

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



BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monthly Meeting
March 12, 2018
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

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

Others present: 10 members of the public. Dominick Sorrentino, Girls Scouts Citizen News

2. Girl Scout Proclamation Presentation

Bielik; Today is Girls Scouts Birthday. Recognized what the Girl Scouts do on behalf of the community; Bielik: read a proclamation about the Girls Scouts day and world leadership development. He applauded the Girls Scouts, for Girls Scout day. The proclamation is signed by Chris Bielik; the Girls Scouts stood in front of the room and were handed each a proclamation.

Bielik; Thanked all the youth organization in town and congratulated them for the return Beacon Falls gets from **all** of the youth organizations.

Motion to Move New Business agenda Item D, Family Day Fireworks proposal-discussion and action to item #3; Betkoski/Krenesky; no Discussion; all eyes

3. Family Day Fireworks Proposal – discussion and action

Steven Ruhl, Chairman of Park and Rec; Proposed moving the fireworks from Pent Road to Main St., due to the traffic getting to and from Pent Rd. With talking with the Firework Company, Atlas, we found the 2nd bridge over the Railroad tracks would be the perfect site. This would make Main St the focal point, so the Local business can get involved and make it a town-wide location. We check with Metro-

North and they are fine. We wouldn't need to hire buses, will be a cost saving. Checked with the Fire Department its fine. We would need to close down the southbound lane during it. And as soon as we get the BOS approval we can get the local business involved. Bielik; we check with the Fire Marshall and the Police Department and they are fine with it. This will take it out of the bad intersections at Pent Rd. Krenesky; right at the point between the two roads? Ruhl; Yes Bielik; First Saturday after the 4th of July, Ruhl; Yes same date.

Motion to approve the moving of the Fireworks location for Family Day; Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

Motion to put on agenda for the Rimmon School House discussion, Agenda 4; Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes

4. Rimmon School House - discussion

Ruhl; Visited the Rimmon Schoolhouse this weekend, had JPT Construction in and look at it, there are two large holes in the roof, the floor is rotten, there is lead peeling off the roof, it is asbestos. Was recommended by Jay from JPT Constriction not to touch it or move it. But maybe make a replica of it instead of moving it. And try and reclaim some of the Rimmon School House parts that we could when we make the replica. And rebuild it at the end of North Main St where the Power Boxes are. And try and have it done by the 150 celebrations. Talked with Bill Santangelo who is a teacher at Woodland High School, see if we can get some students involved and plan to make the replica and even have it usable programs for Laurel Ledge to come down and see it. Is the property we want to move it to, is it Town property or State property? Bielik; we will look into it and see who owns the property. Going ahead looks like a good idea to keep going proceeding with it. You will have you talk with Nadeem and get a formal authorization. Krenesky; It's not in great shape, so not sure what can be salvaged from it. Where we have started very briefly putting together a 150 committee, the attempt here is to have it ready for the 150, I'm not sure if the two mix, somehow incorporate it into the town. And need to find out from the owner if he's donating the property or is there a price tag associated with it? And with taking pieces of things from the inside we need to be careful about hazmat issues with lead paint and asbestos issues. Need to be careful if the High School kids will be getting involved.

5. Comments from the Public

Shawn Styfco; 71 Lasky Rd. Last BOS meeting I was appointed to the Ethics Board and on the website, the open position has been removed but has not be added to the Ethics Board. Bielik; I will have the Webmaster fix that.

Kurt Hummel; 6 Patrice Terrace, I've lived here for 17 years and it's only been chipped based once, the road looks like a third world country road, is there any chance some of the other roads can be looked at and get much-needed paving

