



**TOWN OF BEACON FALLS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN MEETING**

To approve the transfer of \$50,000 from the sale of the Grange Property to Special Projects including the Streetscape Enhancement Project and the Community Project and to Transfer \$103,000 from Unbudgeted Grants to the Streetscape Enhancement Project and to re-appoint Tanya Gutierro to serve as Beacon Falls Representative to the Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

(Draft copy-subject to revision)

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

S. Cable called the Town Meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:35 P.M.

Present: S. Cable, D. Sorrentino and M. Krenesky and approximately 50 town residents

The Clerk L. Classey read the call.

N. Grace, 45 Cedar Lane motioned to accept the call. A. Goerig, 65 Cambridge Court 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

S. Cable explained for clarification purposes that they would be transferring or appropriating funds which were recommended for accounting purposes only. It was suggested that for clarification purposes that this go before the town so that everyone knew where the money was coming from.

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M. Krenesky motioned to nominate L. Classey as permanent clerk for this meeting. B. Ploss, 655 Skokorat Road 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

C. Bielick, 119 Rice Lane Extension motioned to nominate S. Cable as permanent moderator. J. Rodrigo 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

The Clerk asked 3 times if there were any other nominations. With no further nomination, the clerk cast one vote and S. Cable was the permanent moderator.

N. Grace, 45 Cedar Lane, motioned to have a show of hands be the accepted voting method. G. Komarowski, 15 2nd Street 2nd the motion. 45 residents voted to have a show of hands be the voting method.

S. Cable explained that they sold the Grange for \$50,000 and the money is on a balance sheet. They have not done anything with the money as of yet. She noted that both the BOF and BOS recommended that the money be split between the Streetscape project and the Community/Media Center with the priority being the Streetscape. She also noted that they will be transferring \$103,000 from unbudgeted grants. S. Cable noted that Beacon Falls received almost a million dollars in grant money for the Streetscape and that the town's portion of this project will be 20% or \$205,000. She explained that this project has been 9 years in the making and it is a step towards the downtown revitalization project. S. Cable explained that they have some grant money (\$40,000) for land acquisition and economic improvements. S. Cable noted another grant for Riverbend Park and come CRRA money. She asked Tony SanAngelo to explain the project.

T. SanAngelo explained that this project has been going on for 10-11 years. They have received approximately \$500,000 in grant money combined with Naugatuck for Volunteer/Veterans Park and to do the Steele Bridge south of route 42. He noted that they had 2 engineering firms and worked with the DOT in order to continue the walkway from Thomaston to Derby. He noted that monies were held up due to the bump out concerns and there was frustration going through the process with DOT especially since there were 2 engineering firms.

S. Cable explained that this was the same process to re-do the bridge. She also noted that if we give back the grant, the town will not be looked well upon for future grants.

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It was noted that this is part of the program for the walkway from Thomaston to Derby.

M. Krenesky noted that for point of order that in order to fulfill the 20% obligation to complete the project the town would need to come up with \$205,000 and this transfer is not for the full amount. M. Krenesky also noted that they did vote to share the Grange money between the Community Media Center and the Streetscape but the explanation is now calling for the full \$50,000 to go to the Streetscape. S. Cable noted that the request for the transfer if \$50,000 is for Special Projects.

K. McDuffy, P&Z explained that the O&G money was not a gift. The \$41,000 was from the money that O&G made on working Toby's Pond.

It was also mentioned that P&Z tabled this discussion at their meeting until they had more information.

It was noted that the vote tonight is not for the full amount needed of \$205,000.

A discussion continued. K. Grace, 45 Cedar Lane began to make a motion but R. Minnick wanted to make a comment before the motion was made. A bit of confusion took place between the two.

R. Minnick, 147 Cedar Lane explained that the \$41,000 was from an agreement from O&G that the money was specifically for Toby's Pond and was meant to be used for maintenance of the town. R. Minnick wanted this noted because he said that other monies have been earmarked for certain things and it did not end up going to where it was supposed. He said it has disappeared in the past. PARD 4 was also discussed.

More discussion and confusion took place with regards to point of order at this meeting and Roberts Rules as to whether a discussion could take place before or after the motion was on the floor.

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R. Minnick noted that because S. Cable mentioned the \$41,000, it was OK for him to discuss the \$41,000 and noted that it was earmarked specifically for maintenance of Toby's Pond.

S. Cable noted that the meeting has to stay focused on what the call was which are transfers.

K. Grace, 45 Cedar Lane, motioned that we transfer \$50,000 from the sale of the Grange Property to a line item called Streetscape and/or Community Center. G. Komarowski, 2nd St., 2nd the motion. 42 people voted aye. 4 people voted against it. 3 people abstained.

J. Rodrigo, 44 Bonna Street, motioned to transfer \$103,000 from unbudgeted grants to the Streetscape enhancement project. N. Grace, 45 Cedar Lane, 2nd the motion. 42 people voted aye. 4 people voted against the motion and 5 people abstained.

N. Grace, 45 Cedar Lane, motioned to re-appoint Tanya Gutierro to serve as Beacon Falls Representative to the Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District. G. Komarowski, 2nd Street, 2nd the motion. All voted aye (52 people).

N. Grace motioned to adjourn the meeting. J. Fitzpatrick, Skokorat Road 2nd the motion. All voted aye. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Classey

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