

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



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monthly Meeting  
May 8, 2017  
MINUTES  
(Subject to Revision)**

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

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

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

Others present: Chief Brian DeGeorge and Asst. Chief Howard Leeper, Beacon Hose Co. 1; Luke Marshall, Citizens News; and 4 members of the public.

**2. Comments from the Public**

Kevin Dokla, Timber Ridge/Oakwood Estates, was present to inform the Selectmen about the pump station at the end of his street. K. Doka noted that the site looks very bad with pipes, fire hydrants, and equipment hanging out of the ground. K. Doka is asking for the developer to cover up the look of the industrial-looking pump station prior to the developer turning the road over to the town.

Doug Bousquet, Cedar Circle, was present to inform the Selectmen about the chip sealant problem. P. Betkoski noted that he spoke with Rob Pruzinsky and another coat will be done on the entire roads. D. Bousquet also noted that his company was hired to board up the Lewis House on Wolfe Avenue. D. Bousquet indicated that the porch on the left-hand side should be taken down due to safety concerns and being very dangerous. C. Bielik indicated that he will have Jim Baldwin take a look at the house.

Mary Ellen Fernandes, South Circle, was present to inquire on the sidewalks and buffers on Highland Avenue. M. Fernandes indicated that the grass buffers were removed and new curbs were put in. They left a mess with no grass on the properties, rocks, and would like to know who is going to take care of this problem.

C. Bielik indicated that this is not on tonight's agenda and asked for a motion to add Highland Avenue onto the agenda as Agenda Item 3 in order to discuss the problem.

Motion to add as Agenda Item 3, Highland Avenue - Update:  
**Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.**

M. Fernandes also noted that the staging area that was used was left in a complete mess and looks horrible with no grass and "stuff" everywhere.

M. Fernandes indicated that she has an inquiry on bond money/grant money for the Lewis House on Wolfe Avenue. Based on her information, she believes that there is \$7,730 still left that was allocated to do studies. M. Fernandes noted that questions have come up about the \$50,000 grant money that was spent.

Kevin Doka indicated that there is a problem with the storm drains on Timber Ridge filling up after the last rains and asked if the Selectmen could look at the storm drain when visiting the pump station.

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

### **3. Highland Avenue – Update**

C. Bielik indicated that they have been in touch with Nafis & Young through Jim Galligan. C. Bielik wanted to note that the contractors have not been paid in full since there is more work to be done. The rainy spring has delayed the work and the contractors have been holding back in completing the work. C. Bielik also noted some concrete work that needs to be done on the sidewalks. The plan is to do everything all at once rather than a little bit one day, some more another day. C. Bielik indicated that the triangle (staging area) is on the list of work to do done and will double check on the hydrants.

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

Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on April 10, 2017:  
**Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.**

C. Bielik wanted to have it noted that all the departments have submitted their monthly reports even though this month's Selectmen meeting is very early in the month.

**5. Resident Trooper/Police Report**

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

**6. 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.

**7. 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 the bulky waste held at the end of April was very well attended. C. Bielik also noted that the Town Garage area will be open on Friday afternoons, noon to 3:00 PM, for receiving brush. C. Bielik also noted that Public Works worked hard getting Main Street and the Blue Star Memorial area ready for the Duck Race and Dedication Ceremony; all ayes.

**8. Report of the Fire Marshal**

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

**9. 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; no discussion; all ayes.

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

## **11. 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: **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**

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

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

C. Bielik acknowledged the new Fire Chief Brian DeGeorge and Asst. Fire Chief H. Leeper. H. Leeper announced that the Awards Night is on May 17<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00 PM at Woodland Regional 16 High School. C. Bielik indicated that there is a special Town Meeting that night in the Town Hall Assembly Room and will try to attend if the meeting doesn't last long.

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

## **15. 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**

The next quarterly report from the Town Nurse is not due until June 30, 2017.

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

Motion to accept the report as submitted by the Animal Control Officer for tonight's meeting: Krenesky/Betkoski; discussion was by P. Betkoski asked if raccoons fall under the Animal Control Officer and C. Bielik indicated that only dogs and cats do; all ayes.

