

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



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monthly Meeting  
September 12, 2016  
MINUTES  
(Subject to Revision)**

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

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.

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

Others present: Sue Dowdell, Library Director; Kevin McDuffie, Chairman of Planning & Zoning; Bill Giglio, Planning & Zoning; Joe Rodorigo, Chairman of the Board of Finance; Luke Marshall, Citizens News; and 15 members of the public.

**2. Comments from the Public**

Ellen Schultz, Oak Drive, asked when the court-ordered cleaning of the catch basins will resume on Oak Drive. C. Bielik indicated that the truck broke down and is being repaired. Once the repairs are complete, the cleaning will be rescheduled and resumed.

Kurt Hummel, Patricia Terrace, was present regarding the petition that he submitted to the Board regarding the sewers. K. Hummel was wondering if he got more names and resubmitted the petition, would it be shot down again. C. Bielik indicated that he will consider putting the topic on the agenda for the October monthly meeting. K. Hummel asked if the town still has a sewer fund and C. Bielik indicated that we do. K. Hummel asked about when roads without sewer will be tied into the sewer system in the future. C. Bielik indicated that there is an agenda item for tonight's meeting but the study is not ready and will be on next month's agenda.

Greg Campbell, Terese Road, indicated that the WPCA rules and regulations are non-existent and need to be addressed.

Doug Bousquet, Cedar Circle, presented a list of questions to the Board. D. Bousquet asked the questions on the list and was looking for answers on those questions. C. Bielik indicated that this is the time for comments from the public, not questions and answers.

Greg Wright, Pond Springs Village, indicated that the homeowners still have more questions and C. Bielik asked for the questions to be submitted and will handle them.

Kevin Dokla, Timber Ridge, inquired on getting a CO if there is only a binder coat down on the road. K. Dokla indicated that he is building a house and has a question regarding having the house inspected. C. Bielik indicated that Seymour and Oxford will be helping and office hours will be 4:00PM to 6:30 PM Mondays and Wednesday; and 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Thursdays here at Town Hall. The information is posted on the website and on the office door. C. Bielik indicated that the town engineer is working with the developer and to check with the developer. K. Dokla noted that he is a private owner and not working with the developer. C. Bielik indicated that it has been turned over to attorneys and does not know the status.

Kevin McDuffie, Hayley Ridge Road, asked on the advertisement for applications to be submitted for the Zoning Enforcement Officer. K. McDuffie indicated that he did not know about this and should have since he is Chairman of Planning & Zoning.

K. Hummel asked if the commuter lot downtown is town-owned property and C. Bielik indicated that it is. K. Hummel noted that there are 8-10 cars parked there - 4 are not registered, 2 have flat tires, 1 is leaking fluids, a boat trailer has been there all summer, and an Utz truck there for the past 2 weeks. C. Bielik thanked K. Hummel for the information and will look into this.

Greg Campbell, Terese Road, asked for an update in regards to the sewer issue that he has discussed with the Selectmen. C. Bielik indicated that Atty. Stanek has noted that he reached out to you to mediate the situation and is awaiting for G. Campbell to get back to him. C. Bielik indicated that G. Campbell should contact Atty. Stanek and let him know of G. Campbell's intent.

K. Dokla asked for the name of the attorney that he should contact in regards to Timber Ridge Road. C. Bielik indicated that the town engineer is through Nafis & Young and the town's land use attorney is Atty. Steve Byrne. K. Dokla provided his contact information to C. Bielik to pass along.

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

C. Bielik indicated that he would entertain a motion to rearrange the agenda to accommodate the people in attendance for tonight's meeting.

Motion to change Agenda Item 18a – Appointments, Library Board to new Agenda Item 3, and then and move the other agenda items up one letter:  
**Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.**

### **3. Appointments**

Motion to appoint Annette Bosley-Boyce to the vacant position left by Jess DeGennaro on the Library Board:**Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.**

A. Bosley-Boyce was present at tonight's meeting and was sworn in b C. Bielik.

### **4. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting**

The three members reviewed the two meeting minutes– the regular monthly meeting held on August 8, 2016 and the special meeting held on August 29, 2016.