done? Looks like we sent \$800,000.00 for the waste treatment plant, I don't have sewers, 100% is funded by the taxpayer, will we be charging a sewer usage fee? If you not going to set a sewer usage fee, I'm tired of taxpayers paying for things they don't get. If you are not going to charge a sewer usage fee, I will start a petition and bring it to a vote, I want to stipulate that the money goes into a fund and the money is only used for to tie in existing taxpayers until 85% of the town is tied in. And I don't understand why we keep taking money from tax payers when we could be taking it from people using the Sewer plant at a minimum cost to them and we could have been paying for upgrades to the plants for years. It's a public health issue, myself for 17 years, I've \$400.00 a year to get my tanks pumped out, which is \$6,800.00. Coventry Ln, right across from me pays nothing to have their tanks pumped out; I will start a patrician about doing the sewer usage fees. Bielik; Normally comments from the public are not interactive, but very quickly, part of the plan for the upgrades doing a lot of work at the plant will be with us looking for outside funding, if they come from The state of CT or USDA, we will be incorporating sewer usage fee as part of that solicitation for outside funds. It will be a 3-5 year process.

Dino Verrelli; 33 Kaleas Way; I would like to see from this administration, about street that needs repaving, Skokorat Rd is in dire need of repair from the snow storms, as a runner in town, they did the crack sealing was done on South Main St, and the last snow storm it looks like it was a ripped off of the road, and I'm not sure what causes it. I would like to see a contingency plan, to come up with a system, if 60% of the road is pothole and at a certain grade to be paved, I would like to see a plan to see how our roads will be repaved. That's my first comment.

My second comment is, Back in January my last meeting I attended my current landlord, Debra LLC and you were going to look into the cease and dismiss at the new location North Main St., would like to know what the follow up is on that?

Bielik; the follow up has been done through various boards and commission and it a complicated issue, there is nothing at this point to bring to the public yet, because we don't have a resolution yet.

Verrelli; so there has not been a cease and dismiss placed?

Bielik; I suggest if you would like detailed information on it, to go to the Inland Wet Land meeting. They have been in charge with this.

Verrelli; so no decision has been made yet?

Bielik; Nothing has come back to the Board of Selectmen yet.

Dino; I am taking my business out of the Town at the end of the month, I would like to thank the town folks, Gabe's, Subway, Antonio's, Post Office, for their support of my for-profit business and my charity for 9 years, and it's pretty pathetic and I'm angry when I think about it, because of the landlord we have we are forced to find new accommodation. I go to Gabe's every week for gas and I've probably spent in the last two years, \$5,000.00 between repairs and gas. Antonio's I've probably spent \$20,000.00 in 9 years, the post office same about \$20,000.00 in postage. It's pretty pathetic to see what happen to us as a business and if the town continues to let this happen the town will never change. I have to do what best for my our organization, so thank you to the town for supporting us, that whole idea of moving

the Fireworks to downtown I feel was my idea because I brought in the food trucks and brought in over a 1000 people and a lot of them were from out of town and they could see the town and see what we have.

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

6. Toby's Pond Management Report – Discussion and Possible Action

Rich Minnick; I would like to thank the scout's troop 104, 138, Cub Scouts, Girls Scouts, anytime I need help with the land use that's where I go and they are always willing to help out. We were approached by the City of Waterbury to host their family fishing day at Toby Pond, it was recommended by DEPP, but when the Mayor of Waterbury realized what he was doing moving Waterbury's Family Fishing Day to Beacon Falls, he changed his mind. Just wanted the Board to know what a great reputation Toby Pond has. We have \$21,890.00 dedicated to the maintenance of Toby's Pond. The Fishing & Water Quality, Fish Surveys were conducted by DEEP in Oct. 2009 and May 2017 and again in Oct. 2017, see attached report for the May 9, 2017, survey. The pond has a variety and abundance of healthy fish although on the lean side. Deep recommends stocking with golden shiners to improve the quality of the existing population. DEEP also recommends the stocking of trout in the spring and believe that because of the water quality, there is a good probability that they would hold over. The estimated cost would be \$1,200.00. For \$1,200.00 we would get 1 million Golden Shiners. The company gives them a high survivability.

Bielik; Early springtime? Do we do this only once? Minnick; Depending on the weather, and that would need to be determined. Krenesky; Survivability from them to us? Minnick; no, the adaptability at the Pond is very high. Bielik; we will need to get a reevaluation to see how they are doing? Minnick; Yes, the biologist wants to check on them and see how they are doing in about two years from now. I will be soliciting grants to replenish the money, from Mattie's foundation, etc.

