

Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen
10 Maple Avenue
Beacon Falls, CT 06403



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monthly Meeting
February 8, 2016
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)**

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

Members Present: First Selectman Chris Bielik, Selectman Peter Betkoski, and Selectman Mike Krenesky

Others present: 1 member of the public

2. Comments from the Public

C. Bielik asked three times if there were any public comment and there were none at this time.

3. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

The three members reviewed the minutes from the meetings held in January 2016 – regular meeting on January 11th and a special meeting on January 20th.

Motion to accept the minutes from the two meetings held in January 2016 as submitted for tonight's meeting: Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

4. Resident Trooper/Police Report

Motion to accept the report submitted by the Resident Trooper/State Police for tonight's meeting: Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

5. Wastewater Treatment Plant Report

There was no Wastewater Treatment Plant report submitted for tonight's meeting.

6. Report of Public Works

There was no Public Works report submitted for tonight's meeting.

7. Report of the Fire Marshal

Motion to accept the report submitted by the Fire Marshall for tonight's meeting: Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

8. Report of the Finance Manager

The Finance Manager was not present at tonight's meeting.

It was noted that the audit was completed last month.

Motion to accept the report submitted by the Finance Manager for tonight's meeting: Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

9. Report of the Tax Collector

There was no Tax Collector report submitted for tonight's meeting.

10. Report of the Town Treasurer

The Town Treasurer was not present at tonight's meeting.

Motion to accept the report submitted by the Town Treasurer for tonight's meeting and submit it to the Board of Finance for their next meeting: Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

11. Report of the Town Clerk

Motions to accept the monthly report as submitted by the Town Clerk for tonight's meeting and submit it to the Board of Finance for their next meeting: Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

12. Report of the Library

The Library Director was not present at tonight's meeting.

Motion to accept the report submitted by the Library for tonight's meeting:
Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

13. Report of the Fire Department

Motions to accept the report as submitted by the Fire Department for tonight's meeting: **Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.**

14. Any Other Reports

a. Report of the Custodian

Motions to accept the report as submitted by the Custodian for tonight's meeting: **Krenesky/Betkoski; discussion was by M. Krenesky indicating that he would like to see a more descriptive report showing everything that is done daily as well as special projects; all ayes.**

b. Report of the Town Nurse

There was no report submitted by the Town Nurse for tonight's meeting since it is a quarterly report and not due until March 31, 2016.

c. Report of the Animal Control Officer

There was no report submitted by the Animal Control Officer for tonight's meeting since it is a quarterly report and not due until March 31, 2016.

15. Correspondence

1. A letter was received from Kathy Brown recommending Judy Wren to the open position on the Service Award Committee.
2. An email from Brian Reynolds, Lasky Road, was received indicating that he would like to volunteer to make a "Welcome to Beacon Falls" sign that would be posted at the end of his driveway, which is on the town line of Bethany/Beacon Falls. He would be making the sign with his daughter. C. Bielik contacted Public Works and Jamie Gracy will be helping out with this project.

Since Lasky Road is a state road, there may be certain rules to adhere to in posting the sign.

3. A letter from the Friends of the Library was received requesting to hang banners on the streetscape lampposts. There would be a total of 8 banners which would be purchased by the Friends of the Library and would like to ask Public Works to assist in hanging the banners.

Motion to approve the Friends of the Library's request to hang 8 banners from the lampposts on the Beacon Falls Streetscape: **Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.**

4. A letter from Woodland Regional High School was received regarding the Relay for Life event that will be taking place on Saturday, May 21, 2016, from 3:00 PM to midnight. The fundraiser is for Cancer and they are looking for teams to sign up and raise money to donate to the event.
5. A letter from Beacon Hose Co. 1 was received looking for help for their Awards Night, which will be held on a date to be determined. They are looking to have the awards presented at a separate event from their installation dinner and would be held off-site. The Selectmen indicated that they would be on-board for this.
6. A letter from the Dept. of Emergency Services and Public Protection for the State of CT was received regarding the proposed cost for the resident state trooper program. The letter noted the 100% cost of \$160,000 and the 85% projected amount of approximately \$136,000.
7. An invitation from the Hawk Headlines was received for a "roundtable" meeting being held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, starting at 12:00 PM at Woodland Regional High School. There will be a variety of educational topics up for discussion.
8. An advisory from the Census Bureau was received informing everyone of the preparation 2017 Census of Government and will be sending information.
9. A letter was received regarding the budget workshops for Region 16. The first workshop will be on Wednesday, February 17th, and will be held at Long River. The next will be on Wednesday, March 2nd, and will be held at Woodland Regional High School. The third will be on March 16th and will be held at Long River. The public hearing on the budget is tentatively scheduled for May 30th and a district meeting for May 2nd.
10. A letter from Aquarion Water was received regarding two grants for Stewards of the Environment Awards Program available – one for adult in the amount of \$2,500 and one for a student in grades 9 through 12 in the amount of \$1,000. C. Bielick indicated that he forwarded the information to the high school.

11. A letter from Team Toys for Kids was received acknowledging the donations made to their organization.
12. A copy of a letter was received that was sent to the Town Clerk from Greg Campbell, a resident of Terese Road regarding a long standing sewer issue. C. Bielik has passed the information along. A copy of the letter was also sent to the town attorney and the chairman of WPCA.
13. A copy of a letter from WEED, a division of DEEP, regarding the blight issues and violations at 27 Railroad Avenue. A copy of a letter from Dave Keating of the Inland Wetlands regarding the same issue. Fines will start to accumulate by Thursday, February 11th, if the requirements stated in the letter by D. Keating are not met.
14. Two invoices from the clerk were submitted – one for the regular meeting held on January 11, 2016 in the amount of \$68.75 and one for the special meeting held on January 20, 2016 in the amount of \$46.25.

