

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



BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monthly Meeting
October 15, 2018
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

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

Others present 13 members of the public.

Citizen News

Attorney Stanek

2. Meeting Policy and Procedures – Discussion –

CB: I wanted to explain for the public so people can reference it in the future, question about videotaping, and people believed they could opt out, we check with FIO, an attorney, a public meeting is a public meeting and is eligible to be recorded, as long as the equipment does not cause a hindrance to the meeting, and it doesn't interfere with the meeting. Public meeting any board or commission, no protection in the law. They can be recorded. Only if it's a one on one conversation and it's not a public meeting they need permission to record it.

Attorney Stanek: Agreed with Chris, on the statement.

CB: Public comment is offered, if there is going to be limit on it, that must be voted on and approved and before every meeting, and we check with the authorities and there is no requirement to do that, the town has a long-standing to limit it to 2 -3 minutes. At times I have reminded people of that and it is acceptable, but not a requirement. As a point going forward, you will notice until further notice when you look at the agenda item, it says limit to 3 minutes. Hope that clarifies any confusion.

CB: Over the course of last several months as a Chair of the BOS, I had to invoke, the Roberts Rules of Order, there is a clear definition that the Chair or the moderator can maintain decorum and allow the business of the meeting to be continued, and comments from the public are contrary to the business moving forward can be ruled out of order by the Board, moderator or Chair, I have done so in the past and I will continue to do so, And in the opinion of the board we have endured a great deal with personal comments with little to do with business at hand, I have allowed with a pretty broad front for some on the discussion to

go forward and when I've felt it has reached its bonds of decoy I will shut it off. I am tightening the reins, and I will not allow any personal attacks will no longer be tolerated. We can rule whether it is out of order, unless ruled by the board, then my decision is final. Please understand if you're going to give public comments, please stick to the agenda and no more personal attacks.

Attorney Stanek: if the chair or moderator makes a decision before a body and is questioned by the body (BOS) then a point of order can be raised, and then it can be discussed, and then the remaining members of the board are not satisfied with the chair there can be an appeal, so the remaining members can make an appeal and vote to overturn the chair, and make a rule or overturn the decision.

CB: Hope all of that is clear to everyone. That is the operating policy we will be using going forward.

3. Matthies Park Reopening – Discussion and Possible Action –

CB: For safety reasons, Matthies has been closed since the tornado, we have a private contractor that did a lot of clearing for us. With the funding doing additional works in the parks, would like to thank Steve Moffatt and Jeff Keen, they have done a great job with keeping up with all the parks. All six people on the Public Works have worked hard, but Steve and Jeff have spearheaded this and thank you for everything you have done you and Jeff. There are many areas that are safe and many that are unsafe, with opening the park when all is not safe, we contacted our insurance co and they did a risk analysis and made a report. What I wanted was a clear understanding and definition if we opened the park and still placed restrictions, and mark them off in very clear ways what was safe and what wasn't. That was optimistic, and the insurance co is very reluctant to make things in a clear way. After providing the report, with the BOS, the Insurance Co said we can't tell you what to do you need to talk with your attorney. So we invited Attorney Stanek and we know what is going on with Matthies Park.

Attorney Stanek: My understanding is there is a discussion to open some of the parks; people often ask me can I be sued? And the answer is anyone can sue anyone any time. Even if we open up certain parks with some of it open and closed, and someone is injured even though there is notice, there is always a chance of being sued. Kerma (Towns Insurance Co) in their letter states, statute, CT 52-57NB, municipalities are not liable for damages from personal property resulting from the condition on natural land or unapproved property, or an unpaved trail and was given a reasonable amount of time to get it safe. Those are the statute town might be sued on and or use it as a defense. If the town wants to open up with parks and some of it is still not safe, I would put a notice on the website, at Matthies, and at the Town Hall. Attorney Stanek wrote up a notice as to what the notice should say about the closed parts of Matthies, and what the signs should say and put up tapes to show it's closed to the public.