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

M. Krenesky presented a copy of the minutes from the meeting held on 04/24/2017 but did not have minutes from the meeting held on 05/03/2017.

M. Krenesky indicated that the primary discussion has been on the budget and about going to a referendum/town meeting on the \$50,000 request from the Fund Balance for the committee's use for 2017-2018. The Board of Finance is not planning on putting that amount into the 2017-2018 budget and the request from the Committee is from the 2016-2017 budget. C. Bielik indicated that the Board of Finance needs to authorize the Board of Selectmen to set a town meeting. M. Krenesky also indicated that there is money left over and the Committee has gone through everything to verify the steps that were taken and spoke to people that were previously involved. According to the review, it appears that there is a remaining balance in the Administrative Cost, which began at \$50,000. C. Bielik asked for a list of the expenses that have been incurred to the best of the Committee's knowledge and present this list to the Finance Dept. to review.

Motion to accept the report as submitted by the Community Media Building Committee Chairman at tonight's meeting: Betkoski/Bielik; no discussion; ayes by C. Bielik and P. Betkoski and abstention by M. Krenesky.

**16. Correspondence**

1. A letter dated 05/01/2017 was received from Beacon Hose Co. 1 listing the new officers and the list of names was read by C. Bielik. The Selectmen would like to congratulate all the new officers and wished the best of luck going forward.
2. An invoice from the clerk was received for the BOS meeting held on 04/10/2017 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.

3. A letter from the Riverbend Park Committee that was addressed to the BOS and to Parks & Rec was received indicating that there are two local business looking to adopt the park to assist in the maintenance of the park. Attached to the letter was a proposed schedule for the maintenance. The Committee noted that they would be looking for a sign listing the sponsors. C. Bielik mentioned that he has not heard from Parks & Rec and will address this after hearing from Parks & Rec as to their recommendation.
4. A letter from Bonnie Chevarella, Chair of the Conservation Commission, was received addressing evasive species on town properties. The Commission is looking to schedule a meeting with the Selectmen to discuss this problem.
5. A letter from Beacon Hose Co. 1 was received announcing the dates of the Annual Parade & Carnival. The Parade will be held on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, with a 6:00 PM step-off time.
6. A carbon copy of a letter from the Zoning Enforcement Officer to the owners of the property at 302-304 Lopus Road was received. The letter that was sent to the property owners was in regards to the blight issue on that property. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the ZEO inspected the property and found that the owners were in compliance with all Zoning and Blight Issues in town.
7. A letter dated 04/30/2017 was received from the Riverbend Park Committee regarding the expansion and enhancement of Riverbend Park. The letter was addressed to the Chair of Inland Wetlands and to Planning & Zoning and indicated that the expansion and enhancement was complete. M. Krenesky asked if the Committee will be disbanded at some point in time C. Bielik indicated that it should be but needs to hear from the Committee when they are ready to disband.
8. A letter from the attorney for the developer of Timber Ridge Lane was received indicating that they went to Planning & Zoning on 04/20/2017. A recommendation was received from the Town Attorney to accept Timber Ridge Lane with a \$50,000 maintenance bond and on behalf of the developers, the attorney is requesting the road acceptance and bond placement on the BOS agenda for action.

Motion to add under Old Business as Agenda Item 17c, Acceptance of the Timber Ridge Lane with a \$50,000 maintenance bond:

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

9. A letter from the Library Board of Trustees was received recommending Martha Melville as their representative to the Community Media Center Building Committee.
10. A letter from EDC was received indicating that Dennis Phipps' term is expiring and he is interested in continuing to serve on that Commission. The EDC is recommending D. Phipps to be reappointed to their Commission.
11. A letter from the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District Representative Policy Board was received indicating that Tanya Gutierro term is expiring on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. They are asking for the Selectmen to reappoint T. Gutierro to a 3-year term that will begin on 07/01/2017 and expire on 06/30/2020. P. Betkoski asked to have this tabled until the June 2017 meeting since he has some questions. T. Gutierro did submit a letter that she was interested in serving on the Board for the 3-year term.
12. A letter from EDC was received regarding their discussion on the downtown Streetscape/Riverwalk. There are concerns with streetlights not working in a certain section, the damaged equipment box, and damaged tree that was struck by a State DOT truck. C. Bielik indicated that this can be added to the agenda under Old Business.  
  
