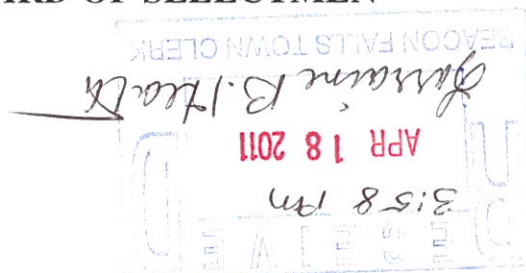




Town of BEACON FALLS *Connecticut*

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN Regular Monthly Meeting April 11, 2011 MINUTES (Draft Copy-Subject to Revision)

First Selectman S. Cable called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Approximately 5 town residents

PUBLIC COMMENTS

B. Mariano asked who was responsible for picking up dead animals on the road. He noted that there was a dead raccoon on Main Street for 2 weeks now between Beacon Falls Market and Beacon Falls Pizza. S. Cable noted that she will have it taken care of.

A. Odell, explained that he is planning on doing a scout project at Riverbend Park and needs to get some signatures from the Park Pals. He is planning on putting up some bushes between the parks and the street and also put up some birdhouses. S. Cable noted that they have not yet turned over the responsibility of the park to Parks and Rec or Conservation. She noted it was a great idea. M. Krenesky noted that he was approached by A. Odell weeks ago and the two of them took a walk to the park to look over the park. M. Krenesky gave A. Odell the original

plans and told him about the possibility of grant funds. S. Cable noted that they will talk about this under new business.

T. O'Connell, noted that the sidewalks at the town hall are very dangerous with holes and cracks everywhere. S. Cable noted that was supposed to be part of the bond package and they will need to talk about it now. M. Krenesky noted that most if the hill is in the same condition.

S. Cable noted that the month of April is Volunteer month and that they will be sending thank you notes to everyone including the Fire Department and asked that everyone remember to thank all their buddies.

S. Cable noted that opening day on her list states that it's 1:00 and is usually 12:00.

S. Cable noted that they received a certificate of appreciation from Cub Pack 2010 for their support.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 14, 2011 - Regular

M. Krenesky motioned to accept the minutes. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

March 15, 2011 - Budget Workshop

M. Krenesky motioned to accept the minutes. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

March 21, 2011 -BOS BUDGET Meeting

M. Krenesky noted that on page 2 where it says attached are the budget cuts from Selectman Krenesky, he wanted to clarify that statement as it was a list of possible cuts to show what it meant to illustrate how deep they would have to cut if they started talking layoffs.

D. Sorrentino motioned to accept the minutes with the correction noted. M. Krenesky 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

March 22, 2011

D. Sorrentino motioned to accept the minutes. M. Krenesky 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

April 5, 2011

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D. Sorrentino motioned to accept the minutes. M. Krenesky 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

S. Cable noted that mail is not being put in their mail box every day and should be by the end of every day. S. Cable noted that she will take care of it.

April 7, 2011

M. Krenesky motioned to accept the minutes. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. all voted aye.

APPROVE BILLS ON THE SELECTMAN'S ORDER REGISTER

M. Krenesky wanted to make a general comment that his is still concerned by the amount of work that is being produced by the Planning and Zoning Clerk and what we are being charged for those services.

RESIDENT TROOPER AND CONSTABLES REPORT

D. Sorrentino motioned to accept February Report. M. Krenesky 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS

M. Krenesky motioned to accept the report. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

It was noted that they like the new format as a result of the memo that was put out.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

M. Krenesky motioned to accept the report. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

It was noted that they will re-advertize for the Assistant Superintendant position.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

D. Sorrentino motioned to accept the Fire Marshals report for February. M. Krenesky 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

It was noted that they would like to get their reports in a bit earlier as March's report was not available for this meeting.

PARK AND RECREATION REPORT

None.

REPORT OF FINANCE MANAGER

None.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

M. Krenesky motioned to accept the Tax Collectors Report. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

Discussion: D. Sorrentino asked for the delinquent tax payer list. S. Cable noted that she has the list but it's not in the report. D. Sorrentino asked about the mailings of the delinquent notices. S. Cable noted that a mailing did go out but it wasn't as correct as it should be so another memo was sent to the tax collector today therefore another notice will be sent out.