CB: Steve could we do that if need be signs and tapes around parts not safe?

Steve Moffatt: it already up on places that are unsafe. (Caution tape)

MK: I'm very uncomfortable with opening the park with these issues uncertain. I've had other people say don't worry about it we will create our own new trails. And don't worry about it a tree can fall at any time. I feel this is unsafe and we need to extend this to Riverbend's also.

PB: Do we need to make this decision tonight?

CB: No we do not need to make the decision tonight.

PB: I would like to walk through the park and take a closer look at it.

CB: Attorney Stanek, People are already going into the park with it being closed, are we taking an additional risk by opening parts of the park?

Attorney Stanek: the answer will be perhaps. I can't say defiantly yes or no. And we have to go with what Kerma says.

CB: Anything hypothetically, if someone was walking down a trail marked closed and something falls from the sky and hits someone and Kerma won't pay it?

Attorney: Yes if you know about the dead tree, yes you will be held liable for this falling tree. If we know there is a dead tree, which should be taken down. With the trailed closed. You the BOS will have to make that decision.

CB: Steve Moffat, are there any trees that are still that would cause an issue?

Steve Moffat: right now it seems very safe with tree hangers, it's a wooden park you will always have that problem.

PB: Did we do a walk through recently with the clean-up crew?

Steven Moffat: I'm not sure you would need to ask Shriver and Rob?

PB: I think maybe the whole board needs to do a walkthrough.

MK: I agree we should do a walk through before we make decisions.

CB: The meeting of BOS will be early next month. Due to the Holiday November 5th.

Attorney Stanek: if you walk through as a board you should use that as a special meeting.

CB: postpone action until a certain date can be made.

4. Lopus Road O&G Property Sale Agreement – Discussion and Action

CB: The agreement is between O&G and Town of Beacon Falls, for a parcel of land agent the Town Garage and it is approximately 5 acres and the high points O&G will remit the property for \$1.00, and on the anniversary of the 15 years of the agreement, if they decide they want it back, we will sell it back to them for \$1.00. If they fail to act after 15 years, it goes into another 5 years when to be considered again.

Attorney Stanek: At the end of 15 years wishes to repurchase the property for a \$1.00 that is the mutual agreement.

CB: The agreement was originally for 20 years and O&G wanted a little bit of play if they wanted to decide to buy it back. O&G did a survey if there is anything of value, and there is nothing that is a viable commercial commodity on that property. The unlikely hood is low they would like to have it back. Attorney Stanek anything else you wanted to add to this?

Attorney Stanek: Not with regard to an agreement. We had our title company to a search, and we brought in Nafis and Young, they weren't able to complete all the parcels over time. She is not able to certify title, so we would not be receiving an insurable title we will receive a quick claim deed and whatever the title is. It's because several parcels went out over a longer period of time, and the descriptions are very poor and Dave Nafis is certain that these 5 acres are it. And our Title search was able to come up with a very good description of the land.

CB: The way the land clerk had them in the office was far from clean.

Attorney Stanek: I asked for a survey and Dave Nafis and he said it's not necessary.

CB: There is no controversy over what we want to do with it. It's not something that should prohibit us from taking property.

AS: if it's going to be retained for municipality its fine. If you were going to develop on the property then I would have an issue.

PB: After the time limit of the purchase, we own it but we could also sell it back at that time period. If they agree to buy it?

AS: If O&G decided to take no action during that time period, the town owns it's via perpetuity.

CB: After 15 years, O&G can buy it back for \$1.00, or after 15 years they can say no we don't want it, or after 15 years they can say we are not sure and keep it going for every 5 years, until we reach 20 years and then we gain it by perpetuity.

MK: So after 15 if O&G wants it back the town of Beacon Falls will be in the same positions we are now. Not having a site for bulky waste?

