

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



BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monthly Meeting
May 14, 2018
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

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

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

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

Others present: George Logan, State Senate; Nicole Klarides-Ditria, State Representative 105th District;

and 13 members of the public.

Motion to add new item, service recognition of Helen Mis, Beacon Falls Republican Registrar of Voters, to the beginning of the agenda: Bielick/Krenesky, no discussion, all ayes.

2. **Service Recognition with Helen Mis**

Picture with Logan, Klarides-Ditria, Mis, Krenesky, Bielick: official citation, introduced by Logan and Klarides-Ditria, in recognition of 50 continuous years of elected service, as the longest serving elected official in the state of CT, and for her invaluable service towards the betterment of the Beacon Falls community. H. Mis thanked the state and town for recognizing her service.

3. **Comments from the Public**

List name/address and their comment(s)

Sergio Felix, 1335 Pinesbridge: did receive email from BOS. Attending this meeting in regards to traffic, not to say he does not believe what was said in the email, but had prior email saying the same exact thing regarding issues the first time met on March 4th 2014, and mentioned the same thing- that PD was going to measure the noise. It's been four years and I feel if I don't attend the meetings then I will not get any response at all, and will go to these meetings and any planning and zoning meetings.

Mary Ellen Fernandes, 31 South Circle: Is there anything on the agenda regarding Rimmon Hill traffic and safety? We talked about it last month and have not heard anything. Bielik: ; we can add it to the agenda. Motion to add discussion of Rimmon Hill traffic issues to the agenda : **Krenesky/Bielik**; *no discussion*; **all ayes**; Item to be added to as item 4 on the agenda.

Kevin McDuffie, 2 Haley Ridge Road (Planning & Zoning): We did reach out to NEJ regarding the trailers parked out a few weeks back. Your comments did not fall on deaf ears. I will work a little more on it to see where it goes.

Sean Styfco, 71 Lasky Road: I understand, as I'm part of email list regarding notifications regarding town events... how are we actually using that?. How many subscribers are getting the notifications? I subscribe to the minutes and agendas and do not get any of those. Is the town utilizing the town listserv? In what way? Bielik: we will look into and get back you, as Public Comments are not interactive.

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

4. Traffic Safety Issues on Rimmon Hill Road

Bielik: Let me start by giving my understanding of what the situation is. After last meeting M. E. Fernandes and I discussed reaching out to police about a schedule of when you are out on the road and feeling most vulnerable. They (the PD) do not have the assets to sit and wait on the road. I reached out to Lt Rodriguez, and generally it's a Saturday afternoon time, sometimes other times, but Saturday usually. I provided your contact information with him and thought he would coordinate with you. When you are out riding, we will try to detail police out there as a deterrent and witness to behavior, cite people if necessary. Thought I had mentioned it to you, mentioned it to him and thought that you two would connect. Evidently that connection has not happened. MEF: That has not happened. that is correct. There was some back and forth two weeks ago on social media and I thought that sent some officers up last weekend to run radar, an officer actually came to the barn and we spoke. Bielik: So you know the name of the officer? MEF: Yes. She discussed with us that her Lt. was upset and that this was a big bother to him and nonsense. There were two people riding and he was in an unmarked car and the people on the horses tried to show what they do to slow people down, but they slowed him down, and he looked down at his speed and was doing the speed limit. So we have a little bit of an interpretation problem, but trying to solve a very dangerous and disrespectful problem.

We talked about moving the sign at the corner of west road and its still not moved. Bielik: fixing roads and potholes is a higher priority and there is a long list of sign requests MEF: I get it. Bielik: I am at least glad to hear that something has been done, and I trust it is getting done, so something has started but it has not solved the problem MEF: I am not a traffic expert, Bielik: Neither are we. This is a sort of thing that brings circumstances that make it harder for us to solve and we acknowledge that. I have been an advocate for the horse riders in the his town on a number of fronts MEF: I believe you. Bielik: We are looking for solutions. You are the ones feeling the pinch, out there on the horses and I would love for people to come with their problem and list of potential solutions and how we can implement this. I am not sure what the next step would be, then revisit: MEF: Would you be willing to talk with CT Horse Council? Bielik: Yes, my feeling is in this situation, if someone has a solution that is working. Betkowski: Are other towns still riding on the road? Is it still legal? MFE: Yes. Betkowski: Did not receive this last time (handout from previous meeting relating to issue.

