

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

**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONTHLY MEETING
(Subject to Revision)
SEPTEMBER 11 2017**

- **Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag**

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at :7:36

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

Others present: Gerard Smith, Joseph Rodorigo, Dino Verrelli, Kenny George, Gary Komarowsky, Citizens news, Two Eagle scouts.

- **Moment of Remembrance:** Hurricane Irma

- **Comments from the Public**

Dino Verrelli 33 Kayles Way, Project Purple will be having a food truck festival, on November 11, 2017 from 12-5. Incorporating the Corn hole and Janga tournament going on in town. Portion of the road to be affected is RT8 – to Gabes. The temporary liquor permits are going to the state of CT with all the appropriate signature. He has informed police department.

Dino Verrelli asked question on the O&G situation?

C. Bielik said it's on the agenda for later tonight.

D. Verrelli asked if it could be moved up.

C.Bielik: We can entertain it.

Dino Verrelli wants to make a formal complaint about property at 7 Railroad Ave, owned by John and Emily Rupsis. Commercial property it has 9 boats and a intense amount of wood on the driveway and sidewalk. It's an eye sore and for potential commercial tenants. D. Verrelli also pulled the tax records and noted no taxes were being paid on the boats or wood, he would like the town to look in this since we are in a budget crises.

C. Bielik: asked if he has been to the Zoning Enforcement and told them.
D. Verrelli: Said no, he was bring it to the BOS .

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

C. Bielik: request from the floor to move agenda 17A up and make it agenda 4.
P.Betkoski/Krenesky ; no discussion; all ayes

- **Town Ordinance Relating to Heavy Truck Traffic and processing of Materials**

C.Bielik: Attorney Burns doing a lot of research on this: C. Bielik is reading portions of the Supreme Court ruling.03/28/1995

Called a recess at 7:55 to make copies for the other selectmen.

M.Krenesky/Betkowski.

Back in session at 8:00 with copies for the selectmen's.

Attorney Burns is helping C. Bielik understand the documents and what can be done. Possible the plaintiff can have certain properties rights. As far as the courts goes it gives O&G legal rights to attempt to get exemption for it. Need to do more research and see if O&G did get approval for the exemption. Also need to get directing from Attorney Burns as to what to do. Discussion continued. Jerry Smith said to look in the archives of the DEPP 1995-1998, for documents. D.Verrelli asked if we could tax O&G for the fill on site already. M.Krenesky motion to start the process to see if we can tax the fill on site. Motion 2nd by P.Betkoski, all ayes.

- **Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings**

Special meeting from 07/26/2017

Regular meeting from 08/14/2017

Special meeting from 08/23/2017

Special meeting from 08/31/2017 – not in possession of them yet will defer till next board meeting.

C. Bielik has one correction from the 08/14/2017, type Oak Drive is missed spelled.

Correction noted. Krenesky/Betkoski: no discussion; all ayes

- **Resident Trooper/Police Report**

Krenesky/Betkoski; C.Bielik Discussion item: Residents of Burton Rd concerns about the speed of traffic even with the solar powered speed limit sign. We have stepped up visible presents of police on the road. It's been notable with the amount of presents there. And have issued tickets for violators in that area. Kudos to the police department for making it have some teeth. All ayes.

- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Report**

Krenesky/Betkoski;

C.Bielik Discussion item: We have official received notice supervisor Walter Opuszynski will retire on 09/22/2017. Would like to go on the record thanking Walter for many years of diligent work, which wasn't always very glamour's and the work he has done for the many years he has been there.. On behalf of the BOS wishing him the best in whatever his next step is.
P.Betkoski motion to have a little get together. M.Krenesky 2nd it. All ayes.

- **Report of Public Works**
M. Krenesky has one comment, for the replace of the guardrails, on Skokorat Rd, the resident is not overwhelmed that his wooden guardrail is coming down, replaced with a shinny metal guardrails. Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.
- **Report of the Fire Marshal**
Krenesky/Betkoski: Discussion C. Bielik; The authorizing of the liquor permit for the St. Michael fair was a good idea people stayed longer, the fair was a smashing success, yesterday it was jammed packed from start to finish, many comments from the public with a lot more things to do from prior years, kudos' to the planning committee. All Ayes.
- **Report of the Finance Manager**
Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.
- **Report of the Tax Collector**
Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.
- **Report of the Town Treasurer**
Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.
- **Report of the Town Clerk**
Betkoski/Krenesky; M. Krenesky slightly better, C.Bielik, \$62,000.00 up, best month of the year. All ayes.
- **Report of the Library**
Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.
- **Report of the Fire Department**
Krenesky/Betkoski;C. Bielik, noteworthy news seen it on various news channel, we actually had a group of volunteer that was spear headed by Captain Cal Brennan, Brian Garfield, Mike Houden, Adam Daniels, two from Seymour, if you weren't aware started as a Facebook post by Kyle Brennan,he's just amazing worth is weight in gold, we collect about 4 tractor trailer loads full of non-perishable item, anything from dog food, cat food, diapers, we received transportation from Seymour, and Thomaston transportation helped, cash