Motion to take \$1,200.00 out of the Toby's Fund Maintenance fund for the stocking of the fry fish; Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes

Charlie Hiscock, 15 Starwood Ln; if the Biologist wants to see the results would like to foot some of the bills for this if they want to do research on it? Bielik; No, this is the State of CT, they won't pay anything.

Minnick; other projects I'm working with the Scouts; Spillway, spillway needs to be graded and seeded. Over the years off-road vehicles have damaged and rutted the terrane. Currently, unauthorized access seems to be under control. The area has been staked and elevations provided so that this grading will not restrict the flow of the water. Once completed, it would allow for easier maintenance and minimize the possibility of damaging equipment. If the area is not maintained the property, it would impede the flow of water at periods of flooding and possibly flood adjacent and downstream areas. This area

once improved, can be used for passive recreation and various special events as proposed by members of EDC. A clean source for the material required has been identified, from Golden Rod last building. A plan must be developed to haul, screen and place the material. It is hoped that some of the resources from the Public Works Department would be available. The estimated for this activity has not been developed as of this date. Would like your permission to peruse this and investigate this.

Motion to authorize our custodian to continue to pursue that plan of action; Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

Minnick; Invasive Plant Control, weather conditions, wind and rain and the availability of proper moving equipment, have resulted in a setback to control the invasive plant species (Japanese Knotweed/bamboo). Left uncontrolled the vegetation is making it very difficult to walk on the trails and provides a haven for undesirable bugs such as ticks. This includes mowing and application of appropriate herbicides such as 2 4D (pasture Pro) at the appropriate times and conditions. I strongly discourage the use of herbicides such as Glyphosate (round up) and Triclopyr (Brush-B-Gon) which are detrimental to the environment and wildlife. The DOT uses Glyphosate (Roundup) along with state roads, such as South Main Street and Route 42. I will continue to work with Public Works and volunteers to continue the endeavor. I know last spring public works Director found a dead bird that passed away near birding and nesting.

Bielik; it is labor-intensive weeding it all by hand. I know there is some concern from conservation, but correlation doesn't mean causation. Just because it happened around the same time doesn't mean that's what caused it. Minnick; I don't want to use the equivalent of Round-Up, if we did, that would have happened.

Minnick; Brush trimming; the trimming of the brush along parking areas and trails is too much for me to handle alone. Rob from public works thinks and can do it with the sidearm trimmer, it for the southern spillway. If you do have flooding debris collects there way. The bamboo makes a natural damn there, if there was a flooding like in 2011, you have a potential that this gets in the way and then you have a swish going down there. We are supposed to maintain it along with O&G. We need a proper drain for that, so that needs to be done. Volunteers have worked with me in the past; however, the typical household brush cutter will not hold up. This has made me reluctant to continue to ask volunteers for assistance. Two years ago a private contractor was hired but was not used last year. I recommend the Public Works negotiate with private contractors to perform this work as needed. Possibly once or twice a year.

Signage; the need for replacement and additional signage has been identified. Replacement banners have been purchased a will be installed as weather permits. The Naugatuck River Greenway Steering Committee has completed the

design of the recommend signage. I strongly recommend that appropriate signage be purchased for Toby's as well as River Bend, Volunteer Park, Veterans Park, the River Walk and the trail behind O&G and Murtha's Industrial Park should be properly identified and marked. For the Signs I've been working with Aaron Budus from Cougar and Burges, its part of the Naugatuck River Greenwe should get the advertisement on that.

Toby's Pond should be run by Parks and Recreation, and not run by the Board of Selectmen and the Open Space Land Use Stewed. And I believe it time to hand it over to Parks and Rec. The time has come to turn it over to Parks and Rec. I would like to vote on that tonight.

Bielik; I would like to recommend to have it on the Park and Rec agenda for them this month. Think it's better to have it given to them and then address it as a whole. And then in April, we all can go over it.

Krenesky; The park and Rec should be expecting this.