William Giglio, 274 Bethany Road: It's like an etiquette thing you are looking for, public awareness. I don't have a suggestion, but with BF being classified as agricultural, than vehicular drivers be made aware of that etiquette. Newspaper, websites. Krenesky: Styfco asked about how to better utilize the website. It doesn't hurt us to put public announcements out on the website. Betkowski: Still same situation? Still speeding? Cops sitting there? MEF: Yes, cops are there, but about 45 minutes later she was gone Betkowski: If Rader is there, people only slow down there. We don't want people to get hurt. MEF: We are looking for public awareness, not writing tickets. People think a human is controlling the horse so nothing will happen, but it can. Betkowski: We're happy to contact citizens news and see if area reporter will write an article and provide context so the word can get out in official capacity. Social media only reaches a certain population, you have to opt in to those things, MEF: Does town have any signs like fire house uses? Krenesky: Lighted signs? Park and Rec has and won't need much longer. MEF: if town had use of the sign to help get people's attention about the issue. CT Horse Council is more equipped with ideas with how to possible fix this Betkowski: Do you have reflectors for your own safety? MEF: We are in the process purchasing Bielik: We are trying to be proactive MEF: Intent of the rider was not to upset the officer, just show what they do to slow cars down, but it was a miscommunication. Bielik: Has that miscommunication been corrected yet? MEF: No. Whoever runs the BFPD facebook page is the only contact I have ever had. Bielik: I would contact the Lt. tomorrow and double back with this. MEF: I would like to meet with him, I know he isn't unreasonable Bielik: Maybe we can facilitate meeting. We want to solve this. Any other comments or suggestions? Thank you.

5. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings

Motion to accept the minutes from the meetings – regular monthly meeting held on 05/09/2018; the special town meeting held on 05/15/018; the special town meeting held on 05/23/2018; the special Board of Selectmen meeting held on 05/24/2018: **Betkowski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.**

6 .Resident Trooper/Police Report

Motion to accept the Resident Trooper/ Police Reports submitted for tonight's meeting: **Betkowski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes**

7. Wastewater Treatment Plant Report

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

8. Report of Public Works

Motion to accept the report as submitted by Public Works for tonight's meeting: **Betkowski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.**

9. Report of the Fire Marshal

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

10. Report of the Finance Manager

Motion to accept the report as submitted by the Finance Manager for tonight's meeting and forward to the Board of Finance for their next scheduled meeting: **Krenesky/Betkowski; no discussion; all ayes**

Bielik : paragraph B of report; as everyone is hopefully aware, the legislature has completed and passed a budget. Congrats to everyone in Hartford. We are ahead of where we planned to be, a point of discussion for next budget meeting. The governor has not signed budget yet, but there was a provision where he could not make rescission cuts on municipal aide. Part of rescission cuts last year were to town aid/road, we have been

told not to expect that money this year. So our projected surplus from operating budget is now going to be a near run as to whether we are in red or black at the end of the budget year. watching closely between now and end of June. Krenesky: When is the next BOF reg meeting? Bielik: May meet prior to end of budget year.

11. Report of the Tax Collector

Motions to accept the monthly report as submitted by the Tax Collector for tonight's meeting and forward to the Board of Finance for their next scheduled meeting:
Krenesky/Betkowski; no discussion; all ayes

Betkowski: Where are we at with some properties up for tax liens? Bielik: Two properties sold at tax auctions, now gone into flux on; one where owner now filing bankruptcy, now that changes the terms of the auction, now that has gone to bankruptcy court has put the sale on hold until the court has decided the fair distribution of assets. Number 11 Fairfield Place, nothing can move forward. Hubbell Ave, town acquired that property in lieu of taxes, are also declaring bankruptcy. Betkowski: What happens to the people waiting on these properties? Bielik: The town had to pay for marshall fees. Betkowski: Does the buyer get money back right away? Bielik: Buyer from auction has two options: they can wait out the bankruptcy and wait for adjudication of the division of assets and clear bankruptcy. They have every right to hold out and wait for it. If they decide not to wait, let bankruptcy happen without their participation, town is obligated to refund the purchase price and interest as soon as the town is notified. For record, 14th of May so report through end of April, three-quarters of fiscal year, about 450k in back tax collections. Surpassed projected back tax collection with additional 3 months to go.