Motion to approve and pay the two invoices from the clerk in the amounts of \$68.75 and \$46.25 as submitted: **Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.**

16. Old Business

a. Community School Sale - Update

C. Bielik indicated that last week, the Prospect Town Council voted to approve the conditions of the sale that were placed by the Region 16 Board of Education and their attorneys. The next step is a town meeting to be held on Monday, February 29th, to vote on whether the town agrees to pay \$873,000 purchase price set by the Board of Education back in October 2015. If that passes, then a district meeting will be set to have both towns vote on the approval of the purchase.

b. Public Works – Mechanic/Maintainer – Job Description – Discussion and Possible Action

P. Betkoski reviewed the job description a little more and his thought is to have the following added: to work diligently with the foreman as far as bidding on replacement equipment and the schedule of replacing equipment. After a brief discussion, C. Bielik indicated that the language needs to be clarified and discuss the pay scale prior to moving forward to vote on the position and asked to postpone action on the position.

c. Jordan Energy Solar Project – Discussion and Possible Action

C. Bielik indicated that due to inclement weather, Adam Burkitt could not make it to tonight's meeting. This agenda item will be rescheduled to a Special Board of Selectmen to be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at 7:00 PM to be held in the Assembly Room at Town Hall. The Public Works position will also be included on the agenda for that special meeting.

17. New Business

a. Letters for Our Library – Scrabble Challenge

C. Bielik indicated that the Library will be holding a Scrabble Tournament on Thursday, March 31, 2016, and asking for the Board of Selectmen to compete once again this year. The Selectmen indicated that they will comprise a team for the tournament.

b. Municipal Staff Openings – Set Interview Schedule Date

C. Bielik noted that there are three part time positions available at town hall. The departments are reviewing the candidates and C. Bielik is asking for 2 to 3 of the applicants from the departments. After a brief discussion, a deadline of Friday, February 19th, for the department to submit their final candidates was set and interviews will be scheduled for Tuesday, February 23rd.

c. Regional Performance Incentive Program Resolution – Discussion and Vote

C. Bielik read the resolution for the Regional Performance Incentive Program that the Selectmen will need to vote on at tonight's meeting. The resolution states that "the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Beacon Falls agrees to authorize the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments for FY2015/2016 to pursue the following OPM Regional Performance Incentive Grants:

- 1.) Implement Regional Municipal Property Revaluation & CAMA Procurement Program, Standardize & Centralize Parcel Data Management and Hosting.

- 2.) Wastewater Regionalization Feasibility Study – Including primary demonstration project feasibility study of consolidating the Ansonia/Derby/Seymour Water Pollution Control Facilities and a secondary demonstration project feasibility study to include the Beacon Falls and Naugatuck Wastewater Treatment Facilities in regional consolidation.

In addition, the Legislative Body* has authorized Christopher J. Bielik, First Selectman, to act on this endorsement by signing all necessary agreements and take all necessary actions related to this proposal to enter into a binding agreement with the Office of Policy and Management according to terms of the RPI grant Program.”

Motion to approve the resolution as read by C. Bielik and stated above:

Betkoski/Krenesky; *discussion was by M. Krenesky indicating that the wording of “Legislative Body” is confusing and C. Bielik indicated that they have tried to change the terminology and cannot get the Council of Government to change. The note to clarify the position is the best that we can get them to agree to; all ayes.*

18. Appointments

There were several appointments made at tonight’s meeting.

Motion to appoint Judy Wren to the Service Awards Board: **Krenesky/Betkoski**; *no discussion; all ayes.*

Motion to appoint Richard Cherhoniak as the Brownfield representative: **Betkoski/Krenesky**; *no discussion; all ayes.*

Motion to appoint Lars Edgren to the Code of Ethics Board: **Krenesky/Betkoski**; *no discussion; all ayes.*

Motion to appoint Walter Opuszynski to the Land Use and Open Spaces Committee: **Betkoski/Krenesky**; *no discussion; all ayes.*

Motion to appoint Mike Brennan to the Service Awards Board: **Betkoski/Krenesky**; *no discussion; all ayes.*

19. Budget Transfer Requests

Public Works requested a budget transfer of \$2,000.00 from Telephone to Physicals/Inoculations.

The Registrars requested a budget transfer of \$600.00 to Registrations/Conferences.

The Registrars requested a budget transfer of \$7,000 to Election Expenses for work that was done at Laurel Ledge for the election equipment storage. The Board of Finance already approved the budget transfer but the approval by the Board of Selectmen needs to be represented into the minutes.

Motion to approve the budget transfer request of \$2,000.00 from Budget Line Item 10.90.44.1030, Telephone, to Budget Line Item 10.90.44.1490, Physicals/Inoculations, and pass it along to the Board of Finance:

Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

Motion to approve the budget transfer request of \$600.00 where \$300.00 will come from Budget Line Item 10.90.29.1011, Deputy Registrar Wages and \$300.00 will come from Budget Line Item 10.90.29.1360, Canvas Expense, to Budget Line Item 10.90.29.1175, Registration/Conferences, and pass it along to the Board of Finance: **Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.**

Motion to approve the budget transfer request of \$7,000.00 from Budget Line Item 10.90.83.1170, Contingency, to Budget Line Item 10.90.29.1345, Election Expenses: **Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.**

20. Comments from the Public

Sue Dowdell asked if there were any questions or comments on a letter from Isabelle and C. Bielik indicated that they were approving it.

C. Bielik asked three times and there were no comments from the public at this time.

21. Executive Session

The Board of Selectmen did not enter into Executive Session at tonight's meeting.

22. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, C. Bielik asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting.

Motion to adjourn tonight's Board of Selectmen meeting at 8:37 P.M.:

Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Board of Selectmen