

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



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monthly Meeting  
April 11, 2016  
MINUTES  
(Subject to Revision)**

**1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag**

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

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

Others present: Tom, Broesler, Finance Manager; Sue Dowdell, Library Director; Chief Trzaski and Matt DeGeorge, Beacon Hose Co. 1; Rich Minnick and Dom Sorrentino, River Bend Park Committee; Mary Ellen Fernandes, Blight Commission; Dave Prickett, DPC, LLC; Tom Pratt; Aiden Shea and Jill Shea; Adam Burkitt, Gary Hale, and Bill Jordan, Jordan Energy; and Luke Marshall, Citizens News

**2. Comments from the Public**

Aiden Shea, Skororat Road, is a Boy Scout with Troup 138 in Naugatuck. He is doing an Eagle Scout project by offering free house numbers to anyone who does not have numbers identifying their house. A. Shea noted that it is illegal not to have the house number on the house since First Responders need to see the numbers when going to an emergency. A. Shea indicated a form will be sent to all residents in town and the homeowners can return the forms to the address indicated on the form. There will also be green boxes at the pharmacy and library.

T. Pratt, Bethany Road, was present to request that the property on Wolfe Avenue that the town purchased be dedicated to a new library and community center. He indicated that the library committee has its hands tied in getting additional funds.

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

C. Bielik indicated that he would like to rearrange the schedule to accommodate the people present at tonight's meeting. C. Bielik asked for a motion to add Agenda Item 16a. Virtual Net Metering – Update by Jordan Energy under Old Business and move the other agenda items down one line and then move that new agenda item to Agenda Item 3.

Motion to add “Old Business - Agenda Item 16a. Virtual Net Metering – Update by Jordan Energy” and move the other agenda items down one line and then move that new agenda item to Agenda Item 3: **Betkoski/Krenesky;no discussion;all ayes.**

### **3. Virtual Net Metering – Update by Jordan Energy**

Bill Jordan, Jordan Energy, thanked the Board for approving their purchasing power agreement and the documents were submitted before the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. The host site for the project will be next to the town garage and there will be five meters for the five heavier use building.

Gary Hale updated the Board in regards to the legislative side. This project is very popular around the state with municipalities and farm that it has been over-subscribed. The cap for the amount of money dedicated from bills that are already paid to Virtual Net Metering has been exceeded. G. Hale indicated that there is a bill in Harford that will be reach back to communities that competed successfully and mean all the requirements. The Legislature wants to encourage solar power, especially larger projects like the one proposed for Beacon Falls. The bill is going forward and they are hoping it passes.

C. Bielik asked for a motion to change Agenda Item 17b. WPCA Task Order – Review/Discussion/Possible Action to Agenda Item 4.

Motion to change “New Business Agenda Item 17b. WPCA Task Order – Review/Discussion/Possible Action” to Agenda Item 4: **Krenesky/Betkoski;no discussion;all ayes.**

### **4. WPCA Task Order – Review/Discussion/Possible Action**

Dave Prickett, DPC LLC, was present to discuss Task Orders #09 through #14 with the Board. He distributed copies to the members for their review.

D. Prickett noted that the tasks are prioritized on the list and provided the project description, scope of service, schedule, and compensation on each of the tasks.

Task #09 is in regards to the Ductless AC for the WPCF office and lab with a moderate priority. Task #10 is in regards to the Replacement Boiler at the WPCF building and has a high priority. Task #11 is in regards to the Replacement UV Control System and has a low priority. Task #12 is in regards to the Replacement Fuel Storage Tank located at Pines Bridge Pump Station and has a high priority. Task #13 is in regards to the Feasibility Alternatives for Aeration Tank upgrades and has a low priority. Task #14 is in regards to the Regional Wastewater Management Alternative and has a high priority.