12. Report of the Town Treasurer

Motions to accept the monthly report as submitted by the Town Treasurer for tonight's meeting and forward to the Board of Finance for their next scheduled meeting:
Krenesky/Betkowski; no discussion; all ayes

Bielik: We would like to acknowledge Erin Schwartz in putting together this Month's report, filling in for Wendy. Sent basket to Joe Roderigo for speedy recovery.

13. Report of the Town Clerk

Motions to accept the monthly report as submitted by the Town Clerk for tonight's meeting and forward to the Board of Finance for their next scheduled meeting:
Krenesky/Betkowski; no discussion; all ayes

14. Report of the Economic Development Committee:

Jeremy Roderigo: Sadie, our consultant, had a business breakfast last week, hosted by New Harvest, generously. Inventorying available properties, taking on new marketing campaign to market these, land and existing structures. Betkowski: Just industrial? JR: Any business oriented properties are being marketed. Sshe has created an online inventory. A couple are under contract in the industrial park that people have intentions to buy. Hopefully buy and build. 141 South Main has some interest- a distillery potentially being built. Credit Sadie with a lot of that, pushing the agenda of business in Beacon Falls, encourage people to come to EDC meetings. Krenesky: Distillery vs. beer garden? JR: Separate businesses. Liberty open the craft beer garden. Someone else. the distillery. Vodka and whiskey. No tasting room just manufacturing. P&Z: We did get call regarding the dog grooming building and tax incentives. Sadie is doing an excellent job. JR: Passed tax incentives back in March and two have applied for it already

Motions to accept the monthly report as submitted by the Economic Development Committee for tonight's meeting and forward to the Board of Finance for their next scheduled meeting: **Betkowski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.**

15. Report of the Library

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

16. Report of the Fire Department

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

Bielik: General Notices. The weekend of June 2 & 3 is the children's performance of Willy Wonka at the high school . An enthusiastic group. Tickets are available, no cost. Donations accepted and silent auction to bid on. Betkowski: Ages? Bielik: mostly 3, 4, 5th grades. Many veterans from the performance from last year, Toy School. In addition to that, same weekend, June 1 & 2, not noted in report, FoBFL semi annual booksale. Friday evening, Saturday morning.

17. Any Other Reports

a. Report of the Custodian

Motion to accept the report as submitted by the Custodian for tonight's meeting: *No report. Custodian just reported back to work from an injury. Welcome Peter Colon back from his injury and we wish him a speedy recovery.*

b. Report of the Town Nurse

The next quarterly report from the Town Nurse is not due until September 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/Betkowski; no discussion; all ayes**

Betkowski: I'm aware of an issue on Blackberry Hill. A Pit Bull bit Lisa Daigle twice. Bielik: Issue with enforcing animal restraint issues, must have documentation. Anecdotal does not count, no matter how much it got out, doesn't matter. The first bite is considered first report. One bite is not sufficient to say the dog is a hazard. At least two, depending severity and judge, can take up to the three. lots of latitude by judge seeing the case, and it can be put into quarantine. If no behavioral issues are observed while in custody, then it is released back. Finally, a hearing date will be set since there is a second report now. A laborious process to follow to remove a potential hazard under statues of the State of CT. Krenesky: Have we confirmed if they do anything with cats or any other animals? Bielik: There is a mandatory requirement for licensing a dog, rabies license on collar. A cat is recommended to get rabies shot but not required to wear the evidence on the collar. So enforcement is problematic and no authority for animal control officer to appriened cats of any type, whether feral or escaped. It's not part of responsibilities and duties for animal control officer. Recommendation of ACO is figure how cat has gotten in and get them out that way.

