engineer J. Galligan came up with estimates for both option 1 and option 2. She added that the Town has to make a decision on how to handle this.

D. Sorrentino asked how the groundwater would be handled, adding he had spent time with Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer D. Keating.

**M. Krenesky made motion that the Board of Selectmen will take a look at the property with Town Engineer J. Galligan and Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer D. Keating, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

S. Cable will contact J. Galligan and D. Keating to set up dates for inspection of properties discussed.

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6. Economic Development Commission. S. Cable noted she had invited Liz Appal to attend the Economic Development Commission's Breakfast on June 9, 2010 at the Senior Center. Ms. Appal has come highly recommended to work as a part-time consultant to the EDC Commission.

S. Cable also noted Town of Beacon Falls is in very good shape according to the most recent CEDS report.

S. Cable noted that Dan-Mart has been looking into having some type of hot dog cart. She will check into this further to find out exactly what he wants to do. M. Krenesky added taking advantage of the river is a good idea.

With no other business, **M. Krenesky made motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 12:00 P.M. 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen A. Wilson*

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