

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



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**May 9, 2016**  
**MINUTES**  
**(Subject to Revision)**

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

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at 7:38 P.M.

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

Others present: Sue Dowdell, Library Director, and Luke Marshall, Citizens News

**2. Comments from the Public**

Sue Dowdell, 32 Wolfe Avenue, asked on the status of the Nutmeg Network. C. Bielik indicated that he would have to check with Seth.

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

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

The three members reviewed the three meeting minutes from the meetings held in April 2016.

Motion to accept the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on April 11, 2016; the special joint meeting with WPCA held on April 19, 2016; and the special meeting held on May 3, 2016: Betkoski/Krenesky; discussion was by M. Krenesky confirming that the three minutes are being accepted together and P. Betkoski indicated yes, motion to accept all three meetings at once; allayes.

**4. 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.

**5. Wastewater Treatment Plant Report**

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

**6. Report of Public Works**

M. Krenesky asked if a schedule for the street sweeping has been published yet and C. Bielik indicated that he will talk with R. Pruzinsky and have one posted to the town website.

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

**7. Report of the Fire Marshal**

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

**8. Report of the Finance Manager**

The Finance Manager was no present at tonight's meeting.

C. Bielik wanted to congratulate the Finance Manager on reconciling the General Ledger funds through March 30, 2016, waiting on the Tax Collector's receipts to be received for April.

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.

**9. Report of the Tax Collector**

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

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

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

C. Bielik indicated that W. Rodorigo, T. Broesler, and himself met with Liberty Bank to review the accounts and there were some suggestions made to improve on the accounts. M. Krenesky noted that he spoke with W. Rodorigo in regards to the Melbourne Trust CD. Ion Bank is running something in regards to bumping up the percentage.

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

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

M. Krenesky asked if the town gets credit for the fishing and hunting licenses done on-line. C. Bielik indicated that he will ask L. Greene about this. P. Betkoski asked about the MERS program and C. Bielik indicated that he will ask L. Greene about that as well.

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

## **12. 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; no discussion; all ayes.**

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

Chief Jim Trzaski was not present at tonight's meeting.

M. Krenesky asked if anything was received from the Legislature in regards to the fire school and C. Bielik indicated that he will look into this.

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**

C. Bielik noted that a more comprehension report is still needed. P. Betkoski asked if the custodian could look into the carpet downstairs and in the Assembly Room and C. Bielik indicated that he will talk with the custodian about that.

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

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

There was no report submitted by the Town Nurse for tonight's meeting. The next report is not due until June 30, 2016.

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

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

## **15. Correspondence**

1. There was an invoice from the clerk that was submitted in the amount of \$83.75.

Motion to approve and pay the invoice from the clerk in the amount of \$83.75: Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

2. An email from the Chairman of the Library Board of Trustee in regards to the property at 35 Wolfe Avenue. The Board would like to formally request that the Board of Selectmen designate the property on Wolfe Avenue for the purpose of the town's new library and community center.
3. A letter from Region 16 was received in regards to the Woodland Scholarship night. It will be on Thursday, June 2, 2016, in the Woodland High School auditorium starting at 7:00 PM.
4. A letter was received on 04/15/2016 from the property manager at the Beacon Hill Condominium Association in regards to the conditions of the brook on Beacon Valley Road. C. Bielik indicated that the Public Works foreman has been to the site to inspect the brook.

There is a question as to the ownership of the property in question since the town line appears to be in the middle of the brook. Also, some of the property is privately owned. C. Bielik noted that D. Keating provided a letter back in July 2015 in regards to some of the issues. C. Bielik indicated that there will be more to follow on this issue.

5. A letter from the Commander at the American Legion Post 25 was received inviting the Selectmen to the Memorial Day ceremonies held at Veterans' Park on Main Street, starting at 12:30 PM on Sunday, May 29, 2016.
6. A letter from the CT Water Company was received in regards to the quarterly newsletter entitled "Straight from the Tap". C. Bielik indicated that he will have the information posted to the town website.
7. Beacon Hose Company 1 provided a report of the newly elected slate of Line Officers that were installed on Saturday, April 30, 2016. The Selectmen would like to formally recognize the Officers elected for the next year:

Fire Chief James Trzaski

Assistant Fire Chief Brian DeGeorge

Captain Howard Leeper

1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Cal Brennan

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant John Weid

EMS Director Joseph Chew

Assistant EMS Director Kenneth George

Assistant EMS Director Matthew Rau

Fire Police Captain Robert Messner

Fire Police Lieutenant William McCasland

Treasurer Thomas Pratt

Assistant Treasurer Jodi DiZazzo

Secretary Jamie Linley

Assistant Secretary Peter Monti

8. A copy of letter from Sam Posick was received in regards to a letter that was sent to the State Marshall's Commission. S. Posick is looking for a status to his Complaint #15-37.

C. Bielik introduced and welcomed Ben Florsheim, the area's staffer for Senator Chris Murphy.

## **16. Old Business**

### **a. River Bend Park State Owned Property Conveyance – Discussion**

C. Bielik indicated that there has been correspondence in regards to the acquisition of the state owned parcels at the end of Nancy Avenue. Mike Horbal has been working with Atty. Stanek in regards to the titles.

C. Bielik noted one issue of discussion is the piece of land on the elbow that was known as the Harmon property. The town acquired this property in lieu of back taxes. There were Marshall's fees since it had already gone to the Marshall's office for collection. There is fee that is not being waived by the Marshall and needs to be paid. The initial thought was to use the money received from a grant for the River Bend Park but the Commission is afraid that they may run out of funds before the project is complete.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that this topic is to be on the agenda for June and that the members attend the meeting. After further discussion that the Marshall needs to be paid, C. Bielik asked for a motion to pay the Marshall fee of approximately \$1,900.00.