d. Report of the Community Media Center Building Committee

Krenesky: We have made contact with Everylibrary.org. They provide pro bono advocacy and assist municipalities with moving forward. Will come forward to speak with us, some info from a conference Kerri and Sue went to. Still moving forward, but not encouraging a push for a vote. Recommended that we create new mission statement, and get ducks in row. See earliest for a vote in early winter, but it's just a guess at this point. Know that the Library Board will do a reassessment and will create a survey and ask some level of questions, and I hope the committee will help

formulate these questions. Our audience may be leaning towards one direction rather than another. We need information and need people to come forward. To have a better idea of type of space we need, we need input from the public and provide us with info of what they think they need there. I still believe that 104 N Main is a viable option for us to consider. Betkowski: Ideally I would like to see Wolf Ave taken down. How do we go about pursuing that? Krenesky: We have a concept of what a space may look like for media space, but not for community center space. Need to put it in more perspective, a fairly large building. Where does BF want to be when it grows up. I've been approached by a new drive to renovate wolfe ave house. A group has come forward and they think we should go ahead with renovation, since we have already put so much into it. May be much less than putting in a new building. Bielik: BOF not allocating money for anything until there is a plan worked out. My personal feeling, if you have a piece of property, its an asset, no matter if there is something built there or not. A long term asset, no qualms about sitting on it until the time is right.

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

18. Reading of Correspondence

1. Monthly submission of tax rebates- overpayments that are requested as remission back to people that overpay; a total of 9 reimbursements submitted by tax collector, mostly motor vehicle overpayments- Motion to reimburse: **Krenesy/Betkowski; no discussion; all aye**
2. Three invoices from the clerk was received for the BOS meetings – in the amounts of \$75, \$35 and \$51. Motion to approve and pay the invoices as billed: **Krenesy/Betkowski; no discussion; all aye**
3. A request from DCF for the State of CT. May is foster care adoption month. Requesting to put some colorful signs to advertise that around town of BF. Motion to permit them to display the signs throughout town owned properties: **Betkowski/Krenesky; no discussion; all aye**
4. Letter from Beacon Hose announcing newly elected slate of line officers. lots of consistency and experience in this list. We applaud their dedication and level of service that they provide to us, make the community safer. Don' t know what we'd do without them. Thank you.

5. Thursday, May 31st, Woodland Auditorium, Melbourne Trust Scholarship being awarded at the scholarship fund night.
6. Letter from finance manager, announcing intention to retire June 30, 2018. Motion to accept this letter of resignation from Thomas Broessler:
Krenesy/Betkowski; no discussion; all aye.

Bielik: We truly appreciate his incredible work, and entire staff of finance dept. never been in stronger hands than we have been with that team

7. Advisory letter from EDC. Now is a good time to start inquiring for volunteers for EDC, expect to receive resignation from Kristen Trazki soon, so asking for any contacts of people who may be good candidate for EDC to recommend them.
8. Letter from current chairman of library board, resigning due to job circumstances changing. Motion to accept this letter of resignation from Denzell Smith: **Krenesy/Betkowski; no discussion; all aye.**

19. Old Business

- a. Item : make point of input from land use committee ordinance to take to action in June; supposed to reviewing their fees, etc. and reporting. Bielik: has not received official notification. Krenesy: Got info passed but did not get formal official copy. For june meeting.
- b. Item: proposed transfer station fees. Something for june meeting.

20. 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. Need someone from planning and zoning to replace him.

B. Reappointments

1. Conservation- replacing Bill Burrit with Krista Jabanoski.
Motion to officially appoint K. Jabanoksi to conservation committee. **Krenesy/Betkowski; no discussion; all aye.**