Motion to accept the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on August 8, 2016 and the special meeting held on August 29, 2016: **Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.**

### **5. Resident Trooper/Police Report**

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

### **6. Wastewater Treatment Plant Report**

Motion to accept the August report as submitted by the Wastewater Treatment Plant for tonight's meeting: **Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.**

### **7. Report of Public Works**

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

## 8. Report of the Fire Marshal

C. Bielik indicated that there is a typo on the report noting that the dates are 9 for September and not 8 for August.

Motion to accept the report as submitted by the Fire Marshall for tonight's meeting with the correction of the dates to 8 for the month of August:  
**Betkoski/Krenesky; no further discussion; all ayes.**

## 9. Report of the Finance Manager

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

Motion to accept the report as 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.**

## 10. Report of the Tax Collector

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

C. Bielik noted that the revenue collected was just shy of \$8.6 million.

## 11. Report of the Town Treasurer

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

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

## 12. 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.**

### **13. Report of the Library**

The Library Director was present at tonight's meeting.

S. Dowdell indicated that both Liz Setaro and herself received their licenses to be Notaries. S. Dowdell also indicated that the projection screen will be installed next week on Monday and Tuesday.

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

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

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

C. Bielik noted that significant structure fire on Beacon Valley Road and thanked the fire department for their quick response and their great job in keeping this town safe.

### **15. Any Other Reports**

#### **a. Report of the Custodian**

Motion to accept the report as submitted by the Custodian for tonight's meeting: **Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; 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 September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

Motion to accept the July report as submitted by the Animal Control Officer for tonight's meeting: **Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.**

## **16. Correspondence**

1. An invoice from the clerk were received for the regular monthly meeting on August 8, 2016 in the amount of \$102.50.

Motion to approve and pay the clerk for the August 8, 2016 invoice as submitted for tonight's meeting for a total of \$102.50: **Krenesky/Betkoski;no discussion;all ayes.**

2. A list of tax rebates to be refunded was submitted by the Tax Collector. The total of names is 15 and the amount totals \$3,810.99, and it as follows:

Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Ambrosini in the amount of \$228.22

CAB East LLC, Ford Credit in the amount of \$200.73

Joseph E. Conte, Jr. in the amount of \$434.20

Sak Dariusz in the amount of \$77.82

Gerald & Doris Engel in the amount of \$500.00

Honda Lease Trust in the amount of \$250.85

Hyundai Lease Titling Trust in the amount of \$181.54

Christopher Larocque in the amount of \$165.43

Kaylee A. Resha in the amount of \$21.76

Richard A. Walsh in the amount of \$1.31

Ally Bank in the amount of \$1,347.22

Marshal Brian Mezick in the amount of \$219.58

Komar Construction LLC in the amount of \$132.22

Mary Jane Starkey in the amount of \$16.19

Robert W. Starkey in the amount of \$33.92

Motion to approve and pay the tax rebate refunds to the individual and/or organizations as listed previously, and as submitted for tonight's meeting by the Tax Collector for a total of \$3,810.99: **Krenesky/Betkoski;no discussion;all ayes.**

3. An email thread between 08/23/2016 and 08/25/2016 was received regarding the intent of Annette Bosley-Boyce to be appointed to the Library Board of Trustees and the recommendation by Eric Dye, Chairman of the Library Board, to the Board of Selectmen on behalf of Annette Bosley-Boyce.