donations overwhelming support, Cal, did the coordinated of 18 hours of travels and distributed all the donations, we can't say enough about BHC#1 and this crystallizes how much this organizations helps our community. P. Betkoski; John Glen and Cal grew up together in Beacon Falls and they ran into each other in TEXAS. C. Bielik: Congratulations to them.

M. Krenesky; Don't forget the amount of pet food that went down as well, the quite corner of CT and then was driven down there with 4 SUV, all of it on the top of them, It took up a whole bay. P. Betkoski; Todd NiHill Jr. adopted a female dog while they were down there.

P. Betkoski; Jimmy Trzaski is receiving a award. C. Bielik; The state fire conventions, big event fire departments all over, Past Chief Jim Trzaski has been recognized as Fire Fighter of the year, kudos to him and can't think of anyone else who deserves it more.

Any other Reports

A. Report of the Custodian

Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

B. Report of the Town Nurse

No nurse report this month, should have one next month.

C. Report of the Animal Control Officer

Faxed copy of the report from animal control officer.

Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

D. Community Media Center Building Committee

M. Krenesky Chairmen of the Building Committee; the major discussion to talk about the survey, everyone agrees to do so when should it be, hold off till after the November elections, shortly after January. We know how confusing it would be to add a question with the elections.

C. Bielik, thinking about doing it with the general election, most biases to get a response. We have had the discussion and decided to postpone it.

M. Krenesky, our next meeting will be a road trip to view other media center/ community center, and we are not 100 sure what we would like in it. Have 4 or 5 places to go to.

C. Bielik, keep us posted.

M. Krenesky, we did discuss since we don't have funding, it was the concession of the committee even though we don't have the funds to keep moving with our road trip.

C. Bielik/Betkoski; all Ayes.

Reading of Correspondence

C. Bielik, received a letter on 08/28/2017 for small grants State of CT of housing, we have been approved for a 400,000 community block grant, Lisa Low and company helping us with the process. We have a que of projects that were submitted from previous, as soon as the administrative details is approved we will address those project, on a

relatively quick bases.

8/30 from LRMS, thanking our Public works and Prospect for helping to transfer a senior project which was for LRMS, Picnic tables several seniors built them, and the seniors weren't sure how to move them, and asked for help from BF and prospect and got them installed and all is good.

I believe the entire BOS received a copy of the letter from Susan Pavlik, summary of the town meeting vote on 08/31 in summary there was a difference of opinions as to why the vote went the way it did, and questioned how the budget was done, and Chris will be sending her a letter.

C. Bielik; The refunds that need to be disbursed 7 refunds total in the amount of \$2,004.29, anyone have any questions of the item? Bielik/Krenesky, no discussion; All ayes.

Email string that started with a raising of hand and volunteering, David Poprus 2 Lakeview Dr, to volunteer on the EDC vacancy, M. Krenesky has given his full support on this, Chris sent a copy to the EDC Chairman, but we will address it when we get to appointments.

M. Krenesky received a letter: got a correspondence from Decorpo, he's the gentlemen from a salvage company, took him to the Lewis house, and what material he might be interested in salvaging. M. Krenesky will take a wild guess and say we are not prepared to decided on what needs to be salvaged, Decorp would love to take other material door knobs to lights, still on the table, M. Krenesky has not heard back from the company in NY on this.

Old Business

A. Small City Grant – Update

Small grant business, links on the town home page to apply for the program means based program and a list of project that are appropriate for it, and a list that is not appropriate. Still excepting application, but we have a good list already and we can do approximately 15 project with the amount we have been approved.

B. Building Project Survey-Update

We touched on this already, anything else to add. No

New Business

a. Appointments

1. Land Use/open Space – Joseph Fitzpatrick – Term Expired 11/08/16
Still waiting for planing and zoning for a name for Joe Fitzpatrick,

2. Inland Wetlands – to replace Jamie Lillis

Anyone who knows someone let us know.

3. EDC Vacancy – to replace Bob Bradley

And brings us to the EDC vacancy, we touched on with the correspondence.

Should we appoint tonight? Betkowski.Krenesky: to appoint Mr. Poprus, All Ayes.

b. Meeting Hours on Timesheets – Discussion and possible Action.

