BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOCK TOWN MEETING

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WOODLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL OCTOBER 25, 2011

MINUTES

(Draft Copy - Subject to Revision)

First Selectman S. Cable called a Mock Town Meeting to Order at 7:05 P.M. with the Pledge to the Flag. Meeting was held at Woodland Regional High School.

Also Present: Selectman M. Krenesky.

Clerk read call of Meeting. Motion made and seconded to accept the call. All aye.

- S. Cable welcomed students and other interested citizens to this forum and gave a brief explanation of the difference between a Town Meeting, Public Hearing and a Board of Selectmen's Meeting.
- M. Krenesky explained the difference between a Town using State Statutes, Local Ordinances or a Charter to govern. S. Cable noted the importance of the Legislative Body as the citizens who have the right to vote at Town Meetings. It was noted legal voting age is 18. S. Cable added that younger citizens can attend Board and Commission meetings to bring up something they might be interested in. Even though a person younger than eighteen (18) cannot vote at these meetings, they can still be heard.

Students were asked to come to the microphone, give their name and address and present their question or comment.

Some of the questions, comments included:

- Give an explanation of the Streetscape Project currently going on Main Street.
- When is the Town going to get a ladder truck. Board of Finance Member and
- M. Krenesky explained the various ways funding for various expenditures or projects might be obtained (i.e. borrowing funds, leasing, bonding, etc.)
- Can a big truck be parked on a residential street in front of a residence.
- Tear down the Pent Road Pavilion and build a swimming pool in its place.
- Explain the Naugatuck River Walkway Project.
- Is there a possibility of raising the speed limit on parts of Main Street.
- Are they any plans for a Community Center to be built so teens have a place to go to study and socialize with friends.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Mock Town Meeting at 8:10 P.M. All aye.

S. Cable thanked everyone for attending and encouraged the students to get involved in their Community.

Respectfully submitted,

Laun a. Wilson

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