

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



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monthly Meeting  
December 10, 2018  
MINUTES  
(Subject to Revision)**

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

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at 7:37 P.M.

Members Present: First Selectman Chris Bielik, Selectman Peter Betkoski  
Selectman Mike Krenesky came in at 7:38 PM

Others present: 5 Public  
Citizen News

Motion to add to agenda as Item 2, Christian Bike Week Schedule – Discussion and Action.  
Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

**2. Discussion and Action of Christian Bike Night Schedule 2019.**

Don & Chris: Bike night for the summer of 2019. This past year we gave \$635.00 to the BHC#1.  
Anyone can attend not just for bikers.

Motion to approve the schedule of Christian Bike Night Schedule 2019, Betkoski/Krenesky: no  
discussion; all ayes.

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

Dave Rybinski 7 Quail Hollow court, Snow plowing, you don't know what you're doing, you have no concept of priority, and the storm started at 5:00 PM Quail Hollow not plowed. Firehouse has a plow. At 9:00 PM plowing the Senior Citizens center, I left to plow someone's driveway at Hockanum Glenn; there is no priority in plowing roads. Resident's roads should be a top priority. Commuter parking lot? Why? We have a truck we bought last year; we didn't put a body on it until May, sitting at the town garage. And now we are buying a new 6 cylinder truck to ride around in, 9 vehicle and 6 drivers. The current pickup we have which has a 6 cylinder diesel, we put thousands of dollars into it, and we buy a pickup truck for \$26,000.00. Bielik: You're out of time, thank you very much.

Any other comments from the

Sergio Felix, 135 Pines Bridge Rd, I'm back again we had a meeting with NEJ and you at the end of the meeting said we would have a follow-up meeting, and someone from NEJ was going to give you information and you Chris asked me to give me 2 weeks. And two months later I haven't heard from you. And to follow up with what Dave said you need to follow up with phones call you don't seem to. It's frustrating to us.

Gary Komarowsky 15 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Season Greeting to you all, hopefully, this is the betterment for BF, I wish for this board to consider to extend the time for public comments from 3 minutes to 5 minutes, ideas' coming in is a good thing, complaints or concerns are good to have input on. The people addressing you are having those concerns; I would hope you would consider 5 minutes time period for public comments.

Any other comments from the public three times none were given, so Bielik extended more time to the people who had already spoken.

David Rybinski 7 quail hollow court, we need in over 3 million dollars in the next ten years, to buy a pickup truck to ride around in is crazy and we have this truck that's 13 years old and it should be replaced. But to buy a 6-foot bed ½ ton all you can do is ride around in. It was a big waste of money, no use what so ever.

Gary Komarowsky 15 2<sup>nd</sup> St. According to your agenda you're bringing up Tax incentive is this far game to address now?Bielik: No can't be discussed at this time. Krenesky: At the end of the meeting would be the time to address it.

Any other comments from the public.

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

Motion to accept the minutes from the Special meetings –on 10/2/2018 and the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on 10/15/2018.

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

#### **5. Resident Trooper/Police Report**

Motion to accept the Resident Trooper/ Police Reports as submitted for October & November tonight's meeting: **Krenesky/Betkoski; No discussion; All ayes.**

**6. Wastewater Treatment Plant Report**

Motion to accept the report as submitted by the Wastewater Treatment Plants October & November for tonight's meeting: **Betkoski/Krenesky;no discussionAll ayes.**

**7. Report of Public Works**

Motion to accept both reports as submitted by Public Worksfor tonight's meeting: **Krenesky/Betkoski,no discussionAll ayes.**

**8. Report of the Fire Marshal**

Motion to accept the reports as submitted by Fire Marshal for October & November tonight's meeting: **Krenesky/Betkoski**,Bielik:Both have completed the course; probably in January will be looking to make official our new Fire Marshalls. Thank you, Keith, for all of his help in filling in for us. **All ayes**

**9. Report of the Finance Manager**

Motion to accept the reports as submitted by the Finance Manager, forward to the Board of Finance. Bielik: Looks like the BOF meeting will be canceled, because they don't have a quorum. **Betkoski /Krenesky; All ayes.**

**10. Report of the Tax Collector -**

Motion to accept the October & November report as submitted by the Tax Collector, and forward to the Board of Finance: **Krenesky/Betkoski;no discussion; all ayes.**

**11. Report of the Town Treasurer -**

Motion to accept the October & November reports as submitted by the Town Treasurer and forward to the Board of Finance. **Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; All ayes**

**12. Report of the Town Clerk**

Motions to accept the October &November monthly report as submitted by the Town Clerk and forward to the Board of Finance.