CB: That's not true we are trying to remove the solar panel onto the roof of the Towns Public Works garage, so then we will have enough space for bulky waste.

MK: putting a project targeting for X amount of dollars to move the solar panels?

CB: 15 years into the future, and if we don't go with this purchase, what is the solution?

MK: I don't know that is what we are discussing.

CB: This has been going on for a few years now, and Mike did you come up with another place? I think your fears are unfounded with them taking them back after 15 years. And you haven't brought an alternative to the table.

MK: What are your intentions for a potential motion?

CB: The attorney has the motions we will be taking tonight?

MK: And based on that motion does that mean the Town of Beacon Falls will be purchasing that property?

AS: With the affirmative, you will be purchasing that property.

MK: my concern, we already have spent money on attorney fee's we, we will be taking over a piece of property over a 15-year life we will be losing over \$79,000.00 in tax revenue, we have an estimated \$150,000.00,

CB: Where did you get that figure?

MK: From a number of people who are involved with Real Estate and Construction, involved with building out properties.

CB: I think that number is exaggerated, and it has no bases in fact and has been spread into the public, so therefore there is no weight behind that number and it has no bases.

MK: we lose the tax dollars, goes beyond our \$20,000.00 clip level and I feel it should go to the town to buy this property. Not a decision of the BOS to make.

CB: Ask Attorney Stanek, Does the BOS have the authority to purchase this land?

AS: Yes the BOS has the authority to purchase the land, in my opinion.

MK: I have no further questions.

PB: I've been raking my brain for years to find a new location, I'm not sure if you have been Michael?

MK: I have look at serval sites but nothing has panned out.

CB: Everyone who has been involved with this that currently the town garage already encroaches that O&G owns, probably for two or three decades. We have moved some of the town transfer station parts, so for us to right something that has been done improperly all these years, for our operation to be done on a publicly owned property.

PB: Yes we have been on O&G property for years, and we have to start looking outside the box, and public works need more room and would love to expand public works garage for more storage.

CB: If we can acquire the purchase of commercial property for \$1.00 its pennies on the dollar. There are so many reasons to do this; the opportunity loss of not doing it far exceeds what the bargain is.

PB: The solar panels are a whole other project we need to a discussion. Everyone needs to know what the solar panels are generating. It's a no-brainer to move forward, I'm not comfortable with making a decision tonight, Michael your very educated look outside of the box.

MK: We are playing with the tax payer's money. I am not supporting it tonight.

AS: You will need to talk with P&Z on this.

CB: I thought you had spoken with him about this. And I had told him to contact you directly, and for that reason alone I am not willing to move forward, so this will need to be postponed.

MK: Have we done an environmental study, the town of beacon falls?

CB: yes there is a study.

AS: I called today and O&G has done an environmental study.

CB: I feel safe using going with O&G study.

MK: I don't want to find out later that there is an issue; we should be doing the report ourselves.

Art Blackberry Hill: If I was going to be against something I would have it all and bombard him with all of these facts, and I don't have any alternative, it's a good thing for the town of Beacon Falls. So just buy it.

MK: For the record, we received this on Thursday.

JS: Did you just open this up for comments.

CB: Yes I did, I will recognize this for a reasonable period if there are comments from the public. With this issue only.

Gerald Smith, 163 Lasky Rd: we are looking to purchase a piece of property, and we gave away the issue with the solar panels, for you to move forward with a purchase of a piece of property, I would say it's shenanigans, we are looking to buy this piece of property, losing tax revenue , and 10 years ago we spent money on Wolf Ave, and it is still sitting today because you didn't have a plan, will it cost more than \$20,000.00 to get that site ready for a DEPP permit? Maybe not \$150,000.00, so why don't you do the right thing and go to the public for the purchase, then let the town make the decision so you don't end up with another Wolf Ave and Solar Panel issue.