Motion to pay the outstanding State Marshall fee in the amount of approximately \$1,900.00, not exceeding \$2,000.00, from the River Bend Park grant: Krenesky/Betkoski;no discussion;all ayes.

### **b. Blight at 27 Railroad Avenue – Discussion**

C. Bielik indicated that a letter from D. Keating was received in regards to the blight conditions at 27 Railroad Avenue. D. Keating met with Mr. Lucas Drury and L. Drury has committed that during the week of 05/16/2016, he will begin the process of removing the debris, soil and earth materials that is in violation of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses regulations by the end of May 2016.

### **c. Virtual Net Metering Project – Discussion**

C. Bielik received communication from State Rep. Theresa Conroy in regards to the Virtual Net Metering project. It was stalled due to a lack of funding and

based on the compromise agreement, there should be a vote by the Legislature this week that would funding for all 11 municipalities that were orphaned.

C. Bielik asked for a motion to add Terese Road Sewer Update under Old Business as Agenda Item 16d based on M. Krenesky's request.

Motion to add Terese Road Sewer Update to the agenda as Old Business Agenda Item 16d: **Krenesky/Betkoski;no discussion;all ayes.**

**d. Terese Road Sewer Update**

C. Bielik indicated that Greg Campbell had submitted an FOI hearing request and the Town Atty. had filed a motion for a dismissal based on the conversations at the Board of Selectmen/WPCA joint meeting held last month. G. Campbell voluntarily withdrew his complaint prior to the hearing.

C. Bielik indicated that the town attorney is trying to set up a meeting between the two parties involved. M. Krenesky had a question in regards to the minutes from the joint meeting. M. Krenesky read the paragraph as follows:

...M. Krenesky asked who would pay for Atty. Stanek's work and C. Bielik indicated that he would be happy to pay and J. Smith indicated that it could be paid from the WPCA's budget.

M. Krenesky noted that a motion needs to be made indicating a cap for the attorney fees to be paid by the town.

Motion to cap the attorney's fees for Terese Road as discussed to the amount of \$600.00 maximum: **Krenesky/Bielik;discussion was by P. Betkoski indicating that the town needs to be protected and it could cost more like \$1,000.00. C. Bielik noted that it probably has cost approximately \$2,000 to \$3,000 already. M. Krenesky wants to limit the amount of cost during the negotiation of the two private parties for an existing sewer line that is privately owned; aye – M. Krenesky and nays – C. Bielik and P. Betkoski.**

C. Bielik asked for a motion to revise the cap to \$1,200.00.

Motion to cap the attorney's fees for Terese Road as discussed to the amount of \$1,200.00 maximum: **Betkoski/Bielik;no further discussion;ayes – C. Bielik and P. Betkoski and nay – M. Krenesky.**

## **17. New Business**

### **a. 35 Wolfe Avenue Property Designation**

C. Bielik gave the background to the Wolfe Avenue property and the request for a library and community center as presented by the Library Director during budget discussions.

After a brief discussion, a suggestion was made to have a referendum question at the November election and to have a presentation made to the town. M. Krenesky indicated that a resolution dated 08/12/2008 was already made and read the resolution from August 2008 which designated the property for the potential use as a municipal library site or for other municipal purposes.

After a brief discussion, it was asked to keep this agenda item on for June 2016.

**b. Petition to Amend Plan of Conservation Dev. From Hopp Brook Developers**

C. Bielik indicated that a package was received from the Pellegrino Law Firm. The main thrust of the request is in regards to the area known as Bear Hill Road, which borders the back side of Chatfield Farms and Oakwood Estates. The developer is not looking to put in septic and wants to tie into the pump house at Chatfield Farm, which is privately owned. C. Bielik noted that the area is not in the footprint of the wastewater treatment plant growth plan.

After a brief discussion, C. Bielik indicated that there is a question as to the benefit to the town if Beacon Falls was to allow the developer to do this. M. Krenesky indicated that he has a number of questions as to the number of houses, how many acres, and the additional stress to the Blackberry Hill water line. Both P. Betkoski and M. Krenesky had concerns to supporting the request of the developer.

After further discussion, C. Bielik asked for a motion not to endorse the petition from Hopp Brook to amend the Plan of Conservation Dev.

Motion not to endorse the petition made by the Hopp Brook Developers to amend the Plan of Conservation Dev. in regards to the area known as Bear Hill Road: Krenesky/Betkoski;no discussion;all ayes.

**c. Beacon Street Repair Project Funding – Discussion and Possible Action**

C. Bielik gave the background to the project. A plan was submitted to OPM two years in a row requesting STEEP grant funding for the repairs and approval has never been received.

The Selectmen would like an update from the Town Engineer presented at the June 2016 meeting.



## **18. Appointments**

There were no appointments made at tonight's meeting.

## **19. Budget Transfer Requests**

There was one budget transfer request from the Wastewater Treatment Plant to be voted on and brought to the Board of Finance's next meeting.

Motion to approve the one budget transfer request from the Wastewater Treatment Plant as follows and pass it along to the Board of Finance:

1. From Nitrogen Credits – Line Item 10.90.67.1776 in the amount of \$13,000.00 – to Equipment Replacement – Line Item 10.90.67.1765 – in the amount of \$7,100.00 and to Plant Operations – Line Item 10.90.67.1760 – in the amount of \$5,900.00

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

## **20. Comments from the Public**

Sue Dowdell, 32 Wolfe Avenue, asked if the Selectmen could have the custodian look at the cracked tiles upstairs and noted that the tiles haven't been cleaned the last time there was a cleaning. S. Dowdell also noted that Eversource will be having a discussion regarding solar for houses at the end of this month.

C. Bielik asked three times and there were no further 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 9:11 P.M.:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo  
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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