C. Clerk Salaries- Discussions

Bielik: We are waiting for legal opinion, digging into statues. BOS agree, that they are all hired and subject to approval of the first selectman(but really among the board, jointly). Decision was discussed at several BOS and BOF meetings and it was implemented in this budget year. It is a misconception that clerks are hired by the boards- they should recruit, but all paychecks are approved and signed by the BOS, so we have the ultimate authority and responsibility for hiring all employees- collective bargaining unit positions and at will, individual employees, that is the sole authority and responsibility of the first selectman, with the input of the board of selectmen. Krenesky: Questions came about setting the salaries themselves. Bielik: There should be no questions about that. Whether its setting a bargaining unit pay scale, it's the board of selectmen that helps to set those salaries. Boards do not have authority to set scale for individual clerks. In the procedure memorandum set out prior to this administration taking over. Krenesky: Yes, BOS sets salaries, plain and simple. Bielik: They were looking at total amount that was set for that board or commission, but not a lot of data going into those historical budgets, so they were having money left over, giving raises to spend more, staying in budget line, and they do not have that authority. Krenesky: First Selectman has that authority, it is the way the statutes are written. Bielik: We debated potential scale in Feb, came back to look at it after researching what other towns do, which is broadly different depending on towns, sometimes min wage or sometimes hired. Nobody was paying more than what we were paying to senior clerks on our staff. We're confident on the data that we saw, if you have been clerking along time, you are highest paid clerks in State of CT, accepting fully hired, positioned employees.

Mary Ellen Fernandes, 31 South Circle: Thank you Mike for getting this on the agenda. You think you have authority, and think there are statutes but you aren't certain. I am looking for what that statute is. Bielik: We will get that out to you. MEF: The schedule you put in place is already not being adhered to. Bielik: It should have gotten out. ME: Clerks should start from bottom, it's what you said. Bielik: If one has been five years on one board and then jumping to the next board, they do not start from bottom. Whatever was in the Citizen's News was not representative of the intent. MEF: Just quick note, you did, and still do, have town employees currently working the day and clerking at night and they are double dipping. P&Z: This should be tweaked, they are independent contractors working for the town. Clerks were due a raise, last raise they got was under Sue Cable. Maybe boards should work with selectmen and negotiate each salary with BOS. Boards report to BOS and can ask if a raise can come forward. Krenesky: The way we do it today, we force clerks into making judgement calls on how much time they

have spent on things, but I am open to the suggestion that we can move to piecework, like a legal notice= x number of dollars. It should take five minutes. Half of the things we do, its a form, change the date ,and change agenda quickly, should not take so long. They are standard form documents. It should take no time to change a date. we can look at each document and say this is worth X, this is work X, this is worth X. Bielik: some towns use that process. It's just never been discussed in our context.

D. Sign Approval request for - May is Foster Care Month - Discussion and Action
Approved under Correspondence

E. Proposed review of road conditions - Discussion and Possible Action

Bielik: There is a company that has a proprietary road mapping system and takes automatic measurements, and you can ask for measurements for curbs, sidewalks, etc. It is possible for us to get that done. We meet again on the 22nd, and can take care of some business, and hope the budget workshop goes quickly. We can discuss and get the actual name of the company, and get estimate of what the cost and options are, and look at what the bottom line would be and get it done this fiscal year. Betkowski: That would be part of process Beilik: There is excess money for this purpose. We would not have to go with engineer, and it's a completely objective, digitized way of approaching it. We can take action on the 22nd.

Bielik: One minute recess 9:39pm. Meeting Resumed 9:40pm

F. Revised CT Energy and Technology Tax Stabilization Agreement - Discussion and Possible Action

Bielik: There is a revised tax stabilization package. The contract language has been reviewed by municipal attorney and CIRMA attorney. Just some tweaks for updated conditions we discussed. This particular plan, section 1, in this proposal takes in different amount of megawatts than originally proposed. Analysis modified and adjusted compared to current status of the mil rate, see his analysis that is written down in the memo there. We were looking at 63 mw, this agreement if we adopt it to replace it, is for 18.5 mw. It satisfied the finance manager that it is proportional to the agreement that we have. Additional phases can be added to the project over the course of its life. There is language in there if you look at the bottom of page 3-4, section 3B, it talks about the expansion and methodology that it uses to create revised schedule of payments for any additional buildout cutting maximum duration from 22.5 years, agreed to maximum to 20 years, subject to negotiation on whatever future amount would be, depending on the current mil rate at that time. If economic conditions of the town are driven down, it would only be fair for us to charge that lower mil rate, need to be fair to both sides, equity on both sides of the argument. Attorneys think it covers and protects the town interests, fair to both sides. Krenesky: The program they are attempting to participate in is

actively being engaged in right now? Or are we just setting this up as what we are hoping they are going to apply. Bielik: This proposal is an RFP offering by the State of CT to provide 20-30 megawatts to go into the power grid, provided solely by fuel cell power plants. Krenesky: So this is an existing plan? Bielik: PURA is reviewing, process is barely halfway through. There is a proposal for end of next month. The position in this process, the stabilization agreement, is competitive while providing revenue and protection for town of Beacon Falls.

