

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



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monthly Meeting  
April 10, 2017  
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; Kenny George, Beacon Hose CO. 1; Joe Rodorigo, Board of Finance; Resident State Trooper Humberto Henriques and Lt. Eddie Rodriguez; Luke Marshall, Citizens News; and 3 members of the public.

**2. Comments from the Public**

D. Bousquet, Cedar Circle, noted the concern of the problem with the sprinkler system at Laurel Ledge and that it is unacceptable for the First Selectman not to know about the problem.

Dave Rybinsky, Quail Hollow Court, noted that he previously expressed concerns with the snowplowing and did not receive a response to his concern. C. Bielik apologized by saying that he thought that someone had gotten back to him regarding his concerns and will have this addressed.

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

Motion to change Agenda Item 16c, Old Business – Beacon Falls Police Issues: Incident Response at Project Purple and Staffing - Discussion, to Agenda Item 3;

and to change Agenda Item 16d, Old Business – North Main Street Crosswalk – Discussion and Possible Action, to Agenda Item 4: **Betkoski/Krenesky**;no discussion;all ayes.

**3. Beacon Falls Police Issues: Incident Response at Project Purple and Staffing - Discussion**

C. Bielik gave a brief background to this agenda item. D. Verrelli noted that he did not receive a call indicating that his concerns were going to be on the agenda for tonight's meeting and asked why the items were on the agenda. C. Bielik indicated that D. Verrelli had concerns at last month's Board of Selectmen meeting and it was stated that they would be added to the April agenda.

D. Verrelli noted that his alarm was tripped back in September 2016 and told the alarm company that he did not have the passcode and would like an officer on duty to come. D. Verrelli noted that the response time from the resident trooper was 45 minutes and the trooper indicated that she was on a call. D. Verrelli also noted that he came to a Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss the lack of coverage.

Resident State Trooper Humberto Henriques was present at tonight's meeting to discuss the incident. Trooper Henriques indicated that the dispatch log showed that the Rt. 8 Trooper was on a medical issue on Burton Road. The dispatch log showed that the trooper cleared that call at 2:06 PM and dispatched to the call from Project Purple at 2:08 PM and arrived on scene at 2:17 PM. The computer shows a 9-minute response time and the alarm company indicated to dispatch that the owner is on premise and would like an officer to verify.

After a brief discussion, Trooper Henriques agrees that the town needs to be more pro-active and be more visible. There was a question about the Rt. 8 trooper and Trooper Henriques noted that the Rt. 8 trooper usually is in the area of Exit 29 since accessibility to Rt. 8 and Rt. 42 is there.

After further discussion, C. Bielik asked if there was anything to add and there was nothing at this time.

**4. North Main Street Crosswalk – Discussion and Possible Action**

C. Bielik indicated that EDC was contacted for feedback on this agenda item and their recommendation was not to support the crosswalk. P. Betkoski noted that Rob Pruzinsky reviewed DOT specs and it would not work, losing all the parking for the post office.

D. Verrelli noted that he attended an EDC meeting last month and there is talk about redoing downtown. C. Bielik indicated that EDC deals with the concerns of

businesses in town and if they were to make a positive recommendation to the Board of Selectmen then we would strongly consider.

After a brief discussion, C. Bielik indicated that the crosswalk was taken out at the request of the Post Master and based on the current configurations, it would cause a negative impact to too many other people in the area. M. Krenesky noted the difficulty in the placement of a crosswalk if one was to be put in.

After further discussion, C. Bielik asked if there was anything else and there was nothing at this time.

#### **5. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings**

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes from the meeting held on March 13, 2017. C. Bielik noted that there should be a revision to the minutes – in Section 4, the discussion on the codification, the minutes should reflect that the funding held by the Town Clerk would be from MERS, not LoCIP. The budget line item is 10.20.60.0459, Town Clerk MERS.

Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on March 13, 2017 with the noted change as stated previously: **Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.**

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

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

#### **7. Wastewater Treatment Plant Report**

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

#### **8. Report of Public Works**

Motion to accept the report as submitted by Public Works for tonight's meeting: **Krenesky/Bielik; discussion by C. Bielik noting that street sweeping will be in April 2017; all ayes.**

#### **9. Report of the Fire Marshal**

Motion to accept the report as submitted by the Fire Marshall for tonight's meeting: Krenesky/Betkoski; discussion by C. Bielik noting that the reports of blasting were looked into and they are in compliance; all ayes.

#### **10. Report of the Finance Manager**

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: Betkoski/Krenesky; discussion by C. Bielik noting that the auditors began their initial review; all ayes.