C. Bielik sent out a policy to all department heads who were invited to the meeting were authorized to charge time, 31/2 years ago, and login that if they were specifically address to attend if there was a agenda item to be address. It was one department head, and there was some confusion spoke with the Chairmen of the library board of trustees whether the library director who she reports to as far as mandatory attendance, they are discussing this to clearly it at the next meeting. I'm not sure if they actually addressed it, as you can see the Library director is not here, and C. Bielik believes this has been taken care of. M. Krenesky, please make sure that the Chairmen of the library board do not have the authorization to spend Beacon Falls money.

c. Waterbury Opioid Suit – Discussion and possible Action.

C. Beilik all other BOS should have copies of the suit. Opioid physicians and pharmaceutical company accountable. C. Bielik sent it to our attorney and asked him for a recommendation. There would be no up front cost to the towns who would like to be part of the suit. It would have some risks if we would to go forward and the attorney is not ready to make any recommendations on this yet. Mayor Chatfield is interested in it and wants us to go together, but not till we are ready. It's open to any municipality in the state of CT. The town of Beacon Falls has had half a dozen 1st re-sponders use the narcan. M.Krenesky, have we reached out to Jen Dewitt and get any feed back from her? C. Bielik, regional action council we will be having a meeting with them. Discussion continued. Table it to next month meeting. C. Bielik, any comments? No

d. Permits/Fees Process Meeting -Discussion

C. Bielik, as your aware last Tuesday, we had very well attended and representative meeting that was lead by Jim Baldwin building inspection, recorded number of people in attendance go over a renew with a stream line for the permits in Beacon Falls, and review the fee's and make sure they are in line for the 21 century some are in line and some of them have not moved one dollar in either direction, look at the amount and see what could be changed. Tasking was for the boards permission, planning and zoning will review, WPCS making recommendation to the board of Selectmen to make changes to this. We will initiate it, very productive meeting and good path forward kudos to Jim and putting together a good program.

Joe Rodogiro Chairman BOF, will be review everything.

Mike from Wet lands, maybe standardizing the process about checks and not doing it like everyone else?

C. Bielik, yes we know some gaps in how that process works and we would like to standardizing and do it all the same way.

e. Grant Writer.

Krenesky/ Betkowski, made motion to add this to the agenda.

Mr. Thomas E Sobiskiski

meet with Chris Bielik, Tom Brossler, Erin Schwartz, Joe Roderigo

see from his resume active in the seeking processing of grand writing and a instructor in grant writing, no multiplicity experience but he is plugged into the system. Will benefit us, by having him everyone seem to like him. Other municipality that have a grant writer wouldn't share with us. Seem not to be any experience with municipality grant writing until they are in it.

P. Betkowski, what is the fee?

C. Bielik: There is a contract with a per hour bases, 1 fiscal year contract and we will re-evaluate it at the end of 1 fiscal contract. M. Kerneksy made a motion to offer the contract to him, P. Betkoski 2nd it, All ayes.

Budget Transfer Requests

Call for a recess 8:55 to look for the Folder from Tom.

Tom is not here, table the transfer till the October meeting.

M. Kernesky, Question What is the status of our time card system?

C. Bielik, it has been installed in the town hall, Joe Roderigo, all the employees should be entered into the software system this week.

M. Kernesky, what is the status on Lancaster Dr. All state trucking?

P. Betskoski, There should be a sign this week.

Comments from the Public

Joe Roderigo: 42 Bonna st. EDC, filled the appointment, will there be a meeting?

C. Beilik talked with Jack Betkowski, similar mind the plans to get that rolling by the end of this month.

Doug Bousquet 20 Ceder circle: Cedar In, or Circle circle you asked me if Rob called me?

Chris: Rob is looking for a contractor for someone at the end of this month and will press for actually date.

Doug: Oak Dr was fixed by a private resident, rut is fixed, by Charlie Edward,

Chris: When I see Mr. Edwards we will do something appropriate for Mr. Edwards.

Gary Comerask 15 6nd st: might it be possible to give the state a nudge about the electrical charge station signs.

C. Beilik: Yes I will give them a nudge, and revisit.

Michael K : Opioid suite, final action what the options are? Do we pay for narcans?

C. Bielik: every 1st responder has been through training course., all of our EMT carry narcans, state troopers carry narcans, local Beacon Falls police, it has been administer over the 18 months. As far as the monetary impact, it could help with the cost to recover most of that expenditures.

Bielik called three times for comments from the public. None

No need for Executive session.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, C. Bielik asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting.

Motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen special meeting at 9:05P.M.:
Betkowski/Kernesky; no discussion; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Overby
for
Board of Selectmen