Minnick; Flag Fund& Street Scape; The American Legion was approached and agreed to implement a means to raise and administer the funds for the placement of flags along Streetscape. Jr. Vice Commander Paul Block and I, as the Adjutant of the American Legion, volunteered to take on the project. Since then, Paul Block has moved out of town and I would like to have a replacement to assist me. The Flag Fund account balance is currently \$2,295.00 and I plan to order replacement flags and poles this week for about \$650.00. Most of the sponsor's commitment period has expired, and a couple of lamp post does not have a sponsor. I have the records. The amount originally required for sponsorship should be evaluated. I would like to have someone available to work with me to perform the assessment and approach the current and potential new sponsors. The "Perpetual Honors" enclosure in the Veterans Park gazebo has been reconstructed. The purpose and use of this board should also be evaluated. It was basically for anyone that wanted a memorial and made the appropriate contribution. Several years ago, volunteers from Beacon Hose Co and others, cleared and chipped approximately one-third of the inappropriate vegetation along the Streetscape. Invasive vines are destroying the remaining trees. The bank is infested with poison ivy and knotweed. A plan of action must be developed to enhance and maintain this area. Also, the dump/storage area across the river on the southern end of the Street Scape should be addressed.

Krenesky; Do you have a list of the sponsorship?

Minnick; yes I do, and I will get you a copy of the report. And I need to get a better program for which pole is what. I have it in a fireproofsafe.

Minnick; River Bend Park, it's being used a lot, so is Toby's Pond. The neighborhood loves Toby's Pond. The only thing at River Bend Park, there has been unwanted things going on there, maybe more policing done there to stop it.

Minnick; Naugatuck River Greenway, I have resigned from that. We are missing out because we don't have representation on it. Bielik; Perhaps the Citizen news can put something in the paper about needing people on the Naugatuck River Green Way Board, its meets either the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday at 9:00 AM. The greenway needs to be extended from South Main St. up into the woods. Schoolhouse and the greenway would be perfect. Steering Committee has completed the design of the recommend signage. I would suggest we purchased for the Volunteer Park, Veterans Park, the River Walk, and the trail behind O&G and Murtha's Industrial Park. Bielik; why don't we get a wish list how many we need and cost.

Minnick; Thank You to the Public Works Department, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, Cub Scouts, and volunteers. Linda Jasinski, down at the meridian, the area behind the Senior Center, garbage picked up, pruning and cutting, Toby's she takes care of and picking up garage and taking care of it. I would like an official Thank you. Bielik; we have tried to get her to meetings so we can thank her, but she's not ready to receive it.

Krenesky: where is the other pond where the warmouth is? Minnick; the Pond is in the Housatonic/Naugatuck River watershed pond. Bielik; Thank You, Dominick Sorrentino, for all you have done with the River Bend.

7. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings

Motion to accept the minutes from the meetings – regular monthly meeting held on 02/12/2018; the special town meeting held on 02/21/2018, Special Meeting Town Work Shop on the 02/28/2018; Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

Motion to approve on a blanket motion, the; Resident Trooper/police, Wastewater, Public Works, Fire Marshall, Library, Fire Department, The Custodian, And the Animal Control Officer reports; Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

Bielik; Just for the recorded the new format for the Fire Marshall report, it's very detailed. Krenesky; where did he find all the paper? Bielik; It's a new software and a new changed in the middle of the months. Hopefully, we can thin it down a little bit with all the paper for next month.

Second motion to accept the Finance Manager, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Town Treasure and forward them to the Board of Finance; Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

8. Resident Trooper/Police Report

9. Wastewater Treatment Plant Report

10. Report of Public Works

11. Report of the Fire Marshal

12. Report of the Finance Manager

13. Report of the Tax Collector

14. Report of the Town Treasurer

15. Report of the Town Clerk

16. Report from Economic Development

Bielik; Sadie has done a great job for the last 6 months.

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

17. Report of the Library

18. Report of the Fire Department

19. Any Other Reports

a. Report of the Custodian

b. Report of the Town Nurse - None

c. Report of the Animal Control Officer

d. Report of the Community Media Center Building Committee

Krenesky; the committee would like to request \$60,000.00 in the 2018/2019 town budget. Mr. First Selectmen we had a brief conversation about this, about how to add it without putting it into the budget. By taking the funds out of the undesignated fund balance when we determine we need those, verse putting them in for a capital project expense in the budget which means raising taxes. Bielick; I think this is a pathway to board of Finance, to show them the first stage and then the second stage. Krenesky I want to have it in the minutes so the board can see that we had this conversation.