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

Motions to accept the monthly report as submitted by the Tax Collector for tonight's meeting and forward to the Board of Finance for their next scheduled meeting: Betkoski/Krenesky; discussion by C. Bielik noting that in regarding to reconciliations at the end of March between the Finance Manager and the Tax Collector, the town is approximately \$30,000 away from hitting the budgeted numbers for the fiscal year; all ayes.

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

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.

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

#### **14. Report of the Library**

S. Dowdell noted that a new volunteer will be joining the Library for a half day on Mondays.

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

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

Motion to accept the report as submitted by the Fire Department for tonight's meeting: Krenesky/Betkoski; discussion by C. Bielik noting the major structure fire on Blackberry Hill Sunday morning and it took 8 minutes for the fire department to response and get to water on the fire from the time the call came in; all ayes.

## **16. Any Other Reports**

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

Motion 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**

Motion to accept the report as submitted by the Town Nurse for tonight's meeting: Betkoski/Krenesky; discussion by M. Krenesky inquiring to the time that the Town Nurse indicated that she was at the emergency storm shelter during the blizzard for 10 hours and she did not bill for 6 hours and C. Bielik indicated that he will look into this; all ayes.

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

Motion to accept the reports for February 2017 and for March 2017 as submitted by the Animal Control Officer for tonight's meeting: Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

### **d. Report of the Community Media Building Committee**

M. Krenesky presented a copy of the minutes from the last meeting. M. Krenesky noted that the Committee is shy one member and on Thursday, the Building Inspector will be looking at the Wolfe Avenue house in regards to the safety concerns.

Motion to accept the report as submitted by the Community Media Building Committee Chairman at tonight's meeting: Betkoski/Bielik; no discussion; all ayes.

## **17. Correspondence**

1. A letter dated 03/15/2017 from the United Day School was received requesting the use of the parking lot at the fire house for their annual lemonade stand on 08/02/2017 from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM. The lemonade stand is used as a fundraiser for the School to donate the proceeds to organizations in town and this year, the School will be donating the proceeds to make lunches for the Community Helpers.

Motion to approve the request for the United Day School to use the parking lot at the fire house on 08/02/2017 from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM for their annual lemonade stand: **Betkoski/Krenesky;no discussion;all ayes.**

2. A memo June Chadderton, the Town Hall Union representative, was received indicated that the employees would like to request the use of the floating holiday for 07/03/2017 since the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday falls on a Tuesday this year.

Motion to approve the request from the Town Hall Employees to use the floating holiday for 07/03/2017: **Betkoski/Krenesky;no discussion;all ayes.**

3. A letter dated 03/31/2017 was received reminding that Thursday, 05/04/2017, is a Day of Prayer and a celebration will be held at Veterans Park from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

4. A postcard was received from the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce regarding the annual gathering of municipal and business leadership on 04/19/2017 from 2:30 PM to 6:00 PM at their offices on Bridgeport Avenue in Shelton.

5. An invoice from the clerk was received for the BOS meeting held on 03/13/2017 in the amount of \$72.50.

Motion to approve and pay the clerk for the invoice as submitted for tonight's meeting in the amount of \$72.50: **Betkoski/Krenesky;no discussion;all ayes.**

The clerk also submitted an invoice from the Land Use & Open Spaces Committee and two invoices from the Ethics Board. The Land Use has not

had a meeting since November 2016 due to a lack of a quorum and the Ethics Board does not meet regularly.

The invoice for the Land Use & Open Spaces Committee is dated 03/22/2017 and in the amount of \$142.50. One invoice for the Ethics Board is dated 04/05/2017 for a Special Organizational Meeting and in the amount of \$42.50. The other invoice for the Ethics Board is dated 04/05/2017 for a Special Meeting and in the amount of \$63.18. After a brief discussion, the Selectmen will approve and pay the clerk for the invoices as submitted but will verify with the Chairman of each of the boards. M. Krenesky noted that notification or a copy of tonight's meeting should be sent to the Boards indicated that the clerk was paid.

Motion to approve and pay the clerk for the Land Use & Open Spaces invoice as submitted for tonight's meeting in the amount of \$142.50:

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

Motion to approve and pay the clerk for the 2 Ethics Board invoices as submitted for tonight's meeting in the amount of \$105.68 with the Chairman's verification: **Betkoski/Krenesky;no discussion;all ayes.**

## **18. Old Business**

### **a. Riverbend Park Update**

C. Bielik indicated that the Opening Ceremony was held on Tuesday, 04/04/2017 and thanked Dominick Sorrentino and everyone who worked on the project for all the work that was done in revitalizing Riverbend Park.

### **b. Lancaster Drive Private Road - Discussion**

P. Betkoski indicated that Atty. Stanek sent a letter to All State Trucking regarding their use of training on Lancaster Drive. P. Betkoski also noted that a letter needs to be sent to all the business owners in Lancaster Park that if they see any damage or use of the road for training, they need to contact Town Hall.