Gary Komerowski, 15 2nd street: Point of clarification. Saying 18 megawatts, say that's three fuel cells... Bielik: 5 GK: Whatever the number, doesn't matter, but say five years down the road they get approval to expand, and add three more. You are doing a reverse taxation, reverse depreciation on this. The new three they put in, is that taxed straight rate or do they go through the process again. Bielik: No, they go through the process over again. In five years, if they want to expand by another 10 megawatts, they can only build is if they have a customer who is willing to buy electricity from you. If there is another offering by the state, RFP for another 10 mw for fuel cell tech, same bid process, lowest bid wins, and the bid needs to be competitive. They may be competing against new construction somewhere else. Gives them ability to compete successfully and get approval to build. GK: Thank you for clarification. Bielik: That's why it makes sense to phase in future expansion is similar way.

Motion to adopt Revised CT Energy and Technology Tax Stabilization Agreement as presented: **Betkowski/Krenesky**; *no further discussion*; **all aye.**

G. Ordinance Codification Project - Discussion and Possible Action

Bielik: The initial process has been completed, and draft was received last Friday. Just step one, having everything consolidated into one big book. next step is for the town to conduct a review and see if there are recommended changes. Betkowski: Every board? Bielik: Yes, every committee. Need to create a committee to work across with all the boards. Len Greene has volunteered to work as commissioner of this committee. BOS should reach out to various board and commission chairs to get members to place on committee. Len says not an easy process. Three or four months at least. ME Fernandes: Don't you need an ordinance to do this? Bielik: No, the BOS can create a committee without being adopted by town ordinance. Betkowski: And its temporary. Bielik: We need between 5-7 people, confine it to volunteers with lengthy experience with dealing with policies and statues. It can be broad spectrum of experience. Former elected officials, as an example. People of a similar experience level should be engaged in this project. Krenesky: Looking for someone who is going to go through. A past group tried to codified these. Bielik: This is a review process. Krenesky: Looking at this document, which I'm sure it's fully electronic. Moving forward already 200% better than where we were.

H. Finance Manager Replacement process - Discussion and Possible Action

Bielik: The position's description is updated and current, sent out to gov finance officer association, they have a current website for soliciting current opportunities. HR has started to receive a trickle from position posting already. CT conference of municipalities also posting it, received two hard copies from that. Probably in less than a week, and it has received at least half a dozen inputs, and a week or so to run. Suggestion was made by our HR company, or offer made, that we may want to use their network of resources, to do headhunting processes for a fee. Fee quoted was 10% was the value of the contract. It's probably an expense we don't need to incur at this time, but if we get to a point where we don't have qualified applicants and feel pressure, we can always revisit. Krenesky: No problems going forward as we have, but need to consider starting now to have someone on board a few weeks before June so we can transition positions over. Unless we get some superstars. And planning to cut salary according to the new budget. What is plan B if we approach June and nobody has been hired?

Betkowski: The assistant is up to speed with how the process is working to help with transition. Krenesky: Not worried about paying bills.

Bielik: We are in a place where that aspect of the position is not front and center right now. but if we need to contract temporary assistance, then we can stop gap it for a while. If we're convinced that we can get a better cut of applicant from revisiting the HR headhunting we can. But bottom line, last time we advertised we had no applicants with municipal experience. so at least a theoretical possibility that we can meet the seamless transition. Betkowski: Whoever comes in may have their own way of handling things. Krenesky: My understanding is that the new accounting software is on hold until we know who is coming in and what they would want. See what happens when we hit the end of the month and we can review. Bielik: Sufficient time to adjust it if necessary. We will know by 20th of May where we stand.