**Betkoski/Krenesky**;Betkoski: what is that burial permit? Bielik, I don't know, Pines Bridge? We will ask. **All ayes.**

**13. Report from Economic Development -**

Motion to accept the October & November report as submitted by the Economic Development for tonight's meeting; **Betkoski/Krenesky**. Bielik: There was a question on the liquor store permit for Main St., but that is going through all the right channels. **All ayes.**

**14. Report of the Library**

Motion to accept the report as submitted by the Library Director for tonight's meeting; **Krenesky /Betkoski**; Bielik: You had asked for past numbers from Sue? Krenesky: yes she will give us a formal report now that the State report is done. **All Ayes**

**15. Report of the Fire Department -**

Motion to accept the October & November report as submitted by the Fire Department for tonight's meeting; Bielik: Fire Prevention week in October, it was a very good time and well attended. Good Job to everyone that put it together. They are selling Christmas Trees and Wreaths. Krenesky: Fire Department has been training in the Wolf Ave, and the building inspector informed me and he asked the building to be locked when it's not occupied it has to be locked. Bielik: I have no problem with it as long as they respect the times and the public around them. Krenesky: Cal Brennan will be letting me know when they will be using it. **Krenesky/Betkoski; All ayes.**

**16. Any Other Reports**

- a. **Report of the Custodian**  
No report from the Custodian.
- b. **Report of the Town Nurse –(Quarterly)**
- c. **Report of the Animal Control Officer**

Motion to accept the October & November report as submitted by the Animal Control Officer for tonight's meeting; **Betkoski/Krenesky**; *no discussion*; **All ayes.**

- d. **Report of the Community Media Center Building Committee**  
No meetings in October or November so no reports.

**e. Report of the Grant Writer**

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

**Krenesky/Betkoski**Bielik: We did receive a grant from The Katherine Matthies for \$5,000.00 for the youth theater group. **All ayes.**

**17. Reading of Correspondence**

CB: Lisa Daigle for the Planning and Zoning

Brian Swan for the Inland Wetlands

Reappointments: Email from Kevin McDuffie and Bill seeking reappointment for their positions.

Formal letter from DEPP for the Volkswagen grant program 60% grant with an old public works with a new one, not granted with this application. There will be further rounds on the programs to reapply for.

And an invoice from Joann S. Overby for the 10-15-2018 Regular BOS meeting in the amount of \$83.00.

Motion to approve and pay the clerk for the invoice as submitted for tonight's meeting in the amount of and \$83.00;**Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; All ayes.**

Bielik:**Motion to pay two months October and November request for overpaid taxes for car taxes, through the tax collector, 16 requests in the amount of \$4,154.84; Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; All ayes.**

Krenesky: How the Town of Middlebury has been repaving their roads. If we could send a note to Mr. Hutvager on how it was done, and maybe help us.

Krenesky; our State Rep Nicole Ditria, the recent report from the bonding commission, with the things they have on their table there is no funding mentioned at all for the Fire School. Betkoski: isn't that too early? Krenesky: right now is the time, and there is no mention on the funding for the Fire School.

**18. Old Business**

**a. Town Sesquicentennial Celebration - Discussion Action;**

Krenesky: We have not set a date yet it will be in the next month.

Bielik: How do you want to reach out to the public go through the Citizen's news? Krenesky: Yes we will contact them and get an article in the newspaper.

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

Bielik; we received a petition on bringing this to the Town for a vote. The Town Attorney gave us some verbiage on the question for the Town Meeting. So we could adjourn the

meeting and go into a vote. The proposed question: **Shall the town of Beacon Falls acquire (purchase) a 5.5 +/- acre parcel of land located on Lopus Road from O&G Industries, Inc. subject to options to repurchase the land by O&G Industries, Inc. for \$1.00 on the 15<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and possibly the 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary following the transfer of title from O&G Industries, Inc. to the Town of Beacon Falls.**

Discussion: Mike Krenesky submitted another of a parcel of land that may be a possibility. It's 9 ½ acre that is for sale that abuts the O&G property, he has stepped back from the discussion since his sister is a part owner of the proposed property. Bielik: \$40,000.00 acre. Krenesky: Yes it is listed for \$40,000.00 an acre \$380,000.00.

Bielik: I would like time to look into this and do some research and have the town attorney look it over. I would like to take action on the wording for the verbiage and setting a meeting looking at the week of January 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

Bielik: To amended the parks and recreations asking for an alternate member.

Any objections to this proposal for Parks and Rec? None were given. Maybe all the boards need to have this done. Will forward to the town attorney for his review and have a meeting for all of the changes.

Krenesky: Did you get a response to the general code? Bielik: no I have not.