Motion to add under Old Business as Agenda Item 17d, Streetscape / Riverwalk Issues – Updated: **Betkoski/Krenesky;no discussion;all eyes.**
13. A letter from an organization called Union Apprenticeship Readiness Program. The letter was advising the Selectmen that they are accepting applications for candidates for the 2017 summer apprenticeship skills readiness training program. The classes are 7 weeks long, starting at 7:00 AM and going to 3:30 PM, and are free to students.

## **17. Old Business**

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

C. Bielik indicated that this was a follow-up discussion on this agenda item since there were concerns with dual-hatting the Building Inspector who is also a qualified Zoning Enforcement Officer due to problems in the past.

M. Krenesky indicated that he still has concerns and would need to be monitored very closely. P. Betkoski questioned if it was being done only in emergency case and something would have to be drafted specifically outlining the responsibilities and addressing all concerns.

C. Bielick indicated that action will be postponed until the June meeting in order to do some more research and draft a proposed policy statement as to how it would work. P. Betkoski and M. Krenesky agreed to the postponement.

**b. Laurel Ledge Sprinkler System – Update**

C. Bielick indicated that he spoke to Dan Lawrence, Chief Engineer at Aquarion Water. Aquarion Water has completed their internal review but have not compiled the final report that needs to be presented to the Selectmen. There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday morning at 10:00 AM.

**c. Timber Ridge Road Acceptance – Discussion and Possible Vote**

C. Bielick indicated that the Town Engineer reported to Planning & Zoning that Timber Ridge Lane met all the necessary requirements to be accepted as a town road with a \$50,000 maintenance bond retained for that road.

Mary Ellen Fernandes asked if the Selectmen received a letter from Planning & Zoning regarding their recommendation of accepting the road. C. Bielick does not recall receiving a letter and M. Fernandes indicated that it would have been an email. C. Bielick asked for a 2 minute recess in order to check his emails.

**Motion to enter into recess at 8:35 PM: Betkoski/Krenesky;no discussion;all ayes.**

The Selectmen came back from recess at 8:43 PM. C. Bielick indicated that this agenda item will be tabled until the email is received.

**d. Streetscape / Riverwalk Issues – Update**

C. Bielick indicated that town's insurance company has contacted the driver's insurance company. The town's insurance company is not fronting the money for the repairs since the lampposts were not specifically addressed on the town's Other Equipment Inventory with the insurance company. C. Bielick indicated that the repairs will be done once the funds have been received.



The damage to the tree was addressed by EDC indicating that they have authorized funds from their budget lines to pay for a new tree.

M. Krenesky mentioned that he would like to add one or two topics for discussion under Old Business in regards to the Solar Panels and the new site for Bulky Waste. C. Bielik indicated that they are related and can be added as one agenda item.

Motion to add under Old Business as new agenda item 17e, Discussion on the Solar Farm and new site for Bulky Waste Relating to Brush: Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

**e. Discussion – Solar Farm and New Site for Bulky Waste Relating to Brush**

M. Krenesky asked what the cost to the town has been for the solar panel project and C. Bielik indicated that the cost is \$0.00 based on his understanding. M. Krenesky asked if there has been any engineering or legal costs incurred and C. Bielik indicated some legal costs based on questions by the Board of Finance. M. Krenesky asked if there is a date as to when it will be turned on and C. Bielik indicated that Inland Wetlands had some issues on the work that was being done and they have not given the authorization to release as of yet.