F. Budget Transfer Requests

C. Bielik indicated that there are three 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 as follows and pass it along to the Board of Finance:

1. 155 from Veterans Funerals line to Health District line: **Betkowski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.**
2. \$825 from Fire Marshall Telephone line to Police Department Telephone Line: **Krenesky/Betkowski; no discussion; all ayes.**

3. \$500 from Contingency Line to Assessor Support line: Betkowski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

21. Public Comment

Patricia Hinman, 387 Burton Rd: Sometime during the winter, a section of the curbing has come off, and water comes flowing down into the yard and took out a 8-10 foot square of topsoil off. It's down into grit. I cannot do anything about it until curb is repaired.

Dino Verrelli, 33 Kaleas Way: I emailed about 113-115 Main St., Cease and Desist. I asked it to be added to the agenda. Krenesky: I had it. Bielik: I missed it. We can entertain the motion to add it to the agenda as one last item after public comment. DV: Will you, Peter, recuse yourself from voting on this. Betkowski: Only if it has to do with a business dealing. DV: (asked M. Krenesky to dial a phone number, which Peter confirmed was his cellphone). I had a complaint about Mario, we had no heat, we are no longer in BF. I asked Peter for help. No help. The next night, Jan 24th, I received a call from Peter, he said he was upset about what I said at the meeting about the loan he received from Mario. I stated that I did not know how he could act in best interest of the town if he is taking money from the landlord. Peter asked if I knew what he and his family had done for the town (using expletives). He sent a follow up text. Peter threatened me over the phone, and now is denying it, and I want it put on the record. P&Z: I don't come to any meeting to hear anyone curse and swear with ladies in the room. Seems like some sort of vendetta against Mario. This is about a c&d rder, with two units there, not a p&z issue. Take it to wetlands. If both units are rented to one person, 4k; if two people, 8k. Called applicant, applicant stated he will paid 8k for two, 4k for one. This person has been enhancing main st. Beacon Falls, but the gentleman is getting nothing but complaints.

Dino Verrelli, 32 Kaleas Way: There was a big circus about Peter paying back taxes off net. Has he paid off the taxes he was supposed to pay? Bielik: Asking a question is not a public comment. This is not interactive.

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

Motion to add new agenda item, Cease & Desist related to Main St. property sewer line: Krenesky/Betkowski; no discussion; all ayes.

22. Cease & Desist related to Main St. property sewer line- Discussion

Biel: BOS does not issue C&D on our own, we respond to recommendations from other boards like P&Z, Wetlands, etc. that we would then act upon. At this point has BOS received any recommendations for C&D? Krenesky: We did not receive anything, it was discussed if BOS would authorize a C&D, and I don't think we have that authority. Those various commissions can issue the C&D. In this case it would a wpca challenge as to whether or not a c&d should be issued. We would follow whatever they said we would do, as long as Mario did as the chairman had

stated- a single business in that unit. We put it back on them to take an action, but they were leaning on that side of the fence. Bielik: leaning is not taking an action. There is an agreement, that if a dwelling rented to one owner, one hookup, if two occupants, two hookups. And no issue of occupancy would be issued if that is not the case. D Verrelli: This has been going back to 2015, per your Aug 2017 meeting notes. Bielik: WPCA has never come back to us for any action. We are going around in circles. DV: You know what the action is, you refuse to discuss it. Bielik: You are out of order. Krenesky: I make the recommendation that the first selectman contact wpca as to intentions to place a C&D on the property and end conversation on this property. Bielik: Happy to write a letter to handle the same thing that has been handled in discussion. It changes nothing, it effects nothing. The question has been asked and answered but I am willing to try and alleviate the misconception for the public who are unhappy with the answer. DV: You are avoiding answering Bielik: Out of order. Please desist from continuing or you will be removed from this meeting.

Executive Session

The Selectmen did not enter into an Executive Session tonight.

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 10:39 P.M.:
Betkowski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting for the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, June 11, 2018, starting at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall Assembly Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerri Vardon
Substitute Clerk, Board of Selectmen