S. Cable noted that she received the report on delinquent property and motor vehicle report that she will copy for the other Selectmen.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

D. Sorrentino motioned to accept the Treasurers Report. M. Krenesky 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

None.

REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY

M. Krenesky motioned to accept the report. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

It was noted that they are busy and active in the Library.

NURSES QUARTERLY REPORT

D. Sorrentino motioned to accept the report. M. Krenesky 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

D. Sorrentino motioned to accept the report. M. Krenesky 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN

None.

D. Sorrentino noted that with the new hire at the Fire Department, it may be able to free up the custodian from that responsibility in that the new hire is supposed to also be responsible for taking care of the fire house.

M. Krenesky noted that in light of the comments recently made from the Senior Center regarding how the center is used and not being cleaned up after, he thinks a memo should be sent to the Senior Center regarding how they are policing the cleaning up after themselves. M. Krenesky noted that he received information from the Historical Society who noted that when they arrived at the Senior Center, it was less than clean. He noted that they had to clean the kitchen area before use, they also replaced the mat on the floor because it was disgusting. They did numerous other tasks to clean before they began in that it was less than acceptable upon arrival.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. S. Cable noted summarized a report from the attorney noting there are 3 cease and desists, a 2nd action for blight citation and 2 properties getting a 6 month extension.
2. A letter regarding hotel tax
3. A letter re the Spruce Street Bridge was received
4. A notice from Housatonic Valley was received
5. A letter from A. Goerig noting that she would like to be considered as an alternate member on the land use. D. Sorrentino noted that as long as it is in compliance with the ordinance, he has no problem with it.

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6. A notice regarding a telecommunications credit noting that we have a credit of \$1,759.80. This will be given to M. Gomes.

7. A letter of resignation from J. Dowdell from the Board of Ethics was received.

D. Sorrentino motioned to accept J. Dowdell's resignation from the Ethics Board with regret. M. Krenesky 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

8. A notice regarding the April 13th Public Hearing regarding the Region 16 budget was noted. It was noted that the amount they originally thought for the Town's portions was up from \$104,000 to \$170,000

9. It was noted that the 10th anniversary of the High school and the parade are on the same day.

M. Krenesky motioned to allow the Fire Department to use their requested Parade route. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

10. The Beacon Falls Lions Club asked to use the Fire House for their Easter Sale.

11. A letter of resignation from the Wolfe Ave. Media Center was read.

M. Krenesky motioned to accept S. Ploss' letter of resignation from the Media Community Center Committee. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

12. An email from R. Minnick regarding his concern about the sewer map.

14. An email regarding the police light bar was received.

Discussion regarding the police bar light continued.

It was noted that the Air Packs have not yet been purchased. M. Pratt noted that he has 3 more air packs that have failed. It was noted that the BOS cannot give M. Pratt permission to purchase the rest of the air packs until after the budget passes.

The discussion continued.

15. A thank you note from the Frederick's family was received.

16. Several emails from J. Levine regarding him being upset about the transfer station not being open.

17. A letter from L. Falzone regarding the walkway down town was read.

A discussion continued whether the committee has changed, how much interest there is in the committee and that it is a private group.

18. A letter from A. Sirowich asking to be on the building committee was received.
19. A letter from D. Pokras was also received asking to be on the building committee (noting he's a professional architect).
20. Video Streaming - a note was received about video streaming and how people would be able to watch meetings from home.

A discussion continued.

21. A memo from Millie was noted. Also noted that there has not yet been a response.
22. A memo noting \$725.93 in over-paid taxes was received.

M. Krenesky motioned to refund \$725.93 in overpaid taxes. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

23. A notice from Friends of the Library re: 6/4 book sale
24. A thank you note from C. Dudak was received noting that he will be out for a month.
25. A notice regarding blight ordinances being imposed for Quail Hollow and Laurie Lane was in correspondence.
26. A note regarding the mini-bus operation was discussed and noted that it was addressed during the joint meeting.
28. M. Krenesky noted an email that went back and forth from the BOF regarding budget numbers was presented for recording.
29. A meeting date has been set up for 4/26 to install the fax portion of the phone system.

A discussion continued regarding back-up power. If we lose power at the town hall, the backup generator will kick in and the phone system will work.

OLD BUSINESS

Phone System

M. Krenesky explained that as a result of the site survey, there are 12 locations in the town hall that were never wired. M. Krenesky recommends that they move forward to have the building wired.

