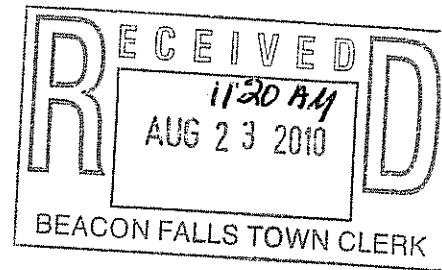


**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2010
(Draft Copy – Subject to Revision)**



The Board of Selectmen met in Special Session (Travel to sites) for the purpose of discussion and possible action on issues reported by residents related to their property and water runoff/drainage and Traffic/sight line problems. In addition the Selectmen visited Town Parks with a representative from the Brownstone Exploratory & Discovery Park to review possible improvements to the Parks.

Meeting began (leave Town Hall) at 1:30 P.M.

Present: First Selectman Susan Cable, Selectman Dominick Sorrentino, and Selectman Michael Krenesky.

Absent: None

Also Attended: Park & Recreation Commissioner Joe Rodorigo and Sean Hayes, Brownstone Exploratory & Discovery Park Representative (<http://brownstonepark.com/>)

Selectman M. Krenesky asked to act as Temporary Clerk for the meeting.

1. Traveled to Town Parks – General comment from Sean Hayes – “Each park has unique characteristics.”
 - a. Volunteer Park
 - i. Discussion on history and current status.
 - ii. Town activities and river use and access.
 - b. Veterans Park
 - i. Discussion on history and current status.
 - c. Riverbend Park
 - i. Discussion on history and current status.
 - ii. Discussion on improving landing/launch area to make it better for canoes & kayaks.
 - d. Toby’s Pond Recreation Area
 - i. Discussion on history and current status.
 - ii. Sean Hayes discussed possible improvements & development ideas. He suggested that the Town consider the direction of a commercial operation vs. Town operation. Suggestion of phased build-out of activities over several years. Main thought: take advantage of the length of the pond.
 1. Possible activities that may fit the layout of the property
 - a. Wake boarding, Water Skiing, Para-sail/Kite-sailing, swimming area
 - b. Use of motorized watercraft, jet-ski, etc

- c. Town Fireworks from barge in pond
 - d. Concerts
 - 2. Development issues/comments
 - a. Parking – appears adequate with realignment of the driveway
 - b. Entrance – trestle area concerns, review if possible to access via O&G Property
 - c. Develop beach area and include building an amphitheater grassy area.
 - d. Shuttle people from train station
 - e. Depth of pond may drive type of activities
 - e. Matthies Park
 - i. Discussion on history and current status.
 - ii. Discussed TPA Study and improvements to park, grant funding and issue of keeping park resident only.
 - iii. Discussion related to pond depth – shallow pond may impair improvements related to water activities.
 - f. Next Steps
 - i. Sean Hayes to review opportunities at Toby's Park and report back to 1st Selectman/Board of Selectmen.
 - g. Recessed this portion of meeting at 3:10 P.M.
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- 2. Traveled to 655 Skokorat Road (3:20 P.M.) – Ploss Residence
 - a. Sight line issue related to plantings on border with Chatfield Farms main driveway. Both properties have overgrown plants.
 - b. Discussion related to Town setback/right-of-way, current split-rail fence on Ploss property, and plantings.
 - c. Reviewed concept of moving fence and plantings to align along property line. Town Engineer to be asked to review and make recommendation.
 - d. **MOTION: by D. Sorrentino, 2nd M. Krenesky to send letter to Ploss family detailing what steps are recommended and actions to be taken. All Aye.**
 - 3. Traveled to 486 Skokorat Road – Poplaski Residence
 - a. Water run off issue. Town project repaving Skokorat road, adding storm water drainage, and new curbing has directed storm water onto property at 490 Skokorat Road (Holzman Residence). Water course from stormwater pipe travels to and seeps under gravel driveway at 490 Skokorat Road causing wet & muddy conditions in backyard of 486 Skokorat Road. There is storm water drain on driveway, but water does not drain into this area as the drain is built higher than surrounding land.

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- i. Discussion on what are original conditions of approval, which might define who is responsible to maintain swale, driveway, and storm water drain along driveway.
 - ii. Property owner explained issue and possible solution.
 - iii. Possible to pipe water directly to drain along driveway, but may cause issue on properties below these houses
 - iv. Possible to install curtain drains along driveway to direct water in controlled manner onto Poplaski property.
- b. MOTION: by D. Sorrentino, 2nd M. Krenesky to send letter to Poplaski family detailing what steps are recommended and actions to be taken. All Aye.**

4. Traveled to 41 Edgewood Road – Grohs Residence
- a. Drainage issue from brook/water runoff related to development (houses located off Avenue D) above the Grohs property.
 - i. Discussion on Town providing material (pipe) to resident that could be used in project paid for by Resident.
 - ii. 1st Selectman to follow up with resident.

Returned to Town Hall – 4:03 P.M.

Motion to Adjourn at 4:04 P.M. by D. Sorrentino, 2nd by M. Krenesky. All aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Krenesky, Selectman

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