Motion to accept the report from the Community Media Center Building Committee as submitted for tonight's meeting:
Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

e. Report of the Grant Writer None has given tonight.

Bielick; We have change the grant writer from the initial hire, we found someone at CCM and brought him on board who is familiar with the grants.

20. Correspondence

1. Two invoices from the clerk were received for the BOS meetings – one from 02/12/2018 in the amount of \$65.00; one from 02/27/2018 in the amount of \$35.00.

Motion to approve and pay the clerk for the two invoices as submitted for tonight's meeting in the amount of \$100.00; Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

2. Invitation from Liza Whitehead; Join the Nation Prayer Event of Beacon falls, for Thursday, May 3rd, 2018, from Noon till 1:00 PM, at Veterans Park. Corner of Main St and Depot St.
3. Letter from Mirror which was CERRA/ we are no longer participants, the letter is from Mirror mid-Ct project, was a solid waste program, surplus funds are available for towns 3.5 million distribution, our share is \$13,369.79

enclosed as a check. Maybe a small distribution of funds in the future once all settlement is done.

Krenesky; Any strings on how to use those funds?Bielik; None

4. Library Director, requesting the waiver of Fee for a teacup auction, the funds are depositing into the Library Department and does not make sense to pay the town a permit fee. It would be the Town paying the Town. Any Discussion; Krenesky; The precedent that was set by region 16 isn't something that should have been done, but that's for another day discussion, and this is for the Children, so it makes sense to wave the fees.

Motion to wave the fees; Betkoski/Krenesky; no further discussion; all Ayes

5. Team Inc., a Thank you for Annual drop off site for Toys for Kids program. We have our own with the Police Department it's the first Saturday in December over at the Walmart in Naugatuck, and it's our pleasure to help them out.
6. Krenesky; I had one piece of correspondence. The Knights of Columbus has a museum set up about WW1 and to go down and see it. It looks like a good trip. Bielik; There is a listing associated lectures or presentation of WW1. This is the centennial of the end of WW1.

21. Old Business

a. Accounting Software RFPs – discussion and Possible Action

Bielik: No action needed tonight, we have a date March 28th Wednesday, starting at 4:00 in the assembly room, and the two vendors will be making a presentation on their products.

b. Status of Community Media Center Building Committee – Discussion and Possible Action

Krenesky; I would say remove it from the BOS Agenda since there is no further discussion to vote. Bielik; we can remove it from the agenda.

Betkoski; There no cost for the committee other than the clerk and that's in the budget. There is no discussion to be done, so it can be removed.

Krenesky; I think we should add the repairs of the roads.

c. EDC Tax Incentive Program – Discussion and Possible Action

Bielik; Revised version and has been sent to the attorney and given back with the revision made. I think we are ready for action, This looks like a final version to take to the public.

Motion Public Hearing/Town Meeting, and possible vote for the Town of Beacon Falls Tax incentive, Monday the 26st and check the availability of the school. 7:00 PM. Town of Beacon Falls; Tax incentive WRHS; Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

d. Proposed Change in Land Use Permits Ordinance (Zoning Compliance) – Discussion and Possible Action

Bielik; we will postpone action and carrier it to April's agenda.

e. Proposed Transfer Station Fee Changes – Discussion and Possible Action

Bielik; Transfer station fee's in the past you need to buy the \$2.00 stickers. We need to modify the fee structure and we did check surrounding towns on how they do it. Do we have any interest and direction on the way to go? There are a number of town for certain items charge fee's that way. Mattress, rugs, furniture, there are a number of communities that charge extra for large items like that.