M. Krenesky motioned that we hire Protel Inc., to wire Cat-5 cable for the building at a cost of \$1,225.00. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

M. Krenesky explained that the switch at the town hall needs to be upgraded to 24 connections in order to upgrade the entire building for the phone system. He noted that the quote received was for \$315 for the switch and \$170 for the router. D. Sorrentino asked if it would be adequate for the future. The answer was yes.

Virtual Town Hall

M. Krenesky explained that Virtual Town Hall has copied everything from the old website and has stored it. When the new website is up, they will post the old data. He noted the challenge may be in how they are posted. Going forward, each commission will have their own section. M. Krenesky has worked out with Virtual Town Hall that they have put up a page for the town to add their agendas and minutes noting that the proposed budget is on this site already. He is waiting to sit with the Town Clerk to work out how in the interim things will be input.

S. Cable noted that the lawsuit with the Palmeri's has been settled against Beacon Falls for \$15,000.

S. Cable has an updated status from Turner and Miller regarding Riverbend Park. A discussion continued noting that BOS have to designate a committee to take charge of the implementation and completion of the project.

A discussion continued regarding whether they should apply for more money and who they should designate. D. Sorrentino noted that we have a Land Steward and a Land Use Committee. It was decided that this should be a Park and Recreation area.

D. Sorrentino motioned to have Parks and Receptions be responsible for Riverbend Park. M. Krenesky 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

They then noted to J. Rodrigo that A. Odell wants to do an Eagle Scout project there.

S. Cable noted that they would like to set a date to review ordinances for the Service Award and Elderly and discuss the ordinance to change the Tax Collector to a full time position.

D. Sorrentino would like to review these with the committees and get their go ahead. A date will be set for May.

S. Cable brought up a map they received regarding Shultz property and it was discussed. The discussion continued regarding 4 different run-off problems.

NEW BUSINESS

M. Krenesky explained that he attended a meeting regarding solar panels. DCS Energy is a company that is somehow working with Federal Stimulus funds to put solar panels on municipal buildings at no cost. There is a 5 year life to each panel and after the 5 years, the town would purchase the solar panels for \$1.00. The panels can be installed on each building facing south. M. Krenesky noted that he turned this over to D. Rybinsky on the Energy Commission. Based on his recommendation, we move forward with putting these solar panels on the Wastewater Treatment plant. It will off-set the cost of the Wastewater Treatment electrical bill. It was noted that other communities are using this system.

It was noted that there have not yet been any complaints from any other town.

The next step would be to have DCS energy come in a do a survey.

M. Krenesky motioned to authorize the Chairman of the Energy Committee to authorize DCS energy to do a site survey. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

M. Krenesky asked about the expense of projects that have to be done. He noted that he has not yet seen or heard anything regarding the project on South Main Street by the old Barber Shop. He has not seen any research as to what is going in there. His understanding is that there is a storm water drain that is fed into the sewer system that needs to be changed.

It was noted that there is clear cutting taking place and D. Sorrentino wanted to know what are his intentions to stabilize the bank when the stumps are pulled out. S. Cable noted that she does not know if he has talked to anyone (B. Herb). A lengthy discussion continued regarding how far he has to be from the river (150') and it would be a DEP approval. It was noted that this is a subject that needs to be followed up on.

The Transfer Station was discussed and it was noted that it can be opened up in June using monies from contingency.

M. Krenesky requested a list of what is left in Contingency and the wish list of what can be paid out of this year's budget. It was noted that a lot of things have been talked about and a balance sheet would be needed before they can make a decision as to what can be used from contingency.

A discussion continued.

APPOINTMENTS

It was noted that there are two names for the Building Committee and they need to replace S. Ploss' spot. After a lengthy discussion,


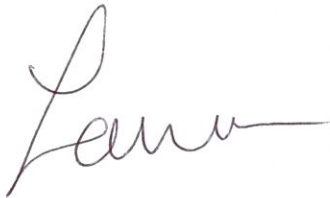
D. Sorrentino motioned to appoint A. Sirowich as an alternate for the Wolfe Ave. Committee. M. Krenesky 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

M. Krenesky motioned to recommend to the BOF that the Fire Department use \$30,000 from the EMS fund for tires and pagers. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

D. Sorrentino motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 P.M. M. Krenesky 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Lauren Classey

Clerk for the Board of Selectmen, Regular Monthly Meeting - April 11, 2011