Dino Verrelli 32 Kaleas Way, I couldn't agree with you more I've asked the selectmen what is your plan. You have no plan and you're just going to buy this, Peter said the Solar Panel is making money but I don't know the numbers. I can say Peter owes so and so on his taxes, but I don't have the numbers, I think if you came back with a plan that says over 15 years this is the cost this is what we are going to do, then I think the town has a right to spend the money. For you guys to say tonight lets buy it. And the solar panels for how many years, and it's taken you 5 years to find a property?

CB: About two years.

Dino: I know there was a penalty to move the solar panels. If we took the money that we spend to haul off the tree stuff out, then we could have probably paid for this. We could of chipped stuff and we don't have a place to use. Point of order.

CB: Bottom line is that there is insufficient room to store the debris from the tornado. We discussed it with public works. Before my time in office, we had to use pent road the last time we had that site on Lopus road.

GS: That was for hurricane Albert we had it stack where the solar panel is and the rest of it to Pent Road because it didn't cost us anything other than the dumpster and a match. We burned both brush piles.

PB: That was a much small storm.

GS: Jimmy Weed said the brush was about the same. And you can still burn brush.

CB: Postpone the item until a further date that the BOS agree on Agenda Item 4.

5. Comments from the Public – Limit to Three (3) minutes

Mary Ellen Fernandez 31 South Circle: I might be missing something \$79,000.00 for 15 years and spend money on the site to be usable I don't understand why we would spend that kind of money if we could get a new roof and then and move the solar panels and then use the land that has served us for 100 years anyway, because O&G is a smart company I wouldn't buy something that in 15 years they could just ask for it back, and not pay any more taxes, they have a plan .

Shawn Styfco 71 Lasky Rd: In June BOS meeting you mention you were going to have LT Rodrigues, report to the July meeting about Kenny George personal records being sent to the newspaper during the last campaign, to my knowledge this still has not happened and there can be only 2 assumptions, 1st Lt Rodrigues was told to stand down and not to file a report or 2nd Lt Rodrigues is incompetent

CB: Mr. Styfco that comment is completely out of order, you are not going to be allowed to make comments about this staff. So move on with the rest of your comment.

SS: continued his comments: So to get back to that, the allegations against him that were detrimental to his campaign by you and Selectmen Betkoski. PB: Wait a minute I never said anything.

SS: So anyway, the public paid for this investigation on this, and they have not gotten an investigation on this so either we A: we cough up an investigation or B: we have a public apology to Ken George for all of the public comments made during his Champaign.

Larry Hutvanger 1 Lady Slipper Rd: Chris in regards to the parks issues, I don't know if you are cleaning up with Towns Staff? CB: All of that cost is claimable under FEMA, Yes thank you, Larry.

LH: Also Chris since this happened in the park, there is a recreational trail grant through the state, due by 10/31 so if there is a town arborist and if there trees dangerous to the recreation trail that would be an 80% state pay 20% town would pay.

CB: Thank you I will pass that along to our grant writer.

Kristen J 2 North Main St. Wanted to go along with your comments I run the conservation commission, I certainly understand with the issues you are encountering with Matthies Park we all love and enjoy the trails in the town of beacon falls. And I hope there is a way to get them opened in a safe way and helping apply for the state grants.

Jeff Furlaf 17 Stoddard Place: Steven Moffatt thank you for all of your help with opening the parks, just ask the member of the public if there is anything to be done to open the trails, I know other trails systems have either reroute or mark that is not an option to walk in, and I hope it gets looked into.

Larry: That FEMA grant for the tornado extended until February 2019.