M. Krenesky noted that based on the solar panel being put in, the town has an issue with locating a new site for the bulky waste. M. Krenesky asked for an update with O & G and C. Bielik indicated that O & G needed to do some test borings to see if there is anything in the land that would be of interest to them. The test results came in and there is nothing on the site that O & G is interested in. C. Bielik indicated that the next step is to schedule a meeting to discuss leasing the property. P. Betkoski also indicated that the Selectmen need to talk to Nafis & Young, Rob Pruzinsky, and P & Z, to see how the entrance could be made based on all the specs that are required to be met.

M. Krenesky mentioned that doing the budget discussions, there has been no mention of a cost associated with this project. M. Krenesky noted that there is a lease cost, a road will need to be put in, a fence would have to be installed, clear the property, and engineering costs for establishing a new site for the bulky waste. M. Krenesky also noted the cost of the dumpster for the bulky waste and being open every Friday. M. Krenesky is questioning where the money coming from and should the Board of Finance be putting some funds into the budget for this. C. Bielik indicated that he is looking for doing everything on a volunteer basis or a trade-of-services.

C. Bielik asked for a 2-minute recess in order to retrieve the email from Planning & Zoning.

Motion to enter into recess at 9:00 PM: **Betkoski/Krenesky;no discussion;all ayes.**

The Selectmen came back from recess at 9:02 PM. C. Bielik indicated that the email from Planning & Zoning was received regarding their recommendation on the Timber Ridge Road Acceptance with a \$50,000 maintenance bond and would like to go back to Agenda Item 17c.

**c. Timber Ridge Road Acceptance – Discussion and Possible Vote (Continued)**

C. Bielik indicated that the email from the clerk for the Planning & Zoning Commission was received. At the P & Z meeting held on 04/20/2017, the Commissioners requested that a letter be sent to the Selectmen to advise them that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommend the acceptance of Timber Ridge Lane as a road with a \$50,000 maintenance bond.

Motion to accept Timber Ridge Lane as a town road with a \$50,000 maintenance bond set per the recommendations of the Town Engineer and Planning & Zoning: **Betkoski/Krenesky;no discussion;all ayes.**

**18. 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. Ethics Board – Alternate**

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

**4. Community Media Center Building Committee – Martha Melville to Replace Darlene Ragozzine as the Library Board of Trustee's Representative**

Motion to appoint Martha Melville to replace Darlene Ragozzine as the Library Board of Trustee's Representative on the Community Media Center Building Committee: **Krenesky/Betkoski;no discussion;all ayes.**

**5. South Central Connecticut Regional Water District's Representative Policy Board – Reappoint Tanya Gutierro (term expires on 06/30/2017)**

C. Bielik indicated that this appointment will be postponed until the June 2017 meeting.

**6. Economic Development Commission – Reappoint Dennis Phipps (term expires 05/01/2017)**

Motion to reappoint Dennis Phipps to the Economic Development Commission for another term: **Betkoski/Krenesky;no discussion;all ayes.**

**b. Trash Disposal Proposal – Discussion and Possible Action**

C. Bielik distributed copies of the Trash Disposal Proposal from MIRA. C. Bielik noted that the current contract is expiring at the end of June 2017 and MIRA is looking to see if the town will be renewing with them.

The Selectmen reviewed the information on page 9 and on page 11. C. Bielik noted that if a short-term contract is elected, the price will be \$70.00/ton where now it is \$66.00/ton. If the town elected a 10-year contract, the price will be \$68.00/ton. C. Bielik also noted that there were rebates once received for recycling and as of last year, the rebates were deleted for recycling.

C. Bielik indicated that he reached out to Winter Bros. for a proposal. Winter Bros. gave a price of \$68.00/ton if the town elects a 5-year contract with the price going up \$1.00/ton each and every year.

After a brief discussion, M. Krenesky indicated that it would be worth asking Winter Bros. to provide a full contract for the Selectmen to review. C. Bielik indicated that he will entertain a motion regarding Winter Bros.

