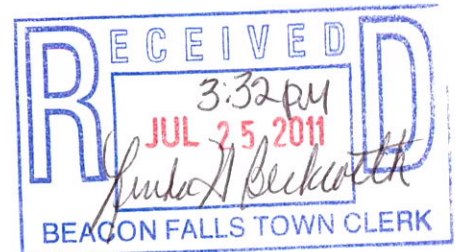




Town of BEACON FALLS
Connecticut

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 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 8 town residents

S. Cable commented that Parks did a wonderful job on the fireworks. She noted that she will be sending a letter to the effect.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

J. Rodrigo, 42 Bonna St., commented that the decision on the Wolfe Ave. project has already been made and voted on. He believes it would be a mistake to go backwards. He noted that many Boards had input in the information that was voted on. He encouraged the BOS to move forward with demolition of the house.

W. Classey, 28 Wolfe Ave., noted that the parking lot at the town hall looks very nice and wonders why there are no crosswalks in town. He noted that there are no crosswalks on Burton Road, Wolfe Ave. to Maple Street, etc.

S. Cable responded that this was a good point.

J. Woodward, Wolfe Ave., noted that there is a movement in town to make the hill section into a historical area and the Tracy Lewis house would be the point of it all. He noted that other towns have heard about this property and efforts and are beginning to come forward to help. He noted that there is conflicting information out there.

S. Cable responded that there is no conflicting information. She noted that the town has not authorized to make the hill section a historic district.

A discussion continued between J. Woodward and the BOS regarding the efforts so far being grass roots and how they would go about turning the area into a historic district. M. Krenesky noted that a historical district has to be set up.

S. Dowdell asked under who's authority would this be made a historical district. J. Woodward noted that the movement at this point is grass roots.

It was noted that if a decision was to be made, it would be by the BOS and all the neighbors would definitely be a part of the decision.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 13, 2011 Minutes

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

July 6, 2011

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

July 6th Special BOS

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

It was noted that the BOS did not receive the minutes from the two meetings held in June that were emailed to the Town Clerk.

APPROVE BILLS ON THE SELECTMAN'S ORDER REGISTER

None.

RESIDENT TROOPER AND CONSTABLES REPORT

None.

ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS

S. Cable noted that she did not review with the Road Foreman the changes that were requested yet. D. Sorrentino noted that he asked E. Bea to look over the report he outlined as it is E. Bea who will be working with the form.

S. Cable noted that she received a report regarding the projects that were taken place and their completion. She noted that they were put down a little better on the daily sheets. She noted that they did pick up the chairs at the Senior Center.

M. Krenesky noted that he is looking for specific information of what public works will be working on and specific dates that they will be scheduling the work.

It was noted again that the format they are recommending will be reviewed.

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

S. Cable noted that she will be going around town with Public Works looking at all the roads in town and assessing their condition after the latest storm.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

It was noted that they were very lucky regarding the sewer plant during the last storm. S. Cable noted that it was scary there for a moment and it was a good thing the fire trucks got there so fast to pump it out.

D. Sorrentino noted that he would like to move fast with the replacement of Ed Bowen noting that Ed is leaving at the end of the week.

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

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

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

REPORT OF FINANCE MANAGER

D. Sorrentino motioned to pass the Financial Managers Report to the BOF. M. Krenesky 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

It was noted that the town was very happy with the tax auctions. They got more money than they expected. Two people owning three properties paid their taxes in full the day before the auction. M. Jursynsky noted that all collections are going very well. S. Cable asked for a running tab regarding tax collections for August.

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

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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

REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY

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

It was noted that a wolfe will be coming to Beacon Falls Library and the volunteer is doing very well at the library.

QUARTERLY TOWN NURSE REPORT

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

REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN

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None

ANIMAL CONTROL

None

FIRE DEPARTMENT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A discussion took place regarding an email received from D. Civatella regarding some committee members wanting a town email address. S. Cable noted that she is not comfortable giving out email addresses but she will ask other towns how they handle it.

2. A resignation was received from W. McCasland - it was noted that he has done a very good job.

M. Krenesky motioned to accept W. McCasland resignation with regret and great appreciation. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

3. A letter was received from Martha Melville and read

4. A letter from Beacon Hose was read.

5. A letter from the attorney re Warranty Deed was received

M. Krenesky motioned to return the conveyance check to the Town of Oxford. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

6. an email noting that the Council of Governments are pursuing the Benedetti Machine.