4. A letter from Bob & Mary Ann Tiano of Patricia Terrance was received regarding the site line blockage at the intersection of Rt. 42 and Patricia Terrace. C. Bielik indicated that the CT DOT was the party responsible for clearing the site line blockage. B. Tiano contact Senator Joe Crisco's office and a response was received. C. Bielik indicated that the CT DOT is pushing the clearing of the site line blockage to the local municipality. C. Bielik noted that he will be contacting Public Works now that he has authorization from the State that we can take of the blockage.
5. A letter from BH Care was received thanking for the annual \$500 donation.
6. A letter was received from Doug Bousquet of Cedar Circle and a reply was received from the town attorney, Atty. Fred Stanek, with his legal opinion. C. Bielik read the legal opinion by Atty. Stanek.

## **17. Old Business**

### **a. Study Committee – Wolfe Avenue – Multi-Use Community Center – Discussion – Charge/Disband Original Committee**

The Town Clerk advised that when the members were appointed to this committee at last month's Board of Selectmen's meeting, the original committee was dormant/suspended and not disbanded. The Selectmen need to take action on the dormant committee before appointing the new members to the committee.

Motion to disband the dormant existing committee: **Krenesky/Betkoski;no discussion;all eyes.**

Motion to reaffirm the appointment of the 5 members that were appointed at last month's Board of Selectmen meeting to the new Multi-Use Community Center Building Committee: **Betkoski/Krenesky;no discussion; all eyes.**

### **b. Highland Avenue Construction Project - Update**

C. Bielik gave an update on the Highland Avenue Construction project. It was indicated that they are continuing to move north of Division Street.

### **c. Wastewater Treatment Plant Study – Discussion**

The preliminary report from Dave Pricket was not received.

**d. Intertown Capital Equipment Purchase Program - Update**

C. Bielik indicated that the State had pulled funding back in March 2106 and now is resurrecting the program. More information on the program will be given once it is received.

**18. New Business**

**a. Placement of No Through Trucks restriction sign near Pond Spring Village**

C. Bielik noted that the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and a Board Member was present at tonight's meeting. Bill Davis of October Lane indicated that there are GPS problems and traffic is a problem with trucks going to Haviland Drive through Pond Springs Village. The homeowners are very concerned with the additional of the propane tanks storage and distribution trucks. The homeowner's association is requesting for a restriction sign for NO THROUGH TRUCKS to be put in to advise trucks not to go into Pond Springs Village.

After a brief discussion, the Board were in agreed with having signs posted. The Board of Selectmen will need to schedule a Traffic Authority meeting to continue discussion on this topic of concern.

**b. Police Dispatch Consolidation – Discussion**

C. Bielik indicated that the possibility of coming out of the Resident State Trooper program was looking into and he has received a cost to Beacon Falls per year in regards to this. C. Bielik indicated that for Beacon Falls to switch over the dispatch from the Resident State Trooper program to obtaining the services from other sources, the cost would be approximately \$260,000 per year. C. Bielik noted that the Resident State Trooper program cost approximately \$165,000 per year. After a brief discussion, the Selectmen agreed that it would not be cost effective to switch out of the Resident State Trooper program.

**c. Personnel Actions Policy – Discussion**

C. Bielik indicated that this was on the agenda based on a special Board of Selectmen meeting that was already held and per the request of M. Krenesky. At this time, the Selectmen are not going to pursue this agenda item at this time.



**d. Beacon Street Project – Bid Review and Action**

C. Bielik indicated that a letter from Nafis & Young was received regarding the Beacon Street Project bids. The letter noted that 6 bids were received and reviewed. All the bids were greater than the authorized cost of the project and Nafis & Young recommended not to award the Beacon Street Project to any of the 6 bidders.

**e. Local Traffic Authority Issues – Discussion**

After a brief discussion, the Board of Selectmen will schedule a Traffic Authority meeting for Wednesday, September 28, 2016, starting at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Assembly Room. The Land Use and Open Spaces meeting will be rescheduled to the Selectmen Conference Room.

M. Krenesky asked if there was an update on the Lopus Road Bridge. C. Bielik indicated that the town engineer has looked at it and is in the process of writing an estimate to be given to the insurance company. C. Bielik noted that he does not know if an adjuster from the insurance company has looked at the issue.