Chris B: Motion to add to tonight agenda new Item 6 which is a discussion informal inquiry conducted by LT: Rodrigues: Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

6. Discussion on the informal inquiry by Lt Rodrigues:

CB: you have gotten ½ dozen emails about this issue. 1 either you didn't read them or 2nd you need further clarification. You have been throwing around the word investigation; our attorney and I were notified immediately once this allocation was made. We agreed that there was a report filed with the State Police, the State police determined on the first day that there was no criminal liability and no reason to conduct a criminal investigation by the State Police and the matter was dropped, it could have ended at this point, however I consulted with our municipal attorney and ask him what we could do to supplement that, and Attorney Stanek said from the begging that this not an investigation, an investigation has legal terms, this is not that, there is no criminal action by the state police, by my recommendation LT R performed an informal inquiry to answer the questions if anything had to happen, the allegation was someone broke into public records and handed a piece of paper and given it to a reporter, there has been no indication that this has occurred. And you are well aware of this. For you to keep bring it up is a political stunt on your part, I'm putting it to bed tonight, this is the end of this discussion, Lt Rodrigues investigated every member of the municipal staff he spent way too much time on this then it deserved to have, and at my urging in order to satisfy people who were on the outside questions about it we decided to go forward which we did and he found no indication that every happened period. And for the records, and you know this very well because you have gotten the email, every board member has gotten the email, that the piece of paper that is alleged to be leaked to the newspaper, that was a freedom of information act, document I would have released it. If someone has sent in a request to my office for the document I would have turned it over, so there is no suspicion that anyone did it when they could of have obtained it legally. And the state police for the 3rd time and dismissed it and it's not a criminal act. Attorney Stanek anything you would like to cover? Attorney Stanek: said no.

SS: Is there anything LT R have any finding of security breaches with town hall? I understand your word, investigation; perhaps I've been saying the wrong word. After the time LT R performed his inquire. CB: He did not find any breaches.

SS: I do want to state for the record, around the time frame it did make it to the paper, I did receive a phone call from someone with Pete Betkoski voice saying "we have the paper, we have the paper."

CB: Point of order, you will not be introducing hearsay or accusation in this room.

PB: He can be sued to hear so bring it on Mr. Stayfco.

CB: Mr. Stayfco if you refuse to comply with the rules of the decorum, which I clearly stressed at the beginning of this meeting, I will have to consider alternatives to your attendance. Thank you.

SS: Thank you sounds good, thank you for the explanation.

CB: Are there any other questions from the BOS?

7. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings

Motion to accept the minutes from the Special meetings –on 09/26/2018 and the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on 09/10/2018.

Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

8. Resident Trooper/Police Report

Motion to accept the Resident Trooper/ Police Report as submitted for tonight's meeting:

Krenesky/Betkoski; No discussion; all ayes.

9. 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.

10. Report of Public Works

Motion to accept the report as submitted by Public Works for tonight's meeting:

Krenesky/Betkoski.

CB: About a three-day repair and should be done by the end of the week. MK: are they going up further on the street. CB: They have and I believe there will not be more needed. PB: Mrs. Bacon approached me, who is in charge over there? CB: I hate to say it the town is not involved with it, we have meticulously held up our end and have gone over and above maintaining the free clearness of the catch basin. Generally speaking, the towns catch basin get clear once every three years; we clean them on Oak Dr, three times a year, to avoid any potential risk for not keeping up with our agreement. So there is nothing else for the town to do. PB: Help me out Michael, did she come to you? MK: Yes she has, and someone has been putting ladders in the hole and tarps, have we confirmed any of that wash out is not to do with the catch basins? CB: we have maintained records by our public works department and a direct result of the construction of the road, there are stretches of that road that don't have the right amount of catch basin in place, and we are keeping them clear, and the problem is there is not enough of them and not in the right place. PB: I'm open to suggestions, I would go up there as Betkoski brothers and fill it, but it's a dangerous situation and now we are going to send up public works there, the judge gave the order and I don't think they like them, and when an elderly person says who are we you are treating us like 2nd class citizens. MK: I think the challenge we have is to handle it the same way as a new sewer line, and I think we may have to take over that road and the cost will fall on the residents on that road only. When do we hit that safety challenge now that we are plowing it? We are setting a precedence that is building up. CB: when the court order when we took over that road, the conditions in no way sets any precedents for any other type of road in Beacon Falls. PB: Maybe they need a reminder. MK: They are asking what more. OK to open up to John Smith?