C. Bielik noted that the Regionalization proposal with Seymour and other regions along the Naugatuck Valley has a number of different looks that are being proposed. P. Betkoski asked what does Beacon Falls have to do to be ready for the project and D. Prickett indicated that it would be to do due-diligence. M. Krenesky asked about the sewer user fees and if there is a reason to initiate the fee. D. Prickett indicated that the topic is a good idea to explore. C. Bielik and D. Prickett agreed that a joint workshop with the Board of Selectmen and WPCA to be scheduled is the next step and C. Bielik will get in-touch with Jeff Smith to see if the workshop could be scheduled this coming Tuesday since that is when WPCA meets next.

C. Bielik asked for a motion to change Agenda Item 16a. River Bend Park State Owned Property Conveyance to Agenda Item 5.

Motion to change "Old Business Agenda Item 16a. River Bend Park State Owned Property Conveyance" to Agenda Item 5: **Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.**

#### **5. River Bend Park State Owned Property Conveyance – Update**

Rich Minnick, River Bend Park Committee, was present to update the Board on the status of the River Bend project. R. Minnick distributed a copy of a letter dated April 11, 2016 that was sent to Andrew Majors at US Fish and Wildlife Services and reviewed with the Board.

R. Minnick noted that on January 15, 2016, an application was made to DEEP and DOT to have two parcels conveyed to the town of Beacon Falls. The addition of the two parcels would enhance the park and may provide future access to the Naugatuck River Greenway Trail. The Harmon parcel was acquired by Beacon Falls in late December 2015.

**6. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting**

The three members reviewed the minutes from the meeting held on March 14, 2016.

Motion to accept the minutes from the meetings held on March 14, 2016: Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

**7. Resident Trooper/Police Report**

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

**8. Wastewater Treatment Plant Report**

Motion to accept the report submitted by the Wastewater Treatment Plant for tonight's meeting: Krenesky/Betkoski; discussion about the incident in the area of South Main Street & Feldspar was being looked into.; all ayes.

**9. Report of Public Works**

Motion to accept the report submitted by Public Works for tonight's meeting: Betkoski/Krenesky; discussion noted that the bulky waste transfer station will open starting on April 30<sup>th</sup> and there will be a regional household waste disposal at the fire house on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. More information is on the town website. M. Krenesky questioned the signs in the median from Oxford and C. Bielik indicated that they authorized and do have permission to be there until April 16<sup>th</sup>; all ayes.

**10. Report of the Fire Marshal**

Motion to change the date of the report to March 2106 and then accept the report submitted by the Fire Marshall for tonight's meeting: Krenesky/Betkoski; no further discussion; all ayes.

**11. Report of the Finance Manager**

The Finance Manager was present at tonight's meeting. The report was sent to Martha Melville for distributed.

Motion to accept the report submitted by the Finance Manager for tonight's meeting and forward to the Board of Finance for their next scheduled meeting:  
**Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.**

## **12. Report of the Tax Collector**

Motion to accept the reports as submitted by the Tax Collector for tonight's meeting and forward to the Board of Finance for their next scheduled meeting:  
**Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.**

## **13. Report of the Town Treasurer**

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

There was no report submitted by the Town Treasurer since she is on vacation.

## **14. Report of the Town Clerk**

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

## **15. Report of the Library**

The Library Director was present at tonight's meeting.

Motion to accept the report submitted by the Library for tonight's meeting:  
**Betkoski/Krenesky; discussion was by M. Krenesky asking about the state cuts and if/how they are affecting our library. Sue Dowdell indicated that it's challenging since deliveries have gone from 5 days per week to 2 days per week and there is a backlog. There was a contractor and now the State has taken over. S. Dowdell noted that they are hoping that it won't go to 1 day per week. There is a pushback for the library involved with Bibliomation and they are without the statewide catalogue.; all ayes.**

## **16. Report of the Fire Department**

Chief Jim Trzaski was present at tonight's meeting.