**19. Appointments**

Motion to appoint Eva Newellas an alternate to the Ethics Board:  
**Betkoski/Krenesky;no discussion;all ayes.**

Motion to appoint Rod Farrell as a permanent member to the Ethics Board:  
**Krenesky/Betkoski;no discussion; all ayes.**

Motion to reappoint Sue Mis to the Naugatuck Valley Health District:  
**Betkoski/Krenesky;no discussion;all ayes.**

## **20. Budget Transfer Request**

C. Bielik indicated that there are 3 budget transfer requests to be addressed tonight and to forward to the Board of Finance for their next meeting.

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

1. From Copier Maint. & Supplies – Line Item 10.90.05.1210 – in the amount of \$832.00 and from Wages-Asst. Town Clerk – Line Item 10.90.05.1042 – in the amount of \$2,820.36 to Wages-Assistant Town Clerk P/T – Line Item 10.90.05.1020 – in the amount of \$3,652.36.
2. From Gas/Fuel – Line Item 10.90.59.1700 – in the amount of \$3,651.20 to Wages-Asst. Road Foreman (1) – Line Item 10.90.59.1011 – in the amount of \$3,651.20.
3. From Bond Anticipation Note Interest – Line Item 10.90.85.1985 – in the amount of \$.26 to Capital Improvements \$5M – Line Item 10.90.85.1984 in the amount of \$.26.

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

## **21. Comments from the Public**

Sue Dowdell, Library Director, asked the Selectmen the status of moving the Library drop boxes. S. Dowdell also asked the status of developing the charge for the Community Center committee. C. Bielik indicated that it is in the process and needs to go to the other members of the Board of Selectmen to review and approve. The Board will have an agenda item on the Traffic Authority meeting in order to discuss.

Joe Dowdell, 32 Wolfe Avenue, indicated that the Beacon Falls Rotary Club, in conjunction with Liberty Bank, is selling “turkey legs” to raise money for Thanksgiving to help feed families. If anyone is interested in purchasing a “turkey leg”, the donation is \$1.00 and Liberty Bank will donate \$.25 for every dollar raised.

Mary Ellen Fernandes, South Circle, indicated that she had several comments to make. First, Planning & Zoning sent a letter to the Selectmen but was not addressed. Second, the position of Zoning Enforcement Officer has traditionally hired, maintained, and fired by Planning & Zoning and not the Board of Selectmen. Third, M. Fernandes noted that some of the people are chosen to give comments under the Public agenda item and some of the people are not chosen. C. Bielik indicated that if a quick answer is able to be given, and not a back & forth dialogue, is given under Public Comment.

Fourth, M. Fernandes noted the lack of consistency in choosing members for Commissions and Boards. M. Fernandes noted that the Ethics Board was noted as dormant for 4 years but was not disbanded, just new members were appointed to complete the board. The Multi Use Community Center committee was also dormant, and new members were appointed before it was disbanded.

Kevin McDuffie, Chairman of Planning & Zoning, indicated that the Board had an Executive Session in order to discuss the ZEO performance and it was reported to C. Bielik that there were no problems in his performance. K. McDuffie also noted that there had been no complaints or problems in regards to the ZEO. K. McDuffie indicated the extent of his anger in regards to the posting of applications being accepted for the ZEO position. It should have been brought to the Planning & Zoning Chairman to discuss. K. McDuffie also indicated that he did not have any knowledge of applications being accepted for the ZEO open position.

Greg Campbell, Terese Road, indicated that it is a little disappointing that nothing has been done for the past five months. C. Bielik indicated that he cannot engage in a dialogue with him on the issue since this is not the right forum and to please contact Atty. Stanek. G. Campbell indicated that he will contact him tomorrow.

C. Bielik asked three times if there were any further comments and there were none at this time.

## **22. Executive Session**

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

## **23. 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 9:45 P.M.:

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

**The next regular monthly meeting for the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2016, starting at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall Assembly Room.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo  
Clerk, Board of Selectmen