John Smith_Bethany Rd: The wetlands commissions are sending a letter to Oak drive residence because of all of the debris and stop the material from leaving their road and going into the catch basin. **All ayes.**

11. Report of the Fire Marshal

Motion to accept the report as submitted by Fire Marshal for tonight's meeting:
Krenesky/Betkoski, all ayes

12. Report of the Finance Manager

Motion to accept the report as submitted by the Finance Manager:
Betkoski /Krenesky; all ayes.

13. Report of the Tax Collector -

Motion to accept the report as submitted by the Tax Collector:
Betkoski/Krenesky; all ayes.

14. Report of the Town Treasurer -

CB: Look for a revised report for the November meeting.

15. Report of the Town Clerk

Motions to accept the monthly report as submitted by the Town Clerk,
Betkoski/ Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

16. Report from Economic Development -

Motion to accept the report as submitted by the Economic Development for tonight's meeting:
Krenesky/ Betkoski; MK: On this new building being proposed for a site that is already owned but not occupied? CB: So far there has been no movement. All ayes.

17. Report of the Library

Motion to accept the report as submitted by the Library Director for tonight's meeting:
Krenesky /Betkoski;

MK: I haven't had a chance to talk with the Library Directory; I had requested a status report on the last five years from circulation, to program attendance, to see if that has been done, due to her accident. And we will extend it until we can get that data. CB: Our Library Director has had an accident and she is doing better and our best wishes to her and grateful to have her back. All ayes.

18. Report of the Fire Department -

Motion to accept the report as submitted by the Fire Department for tonight's meeting;

Krenesky /Betkoski;

CB: The open house of the Fire House, showing off the new ladder truck, hose demonstration for the youngster to hold onto, cotton candy and stuff and it was a big hit. MK: If you were asleep on the hill they whole Fire Department went into Laurel Ledge. CB: The event starts at the FH, with a coloring contest. And hats off to the BHC for everything they do for us. All ayes.

19. Any Other Reports

a. Report of the Custodian

Motion to approve the Custodian report;

Krenesky/Betkoski; all ayes.

b. Report of the Town Nurse.

Motion to approve the quarterly report of the town nurse:

CB: October 3 was your chance at the BF Pharmacy to get your flu shot. We will check to see if they can do it again.

Betkoski/Krenesky; all ayes.

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; no discussion; all ayes.

d. Report of the Community Media Center Building Committee

MK: We ask the BOF what we should do and it got push back to the BOS for any kind of questions needed on the survey. A great deal of concern whether to go forward with the project, with all of the other expensive, Waste Water, Roads, all of those expensive very large MIL increase should we be considering this project at this time. And the question came up would it be less expensive to expand this building for the library only. Clearly, we are not getting 8 thousand square feet the library would like to get, so I am going to turn it over to you guys tonight. There may be other costs with Park and Rec taking over the old

Schoolhouse and moving it, where is the capital plan with the town of Beacon Falls, and can we afford it with all of the things going on right now?

PB: Maybe freeze it right now?

MK: it's been 12 years Pete.

PB: I think we need to move on Wolf Ave right now.

MK: I'm getting more feedback from people asking why we don't just build a New Town Hall. Everything we do here takes 30 years to do.

Motion to accept the report from the Community Media Center Building Committee as submitted for tonight's meeting:

Betkoski/Bielik; no further discussion; all ayes.

e. Report of the Grant Writer No report was handed in

20. Reading of Correspondence

1. CB: A residence on RT 42, Wendy Oliveria sent an email, about looking into no parking signs along the residential side across from NEJ, and some kind of sign about a disabled wheelchair, about warning the traffic in that area. It's a state Hwy we don't have any jurisdiction in it and we are reaching out to the State.