J. Trzaski thanked C. Bielik for attending the conference on April 1<sup>st</sup> in Meriden. J. Trzaski also indicated that the Junior Core program has been running since October 2015 and they have 13 members. J. Trzaski introduced Matt DeGeorge,

one of the members and Asst. Chief Brian DeGeorge's brother, to the Board The ages are between 14-17 years old and the members are doing training. The town of Hebron donated 30 sets of gear.

J. Trzaski noted that it is National Volunteer Week and wanted to thank everyone who help in town.

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

## **17. 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 C. Bielik indicating that there are POW, CT State, American flags on order; all ayes.**

### **b. Report of the Town Nurse**

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

### **c. Report of the Animal Control Officer**

There was no report submitted by the Animal Control Officer for tonight's meeting.

## **18. Correspondence**

1. There was an invoice from the clerk that was submitted in the amount of \$91.25.

Motion to approve and pay the invoice from the clerk in the amount of \$91.25: **Betkoski/Krenesky;no discussion;all ayes.**

2. A form letter from Aiden Shea was received regarding the request of house numbers from him for his Eagle project.
3. A letter was received on April 8<sup>th</sup> from the State DOT regarding the STEEP Grant. The Highland Avenue Extension portion of the road reconstruction had gone out to bid and the authorization from the State DOT that the contract was awarded to Ciochiola Paving.

4. A letter from Phoenix Advisors was received regarding the potential bond issue.
5. A request from United Day was received regarding the use of the parking lot at the firehouse for their lemonade stand to raise money as a donation to an organization. They are requesting Thursday, July 14, 2016, from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

Motion to allow United Day to use the parking lot at the fire house for their lemonade stand as requested: **Betkoski/Krenesky;no discussion;all ayes.**

6. A request from the Tax Collector was received regarding the refund of overpayment in taxes to Alice McCarthy of 40 Noe Place, A6, Beacon Falls, CT in the amount of \$55.28.

Motion to approve the Tax Collector's request to refund the overpayment in taxes to Alice McCarthy of 40 Noe Place, A6, Beacon Falls, CT in the amount of \$55.28: **Krenesky/Betkoski;no discussion;all ayes.**

7. A petition from the residents of the Beacon Valley Road area. The members are requesting the Selectmen to explore funding to institute a cleanup of debris that has collected in Beacon Valley Brook over the years. The Selectmen will investigate to see if the area is in Beacon Falls or in Naugatuck.

## **19. Old Business**

### **a. Winter Brothers Upgrade – Update/Discussion**

C. Bielik gave an update on the possibility of doing a combined upgrade with Ansonia to capitalize on the single driver trash collection. The shared cost would be \$1,000,000 approximately for a new trash and bins to be distributed the residents. Research was done in regards to the economical benefit of switching over to the single driver. Historically, the usage has been 325 and 375 tons of recyclable material at a cost of \$10.00 per ton. Last year, the amount went down to \$5.00 per ton. Beacon Falls' share would be an increase of approximately \$46,000 per year for five years with the promise to extend to contract for five years from the time of signing of the contact. Economically, this does not work as a benefit for the town.

### **b. Blight Ordinance Discussion**

Mary Ellen Fernandes, a member of the Blight Commission, was present at the meeting to discussion the Blight Ordinance. C. Bielik noted that there have been some blight issues in town and C. Bielik read through the Anti-Blight Ordinance to determine the scope of responsibility of the Commission.

M. Fernandes indicated that the Building Inspector, Zoning Enforcement Officer, and a representative of the Department of Health was notified and they would try to contact the parties. The Blight Commission would try to contact the people and set up a meeting and talk to them. They would try to help the people get the issue resolved.

After a brief discussion, it was determined that this topic will carry over to the May meeting and asked to have the Blight Ordinance – Discussion on the agenda for May.