**Motion to add Mary Ellen Fernandez to agenda under new business #5 for Mary Ellen to be appointed to the Community Building committee Board;** Betkoski/Krenesky; *no discussion*; **all Ayes.**

**19. New Business**

**a. Appointments – None for tonight.**

1. Land Use/Open Space – Joe Fitzpatrick – Term Expired 11/08/2016–
2. Erin Schwarz – Safety Committee – Bielik: Motion to Appoint Erin Schwarz as a member of the Safety committee; Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.
3. Planning and Zoning – Vacancy. Bielik: Motion to appoint Lisa Daigle to the Planning and Zoning; Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.
4. Inland Wetlands – Vacancy - Motion to appoint Brian Swan to the Inland Wetlands; Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes
5. **Motion to have Mary Ellen Fernandez to the Community Building committee Board;** Betkoski/Krenesky; *no discussion*; **All Ayes.**

**b. Reappointments –**

1. Inland Wetlands – Steve Knapik, Mike Opuszynski–  
**Motion to reappoint all the members, Steve Knapik, Mike Opuszynski,**  
**Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; All ayes.**
2. Conservation – Mike Opuszynski
3. Planning & Zoning – Bill Giglio, Jack Burns, Kevin McDuffie
4. Land Use & Open Space – Mike Opuszynski

5. WPCA – Jim Weed, Rob Pruzinsky

c. Service Award Program Policy Update – Discussion and Action

Bielik: Is an insurance program for BHC#1 eligible to be in after they retire. They get a little stipend. There are three different versions of this policy. Try to consolidate to determine who qualifies for this program. Proposal to make a change to section 5, which eliminates a number of sections and tightens it up into one paragraph. Also Schedule A, Who's qualified. Tightens it up and makes it easy for the board to keep track. Betkoski: Dave do you have anything to add to it? Dave, it's needed to make some changes. And every three or four years makes changes. Any way to simplify that to make it easier is good. Gretchen takes care of all the inputs. Michael goes over by the list and gives the points. Bielik: Mike has done a wonderful job working on this. **Motion for the BOS to approve and adapted to the changes for the Service award program;** Krenesky/Betkoski; **All ayes.**

d. Tax incentive Ordinance Change Request – Discussion and Action

Krenesky: Concerned any fine points or detail, or part of a policy or application for this program? If its retail or office space, how do we qualify what needs to be in that change? We really don't do that in the rest of the document. I don't want to get into another gray area again. I don't have any problem with the changes being made. Bielik: We can ask the Town Attorney.

**Motion to send the proposed changed as presented by our EDC and the question to make sure the town attorney makes is review;** Krenesky/Betkoski; **All ayes.**

e. FY 2018 State Homeland Security Program MOA – Discussion and Action

Bielik: BOS know the state of CT is broken into regional planning zones; there are six or seven of them. The Town of BF falls under area 5. Every year areas the member's towns has to pass a resolution, Yes we are members of the regional planning area and if there is grant money for this regions we agree to participate. **The Motion we resolve that the Town of Beacon Falls many enter into with the State of CT Division of emergency and Christopher J Bielik of this town is authorized and directed for the town;**Krenesky/Betkoski; No discussion; **All ayes.**

**20. Budget Transfer Requests,**

**Motion to approve the budget transfer requests as follows and pass it along to the Board of Finance:**

1. **From Line Item 45.90.90.2197 Non-RecurringDebris Removal, in the amount of \$19,999.00 to Line Item 10.90.83.1170 Contingency, in the amount of \$19,999.00;** Betkoski/Krenesky;

Discussion Krenesky, public works said there some additional work that needs to be completed? And should that \$19,999.00 be left? Bielik: Mostly Matthies Park needs work and the budget should be sufficient enough in order to address the concerns. And then maybe look to budget for next year for the rest of it. I think putting the \$19,999.00 back in we should be fine. Krenesky: under state statutes, when you touch a line item, you should go to a town meeting for approval? Bielik: I will check with the attorney, and I think contingency is different than the rest of the line items. Krenesky: I would like the clarification. **All ayes**

2. From Line Item 10.90.83.1170 Contingency, in the amount of \$1,487.00 to Line Item 10.90.37.1410 Property/Casualty Ins, in the amount of \$1,487.00:  
Betkoski/Krenesky; *no discussion*; all ayes.

## 21. **Public Comments – Limit to Three (3) Minutes**

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

Gary Komarowsky 15 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Correct me if I'm wrong as far as the Tax abatement, I've read the EDC minutes, I'm perplexed, EDC said they wanted a non-binding input? I've attending EDC meeting. Why would they turn around and say no to any tax abatement to them? I don't understand. Bielik: I don't know if EDC is meeting this month, so maybe attend that meeting.

3 times comments from the public.

## 22. **Adjournment -**

Motion to adjourn tonight's Board of Selectmen meeting at 9:03 P.M.:  
**Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; *all ayes*.**

**The next regular January 14, 2019, starting at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Assembly Room.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Overby  
Clerk, Board of Selectmen



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