PB: I think we should reach out to Rep. Klarides.

MK: She already has been invited into this conversation.

CB: she would also like sidewalks? And I've reached out to Rep Klarides staff to see where we are on this.

2. CB: A letter from Eversource, they are in the process of inspection and re-labeling 16 structures in the town of Beacon Falls, Oxford, Milford, Stratford, and Shelton. Conducting the work Monday – Sunday 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM. It's simply just advising us and if we see activity to be aware of it, and should be done by the end of this calendar year.

3. CB: we received 5 emails, from persons in town is interested in serving on the BOF, we have 2 openings, Jeff Burket, Shawn Styco, Kyle Brennan, Kenny George, Lawrence Hutvanger, and we will be addressing that action in due course.

4. CB: received a piece of correspondence from the CT probate court in Derby, with Katheryn Matthies foundation, we have applied every year for a grant for projects around town, the town of Seymour was challenging the Katheryn Matthies foundation to grant money to any other town other than Seymour. The town of Beacon falls responded, the town of Seymour responded, and I think one other town responded, and the decision of the Judge was to dismiss the lawsuit and let the Matthies foundation continue to serve the valley towns.

5. Motion to authorize and sign the invoices when he gets them again:

Betkoski/Krenesky; all ayes

6. Sunday at Matthies Park for the Veterans Day Memorial ceremony to be done. November 11th, 2018 at 11 AM. Saturday the 10th of November starting at 6:00 the American Legion hosts the

veteran day dinner, \$25.00, BYOB and contact any member of the Legion, Bruce Carlson, Rich Minnick, Anyone in the Legion can hook you up. BOS are all invited to both functions.

21. Old Business

a. Town Sesquicentennial Celebration - Discussion Action:

MK: The anniversary is June 30, 2021, when the town did the 100 years it took them 5 years, I don't know what the town wants to do, Peter you and I have been asked to co-chair it, as a president of the historical society, I suggest to call a meeting with the public and inviting them in because I think Maryellen to bring them in all the organization in town and how big should the 150 should be. It becomes whatever it wants to be. I have some information on a fundraiser so, but let's set up an appointment may be in November to do that. Just to open the door and invite all the organizations and ask them what they would like to do? One of the challenges is there should be a committee, but it was a town thing. A lot of stuff was purchased through the town, so this is what we need to figure it out and turn it over to the organization; if we do we may lose control. We need to start pulling people in. So there is an entertainment piece, the program piece.

PB: Do we have any kind of information from the 100 one?

MK: Yes I do have some information on that, everyone is all invited. To help us. Steve Ruhl is talking about moving the Schoolhouse to end of town. Even about moving it to Matthies. Let's have a meeting and to kick it off.

22. New Business

a. Appointments – None for tonight.

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

MK: I was in charge of sending you the land use changes, did you guys get it? CB: no we did not.

2. Board of Finance – Replace Brian Ploss and Joe Rodorigo

Motion to appointment Larry Hutvanger, for Joe Rodorigo for the unexpired term;

Betkoski/Krenesky; MK: How long was Joe's term? CB: He has one year to go. all ayes.

Motion on a replacement for Brian Ploss; MK after talking with RTC: nominate Kyle Brennan: Krenesky/Betkoski; all ayes.

b. Reappointments –

CB: No reappointments this month, but maybe next month Arlene Brewer she has expressed she is ready for a break, so when her terms expire in November she is not seeking for reappointment and we will be looking for one between now and November meeting. John Smith do you have anyone in the queue? John Smith: Brian Swan is interested. CB: John please have him contact me. MK: We need to know what the officiation is: CB: I will check it out and see what it is.

c. Parks and Recreation Ordinance Change Request – Discussion and Action

CB: Steven Rhule, I believe he verbalized his past problem with getting enough people to a meeting, and revising Park and Rec so we can have an alternate so he can continue to have meetings. The proposal would be to revise section 1, 2 and 5, (See attached proposal)

MK: The quorum is only 4?