C. Bielik asked for a motion to add a new agenda item 20b. Highland Avenue Contract Award under New Business.

Motion to add Agenda Item 20b. Highland Avenue Contract Award under New Business: **Krenesky/Betkoski;no discussion;all ayes.**

## **20. New Business**

### **a. Town of Beacon Falls 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2021**

There was a discussion in getting a Board together to start the exploration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. There is a small amount of funds in the budget that is on hold for the celebration.

C. Bielik will get in touch with Steve Ruhl, the Town Historian, to see if he would be interested. M Krenesky indicated that he would be interested in co-chairing the event. M. Krenesky noted that the Board should have about 5-6 members of an Executive group with more people involved at another level. M. Krenesky mentioned a way to raise money by selling the doors from the Lewis House. He indicated that he has been contacted by someone who is interested in purchasing a couple of the doors that are in the house.

### **b. Highland Avenue Contract Award**

A letter from Nafis & Young was received in regards to the Highland Avenue Contract award. The letter indicated that there were 7 bids received and after review of all the bids, it was determined that the award of the contract would go to Ciocchiola Paving of Oakville, CT, in the amount not to exceed \$237,970.

Motion to award the contract for the reconstruction of Highland Avenue based on the winning bid of the amount not to exceed \$237,970 to Ciocchiola Paving of Oakville, CT: **Krenesky/Betkoski;discussion was by P. Betkoski noting his concern going to the Board of Finance if the amount goes over that amount and C. Bielik indicated that there is an authorization already for \$500,000;all ayes.**



## **21. Appointments**

There were no appointments made at tonight's meeting.

## **22. Budget Transfer Requests**

There was a total of 6 budget transfer requests to be voted on and brought to the Board of Finance's next meeting.

Motion to approve the two budget transfer requests from the Library as follows and pass it along to the Board of Finance:

1. From Telephone – Line Item 10.90.69.1130 – to Professional Development – Line Item 10.90.69.1800 – in the amount of \$175.00
2. From Copier – Line Item 10.90.69.1807 – to Professional Development – Line Item 10.90.69.1800 – in the amount of \$50.00

**Betkoski/Krenesky;no discussion;all ayes.**

Motion to approve the four budget transfer requests from the Library as follows and pass it along to the Board of Finance:

- 1) From Refuse Collection – Line Item 10.90.65.1740 – to Bulky Waste – Line Item 10.90.65.1755 – in the amount of \$10,000.00
- 2) From Utilities – Heat, Water, Electric – Line Item 10.90.03.1120 – to Town Hall Telephone – Line Item 10.90.03.1130 – in the amount of \$3,000.00
- 3) From Recreation Programs – Line Item 10.90.71.1861 – to Parks & Recreation – Clerk – Line Item 10.90.71.1040 – in the amount of \$1,000.00
- 4) From Telephone – Line Item 10.90.44.1030 – in the amount of \$2,500.00 and from Heating Fuel – Line Item 10.90.44.1122 – in the amount of \$500.00 and from Air Packs – Line Item 10.90.44.1487 – in the amount of \$750.00 and from Service Awards – Line Item 10.90.44.1500 – in the amount of \$785.00 and from Vehicle Fuel – Line Item 10.90.44.1470 – in the amount of \$1,000.00 and from EMS Training – Line Item 10.90.44.1486 – in the amount of \$1,000.00 and from Contingency – Line Item 10.90.83.1070 – in the amount of \$1,500.00 to Building Equipment – Line Item 10.90.44.1436 – in the amount of \$8,035.00

**Betkoski/Krenesky;no discussion;all ayes.**

### **23. Comments from the Public**

Sue Dowdell, 32 Wolfe Avenue, indicated that, based on what she heard about the Board of Finance workshop and from T. Broesler, she was wondering where the Selectmen is going to go with the property on Wolfe Avenue. C. Bielik indicated that it will be on the agenda for next month's Board of Selectmen meeting.

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

### **24. Executive Session**

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

### **25. 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 9:24 P.M.:  
**Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo  
Clerk, Board of Selectmen