Motion for the Board of Selectmen to pursue getting a full contract from Winter Bros. outlining the conditions expressed in the letter proposal: **Betkoski/Krenesky;no discussion;all ayes.**

c. **Repurposing of Excess Bond Funding Resolutions – Discussion and Vote**

C. Bielik read the resolution into the minutes and as follows:

Board of Selectmen May 8, 2017 meeting attachment:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Beacon Falls appropriate \$34,009.00 for costs related to the acquisition of a Police Interceptor and related equipment, said appropriation to be funded from unexpended proceeds of the Town's \$4,350,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2016, originally allocated to the financing of a \$130,000 appropriation approved at Special Town Meeting held June 8, 2016 for costs related to the acquisition of two Ford Explorers and related equipment for use by the Beacon Falls Police Department.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Beacon Falls appropriate \$14,493.00 for costs related to the acquisition of a F-550 and related equipment, said appropriation to be funded from unexpended proceeds of the Town's \$4,350,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2016, originally allocated to the financing of a \$130,000 appropriation approved at Special Town Meeting held June 8, 2016 for costs related to the acquisition of two Ford Explorers and related equipment for use by the Beacon Falls Police Department.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Beacon Falls appropriate \$11,002.00 for costs related to the acquisition of a F-550 and related equipment, said appropriation to be funded from unexpended proceeds of the Town's \$4,350,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2016, originally allocated to the financing of a \$110,000 appropriation approved at Special Town Meeting held June 8, 2016 for costs related to the acquisition of a Ford F-550 truck with plow, sander and related equipment for use by the Beacon Falls Public Works Department.

C. Bielik indicated that the Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, starting at 7:00 PM, in the Town Hall Assembly Room. The Board of Finance will be voting tomorrow night on the resolution as well.

Motion to approve the resolutions as stated: **Krenesky/Betkoski;no discussion;all ayes.**

**d. Riverbend Park Maintenance – Discussion and Possible Action**

It was noted that this agenda item was already discussed under Correspondence.

**19. Budget Transfer Requests**

C. Bielik indicated that there are several 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 requests from Highways /Parks as follows and pass it along to the Board of Finance:

1. From Line Item 10.90.71.1861, Recreation Program, in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Line Item 10.90.59.1713, Highway – Tree Work, in the amount of \$2,500.00.
2. From Line Item 10.90.59.1555, Equipment Rental, in the amount of \$3,000 to Line Item 10.90.59.1713, Highway – Tree Work, in the amount of \$3,000.
3. From Line Item 10.90.71.1130, Parks – Telephone, in the amount of \$1,100 to Line Item 10.90.71.1820, Sanitation Facilities, in the amount of \$1,100.

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

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

1. From Line Item 10.90.77.1470, Mini Bus Gas Maintenance, in the amount of \$300.00 to Line Item 10.90.77.1055, Mini Bus Telephone Line, in the amount of \$300.00.

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

Motion to approve the budget transfer request from Probate Court and pass it along to the Board of Finance:

1. From Line Item 10.90.63.1690, Resident Relief, in the amount of \$80.47 to Line Item for Probate Court line, in the amount of \$80.47.

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

Motion to approve the budget transfer request from Web Consultant and pass it along to the Board of Finance:

1. From Line Item 10.90.33.1290, Engineering & Consulting, in the amount of \$20.17 to Line Item for Web Consultant Line, in the amount of \$20.17.

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

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

1. From Line Item 10.90.44.1487, Air Packs, in the amount of \$350.00 and from Line Item 10.90.44.1060, Software & IT in the amount of \$650.00 to Line Item 10.90.44.1490, Physical Inoculations, in the amount of \$1,000.00.
2. From Line Item 10.90.83.1170, Contingency, in the amount of \$3,900.00 to Line Item for EMS Supplies in the amount of \$3,900.00

**Krenesky/Betkoski; discussion was that the transfer request of \$1,000.00 from Telephone to Emergency Telephone will not be approved since there is money in the line item and can be posted to the correct line item when paying the bill;all ayes.**

## **20. Public Comment**

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

## **21. Executive Session**

The Selectmen did not enter into an Executive Session tonight.

## **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 9:40 P.M.:  
**Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.**

**The next regular monthly meeting for the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2017, starting at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall Assembly Room.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo  
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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