After a brief discussion in regards to changing Lancaster Drive from a public thoroughfare to a private road, M. Krenesky noted a concern that the

residents of Pond Springs Village use the road and problems that may occur.

## **19. New Business**

### **a. Appointments**

#### **1. Land Use/Open Space – Joe Fitzpatrick – Term Expired 11/08/2016**

C. Bielik indicated that there is no candidate for this vacancy.

#### **2. Inland Wetlands – to replace Jamie Lillis – Term Expires 11/07/2017**

C. Bielik indicated that there is no candidate for this vacancy.

#### **3. Safety Committee – Fire Dept. Rep: Brian DeGeorge**

Motion to appoint Brian DeGeorge as the Beacon Hose Co. 1 representative to the Safety Committee: Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

#### **4. Ethics Board – Alternate**

C. Bielik indicated that there is no candidate for this vacancy.

### **b. Assistant Zoning Enforcement Officer – Discussion and Possible Action**

C. Bielik indicated that Jim Baldwin is qualified to be the Assistant Zoning Enforcement Officer. After a brief discussion, M. Krenesky noted his hesitancy to do this based on recent history and P. Betkoski noted that it may be a good idea but put everything in writing. C. Bielik noted that the position would need to be clearly defined.

After further discussion, C. Bielik indicated that this agenda item will be postponed in order to do more research.

### **c. Request to Board of Finance to Conduct a Town Meeting for the Purpose of Authorizing the Expenditure of up to \$50,000 from Excess General Fund Balance to Procure Architectural Drawings for a Proposed Community/Media Center Building**

C. Bielik noted that there is \$10,000 in the bank so the amount was changed from \$60,000 to \$50,000. C. Bielik also noted that there is a



concern with the discussion and vote be done at a Town Meeting and a Referendum may be what is needed.

Motion to recommend a referendum to the Board of Finance for the purpose of authorizing the expenditure of up to \$50,000 from excess General Fund balance to procure architectural drawings for a proposed Community/Media Center Building: **Betkoski/Krenesky;no discussion;all ayes.**

**d. Laurel Ledge Sprinkler System - Update**

C. Bielik indicated that there was a sprinkler system problem at Laurel Ledge School where the sprinkler system was not connected properly. There was no explanation as to why the situation occurred when the people were present at the site. Notification was received on 03/29/2017 and the Chief of Engineering at Aquarion, Dan Laurence, took full responsibility from Aquarion's perspective on the fact that it did happen.

C. Bielik gave the background to the situation of the road construction project on Highland Avenue. There was an inspection done on 11/08/2016 and it was reported that all the lines and readings were operating properly. The next quarterly inspection was done and it was reported that there was no water pressure. Aquarion is looking into this problem and will inform the Town of the results.

**20. Budget Transfer Requests**

C. Bielik indicated that there are four budget transfer requests to be addressed tonight and pass along to the Board of Finance for their next monthly meeting.

Motion to approve the budget transfer request from the Public Works as follows and pass it along to the Board of Finance:

1. From Line Item 10.90.59.1713, Tree Work, in the amount of \$300.00 to Line Item 10.90.61.1122, Heating Fuel, in the amount of \$300.00.

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

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

1. From Line Item 10.90.13.1255, Workers Comp., in the amount of \$2,350.00 to Line Item 10.90.03.1105, Town Hall Computer IT, in the amount of \$2,350.00.

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

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

1. From Line Item 10.90.13.1255, Workers Comp., in the amount of \$24,768.00 to Line Item 10.90.85.1984, Capital Improvements, in the amount of \$24,768.00.
2. From Line Item 10.90.13.1255, Workers Comp., in the amount of \$5,168.00 to Line Item 10.90.63.1735, Health District, in the amount of \$5,168.00.

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

## **21. Public Comment**

Sue Dowdell, 32 Wolfe Avenue, noted that she spoke to Atty. Stanek in regards to reviewing the policy. S. Dowdell also noted that there was a letter of resignation from Darlene Raggazine. S. Dowdell thanked the Selectmen for their support and everyone's hard work in regards to the event at the Fire House – For Better and For Worse. S. Dowdell indicated that there are deep potholes on Wolfe Avenue and neighbors have been having a lot of water at the end of the driveways.

Dino Verrelli, Kalea's Way, noted that he was appalled about the sprinkler system problem. D. Verrelli also noted that Naugatuck Police are doing OT for work being done in town. C. Bielik indicated that the work was being done on a state road and is beyond the town's control. If the job is local then the town's officers are offered first.

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

## **22. Executive Session**

The Selectmen did not enter into an Executive Session tonight.

## **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 9:36 P.M.:  
**Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.**

**The next regular monthly meeting for the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2017, starting at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall Assembly Room.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo  
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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