Maryellen: yes they can hold the meeting with 4 out of 7.

CB: We may want to consider expanding alternate from 1 to 2?

MK: I have some question about the language? Under section 2. About the alternate?

CB: I believe it came out of another ordinance.

MK: normally an alternative is not usually a regular member unless it necessary to make a quorum.

CB: Let's see how to modify it? Let's make a change in the last sentence. Unless required for the purpose of establishing a quorum. We will ask the attorney about it.

Motion Proposed amended submit to the town council for town review;

Betkoski/Krenesky; no further discussion; all ayes.

23. Budget Transfer Requests. Postpone until November meeting.

24. Public Comments

Art Daigle: BlackBerry Hill: I said based on the Facebook reports, based online all the minutes and editorials, the next meeting all those answers, can be addressed, and I think Maryellen had some good ideas, and I would like the answer to those questions. Selectmen Betkoski is always there for the town, and he been dragged through the mud, it's just because he has his own business, and just because he's getting paid, but you shouldn't be giving up your pay and no one understand unless you have your own business.

Ben Catzensar; 55 Fairfield Place, RT 42 NEJ, there is a section that the guard rails are missed, from Noe Place to the front entrance of Bronson, still part of the project to get replaced, that's the Northbound was missed with the State for the guardrails. Southbound looks great.

CB: I believe it was for only the southbound side? I will double check.

MK: Still a number of utility poles that Eversource needs to come back and do something with? Corner Century and Wolf and the street light are broken and its dark on that corner, there are still damaged utility poles?

PB: That's a good question, there is still at the bottom of BlackBerry that is missing a pole.

CB: I know Eversource you can go online and report any issues, and I will talk with the new rep.

Larry H: There is a municipal 800 number for Eversource to call with the numbers of the poles. Because pole is one division, repairs are another division, and lights are another division.
John Smith: You need to see who owns them, Frontier owns some of them.

Mary Ellen F. 31 South Circle: Chris where you able to send out to all the board and commission about the mess in this room?

PB: Weren't you on a committee to clean this room? And you did a great job.

Mary Ellen: Every committee had their own box of stuff and then the room got painted, and you need to go through and see whose stuff is who? We have one public meeting room and it's a mess.

CB: Asking 3 times if there were any other comments from the public.

25. Adjournment -

Motion to adjourn tonight's Board of Selectmen meeting at 9:45 P.M.:

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

The next regular November 5, 2018, starting at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall Assembly Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Overby
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS OF THE PARK
AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Sections 1, 2, and 5 of the Ordinance Creating a Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners of the Town of Beacon Falls is hereby repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

SECTION 1.

There is established in the Town of Beacon Falls a Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners to be composed of seven (7) members and one (1) alternate member, all of whom shall be electors in the Town of Beacon Falls.

SECTION 2.

The members of said Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen as follows:

- Two (2) members for six (6) years.
- Two (2) members for two (2) years.
- Three (3) members for four (4) years.
- One (1) alternate member for six (6) years.

Biannually thereafter, the above membership terms shall be filled by six (6) year appointments replacing those members whose terms have expired. No more than **five** (5) members of the same political party shall serve at the same time. (according to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 9-167a). The alternate member can attend all Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners meetings and participate in the discussion, yet they have no voting rights on any matters before the Board unless a ~~regular member of the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners is absent or unable to vote on the matter.~~ ↑

SECTION 5.

required for the purposes of establishing a quorum.

With the exception of the alternate member, the office of any one of said Park and Recreation Commissioners shall be declared vacant if without reasonably satisfactory explanation to said Board, any one of said Commissioners shall fail to attend three (3) successive meetings of said Board, said Commissioners having been duly notified of said meetings. Any such vacancies shall be filled in the manner herein after provided.

This amendment becomes effective on TBD