7. A notice that the unions have voted to not accept a wage concession was received. There will be a hearing on August 8th with the Labor Board regarding furlough days.

8. Kenneth Magda received a blight violation.

9. A letter from W. Obathinsky was read.

10. an overpaid tax notice was received.

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

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11. Resolution for officers re 6/22 meeting - S. Cable will keep the letter on file but that was not what was asked for.
12. A note from the Tax assessor was received noting that the \$500 credit stayed in.
13. A thank you note from Jill Robertson family was received.
14. A notice regarding the Duck Race being held on 10/1 was received.
15. Letter to P&Z regarding the gift agreement was read
16. A letter of resignation from R. Kunz was received.
17. DEMHS - led by new Commissioner
18. Letter re South Circle curbing lost this winter - discussion: W. Classey asked if there is another winter like last year wouldn't it be advisable to make the streets one way. It was noted that this was a good idea and is something that should be considered.
19. A note regarding how much money the tax department spent sending out individual tax bills was received. - a discussion took place regarding this

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinances

The BOS will be scheduling a meeting re ordinances, the service award and local tax relief. A discussion continued regarding the amount.

M. Krenesky motioned to eliminate the last sentence on page 2 of the new ordinance. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

A discussion continued.

The town meeting for a vote on the ordinance will be held on Monday July 25th at 7:00 to vote on these three ordinances.

Wolfe Ave.

S. Cable recommended that the town have an informational meeting regarding Wolfe Ave. to explain the steps that have already been taken and to review the resolution. She noted that not once was the Tracy Lewis house's historical value mentioned in any meeting minutes and reiterated that the votes were 99 to purchase the house, 66 to not purchase the house.

M. Krenesky asked for a clarification of who will be making what presentations at an informational meeting and will the Public be allowed to comment. It was noted that of course people will be able to comment but the bottom line is that the decision has been made.

D. Sorrentino noted that he could not support the meeting in that the vote had already been made.

M. Krenesky noted that we need to move forward however the Citizens News is running a weekly poll asking what people would like to see done with the Tracy Lewis house noting that the survey seems to be leaning heavily towards preserving the house.

B. Katzenzo, Fairfield Place, suggested that the group of people raise the money to do what they want with the house.

M. Krenesky suggested that until we have a plan with what to do with the property, we hold off on taking the house down.

A discussion continued.

Website

M. Krenesky noted that the original plan to go live with the website was for July 15th however there are many blank pages noting that the Conservation Committee has got a good model for other committees to follow.

Discussion: Forms are in bad condition and may have to be reprinted, town Hall people have to be in charge of maintaining the content and training will be set up for everyone. It was also noted that they will identify a person in the town hall to monitor the website. It was noted that it may be Joan.

It was noted that a meeting will be set up to discuss a pay format for clerks and also to discuss personnel issues.

M. Krenesky noted he will only be available in the evenings.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion took place regarding the resolution to repave the roads and the sewer improvements.

D. Sorrentino noted that he would like to hold off until all the roads are reviewed since the last winter and storms. Reviewing of the roads is scheduled for tomorrow.

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W. Classey, 28 Wolfe Ave., noted that as far as the vote for the Wolfe Ave. property, nothing was ever said about making fire wood out of it.

S. Dowdell noted that they have a high school student on the committee to get their input.

A discussion continued.

J. Rodrigo noted that it would be more efficient and less argumentative if they took out an ad in the paper to note every step that has been taken so far regarding Wolfe Ave.

It was noted that this is a good suggestion.

B. Krenesky, noted that the Rubber Company is what Beacon Falls is all about. She also noted that we have to start preserving some things from the past. She suggested that keep the house and build something next to it. She also noted that she was in that house and there was no mold.

E. Groth, noted that since they are years away from doing anything with the house there is no urgency and why doesn't the town lease the house for \$1 per year until the ground is broken.

M. Jursynsky noted that the railroad property wants to be donated to the town and the BOS is deciding on whether it is worth accepting.

D. Sorrentino motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 P.M. M. Krenesky 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Lauren Classey
Clerk for the Board of Selectmen

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