

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



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Special Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2016
(Subject to Revision)**

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen special meeting to order at 2:04 P.M

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

Others present: Jim Galligan, Town Engineer; Rob Pruzinsky, Road Foreman; Joe Rodorigo, BOF; Charlie Edwards, property owner; Luke Marshall, Citizen's News

2. Pent Road Traffic Safety Project: Discussion/Recommendations and possible action

First Selectman C. Bielik asked C. Edwards to explain what work has already been done on altering the road to the 74 Pent Road property and what was his plan.

C. Edwards shared a map of the road and property with the current location of utility poles and culverts plus the grading that is needed. Trees on the parcel need to be cleared however there are 8 large trees that need to be removed before a utility pole could be relocated further back from the existing road that would then line up with other poles.

C. Edwards noted that he will deed a small part of the property to the town and J. Galligan was working on the deed.

R. Pruzinsky estimated it would cost \$7,500 to remove the 8 large trees using a bucket truck due to the utility wires and tree roots in the pavement.

C. Edwards noted the culvert discharges into a swale and should be tied into the existing piping. R. Pruzinsky added the ditch should be piped and covered for easier maintenance so the ditch won't fill with leaves and debris. P. Betkoski asked if a pond would help with the water problem.

C. Edwards said 4 trees need to be removed on his side of the property and he will take those down. He will also grade the banks and use that excess material to fill holes.

J. Galligan noted there are potential clearance problems for any access from Lancaster Road because of the wires on the poles as they are now. C. Edwards added that utilities will eventually be brought into the rest of the property. The road will be widened as it's currently too narrow for 2 cars to pass.

J. Rodorigo asked about the set back rules for the house. J. Galligan commented that it would need a variance. C. Bielik asked what the requirement was: 25 feet set back from the road.

C. Bielik asked if the town had available pipe in inventory; R. Pruzinsky said he thought pipe was available, leftover from another road project.

C. Bielik asked the distance of the road work: 400 feet.

C. Edwards noted that he will be responsible for relocating the existing septic system on the property because it is too close to the road.

C. Bielik stated that numbers need to be worked up including the cost of the tree work. He would like to pay for this out of the previously authorized road funds. R. Pruzinsky noted that Eversource and Frontier will waive the cost of moving the utility pole if the area is prepared.

C. Bielik noted the town engineer will need to submit a purchase order for the scope of work; request a quote for tree removal from Schryver; and go out to bid for the road work.

Motion to authorize Beacon Falls Public Works Foreman Rob Pruzinsky to solicit Schryver for an estimate on the tree removal work needed to relocate the utility pole for the road widening on Pent Road: **Betkoski/Krenesky**; all ayes.

Motion to authorize Beacon Falls Town Engineer Jim Galligan to start a purchase order to flesh out the project: **Betkoski/Krenesky**; all ayes.

3. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen special meeting at 2:36 P.M.: **Krenesky/Betkoski**; no discussion; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Melville
Board of Selectmen, Clerk