Betkoski; can we look at this a little longer and wait a month for it. Bielik; we may have a special meeting on this and figure out what could be done.

f. Rate for Board/Commission Clerks – Discussion and Possible Action

Bielik; as we know it's a lot of different people doing the clerking for the boards and different length of times doing it. The CCM look into other towns and gave us the information what other Towns do for pay scale for their clerks. My suggestion is, Keep the \$35.00 flat fee for clerking meeting, 0-2 years \$15.00, 2-5 years to \$16.00 , 5-8 years 17.00, 8-12 years \$18.00, 12-more \$19.00. Betkoski; would anyone go backward? Bielik; no one would go backward. Maybe we should grandfather existing people in, so no one would go backward? It's a place to start.

Krenesky; I have no problem with the scale, it does move it beyond. Maybe consider doing it, I would take all the existing clerks and grandfather them and then bump them up one. And give them the bump, and then every one of these clerks will get a \$1.00 bump. And it stays within the scale. This is a business discussion, this happens in business. I wouldn't care if we started with the \$16.00 being the bottom scale and go up.

Bielik: 0-2 years at \$16.00, 2-5 years \$17.00, 5-8 years \$18.00, 8-12 years \$19.00, 12- plus years \$20.00. And keep the entire \$35.00 flat fee.

Betkoski: That's the way to go right there.

Bielik; I think it's fair for everyone. No one would get something and no one would be cut and we don't have to Grandfather anyone in.

Krenesky; only one person will take a \$2.00 raise. But she has been doing it for 20 years.

Motion to adaptive for a policy for the town of Beacon Falls; Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

g. Conservation Commission-Request for Senior Center Key

Krenesky; at the end of the day, it's about control over keys. We need a regular program in place and to recycle locks once in a while. For security reasons. Bielik; to my knowledge, the President of the Senior Center has a key, Millie Kevit has a key, Town Nurse has a key, Ernie had a key, Bernie has a key. Key in the book that everyone checks out. Chris Bielik has one also but not for public distributions. Conservation has elective to move there meeting time so the town hall is not available to them because we don't have time slots for them here at the town hall. Krenesky; It is a town building; I have no issue with the Conservation having a key. We need to keep in mind that not everyone will be entitled to a key. There are very few nights available for the assembly room. Having it as a satellite space, I think we have to give the key to the conversation and we don't have a space for them really in the assembly room. Bielik; if we were not allowing it to happen we are elevating the Senior Center to a different status then all the other municipality buildings.

Motion to authorize a provision of the key to the Senior Center to the Chairmen of the Conservation Commission; Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

Krenesky; the police Lieutenant were doing an inquiry into the possible breach of town personal files? Bielik; yes all the interviews have been done except you, can you reach out to him and schedule a time to talk with him?

22. New Business

a. Appointments

- 1. Land Use/Open Space – Joe Fitzpatrick – Term Expired 11/08/2016
NONE**
- 2. Conservation Commission – to replace Rich Minnick Still need someone.**
- 3. Chaplain for BF Police Dept. Gerry Smith;**

Bielik; Our local resident Gerry Smith is a Lay Minister. He offered up his services as a chaplain with the Police Department. Setting the parameters, the Chaplain would be a volunteer position and use of the member of the Beacon Falls Police Department, should they need the services counseling, crisis, and intervention. Mr. Smith would be available for them. The force was receptive to it. There is no expectation of call for crime scenes.

Motion to appoint Gerald Smith as the Chaplain for the Beacon Falls Police Dept. Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes

Krenesky; Is Parson Jim acting as Chaplin for anything? Betkoski; Parson Jim does it for the Fire House.

b. Reappointments NONE

c. Brush Disposal Update

Bielik; Talked with Rob, from Public Works, on the prognoses opened in March, weather permitting, and we won't be ready to open in March. We have unofficially been putting that word out; we should be opening in April. And meeting with O&G and a framework and finalize the details and then move forward. Betkoski; Do we have to bring it to the Board of Finance? Krenesky; No, not unless it cost us money. My thought when you said the money we received from Mirror, and put that money into bulky waste deposal. Bielik; I agree that's where the money should go.

Krenesky; for next month's meeting, add to the agenda, revisit Roads upgrades.

23. Budget Transfer Requests

C. Bielik indicated that there is 5 budget transfer request(s) 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 Finance as follows and pass it along to the Board of Finance:

1. **From Line Item 10.90.83.1170, Contingency Fund Expense, in the amount of \$7,953.75 to Line Item 10.90.03.1140, Misc. Repairs, in the amount of \$7,953.75; Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.**

Bielik; would like to go on record thanking Kerma, our insurance company for working with the driver's insurance company.

2. From Line Item 10.90.83.1170, Contingency in the amount of \$2,500.00 to line item 10.90.67.1776 Nitrogen Credits in the amount of \$2,500.00; Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.
3. From Line Item 10.90.83.1170, Contingency Fund Expense, in the amount of \$18,623.00 to Line Item 10.90.13.1255, Workers Comp, in the amount of \$18,623.00; Krenesky/Betkoski; discussion; all ayes.
4. From Line Item 10.20.60.0457 Town Clerk -Locip, in the amount of \$8,129.00 to Line Item 45.90.90.2186, Non-Recurring Cap Proj, in the amount of \$8,129.00; Betkoski/Krenesky; modification to the town clerk's office for where the map printer was; all ayes
5. From Line Item 10.20.60.0457 Town Clerk -MERS, in the amount of \$5,491.00 to Line Item 45.90.90.2186, Non-Recurring Cap Proj, in the amount of \$5,491.00; Betkoski/Krenesky; This is for a new map printer; all ayes

Krenesky; for the budget the sign for the town hall, was taken out of Town Hall repairs? Bielik; the finance manager said that would be the best place to take it out of. And everyone seems to be happy with the signage. I would say it's 80/20 for the sign.

24. Public Comment

Shaun Stefco 71 Lasky Rd. question for first Selectman Betkoski, when do you expect your tax payments to resume. Bielik; this isn't the appropriate place to be having this discussion. I did violate that to a degree with some quick answers tonight, but that is not what public comments are all about. Stefco; if that's the case then you need to have no interaction with the public comments. Bielik; most of them we did add it to the agenda list. Stefco; so when can I get that question answered? Betkoski; you can ask the tax collector. Stefco; if you the one making the payments how would they know? Betkoski; this is personal; this is not the place to discuss this. Krenesky; I would take the answer of Tax Collector.

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

25. Executive Session

The Selectmen did not enter into an Executive Session tonight.

26. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn tonight's Board of Selectmen meeting at 9:54 P.M.:
Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; **all ayes.**

The next regular monthly meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2018, starting at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall Assembly Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Overby
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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**Connecticut Department of
Energy & Environmental Protection**
Bureau of Natural Resources
Fisheries Division

To: First Selectman Christopher J. Bielik, and Mr. Rich Minnick
From: Christopher McDowell, Fisheries Biologist 1 and Ed Machowski, Fisheries Biologist 1
Re: Spring 2017 electrofishing sample of Toby's Pond
Date: September 7, 2017

Thank you for allowing us to sample the fish population in Toby's Pond on May 9, 2017. This report provides a brief summary of our findings, but also includes some information from our first sample performed on October 5, 2009.

Background

- Toby's Pond is located in the Town of Beacon Falls, Connecticut. The pond is approximately 24 acres and runs parallel to the Naugatuck River. Currently, the pond is open to any member of the public for fishing and it is the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Fisheries Division's (FD) understanding that complete public access will remain in place. Access, however, is restricted during times when the Naugatuck River is flooding into the area and there is no ice fishing allowed. The FD greatly appreciates the fact that the Town has kept this location open to all individuals interested in accessing the pond to fish.
- Originally, Toby's Pond was owned by O&G Industries and the area was part of a sand and gravel operation that was in operation for several decades. In 2009 O&G Industries deeded the pond to the Town of Beacon Falls. Upon receipt of the pond, the Town worked with staff from DEEP to design appropriate spillways for the pond. During flood events the pond is now designed to have the Naugatuck River overflow into the pond at the north spillway and flow out the south spillway. In terms of regulations related to fishing, originally it had been the Town's understanding that the regulations for the Naugatuck River applied to the pond. Subsequent to 2009 when the FD first sampled the fish population using boat electrofishing, the Town changed the fishing regulations to catch and release only.