

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



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monthly Meeting
January 14, 2019
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)**

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: First Selectman Chris Bielik, Selectman Mike Krenesky
Selectman Peter Betkoski Absent
Others present: 7 Public
Citizen News

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

Chris Bielik 119 Rice Ln: Selectmen Betkoski has his 2nd knee replacement done today, and he's up and walking already he may come home by noon tomorrow. Told him everyone has him in our thoughts.

Doug B 20 Cedar Cir: Talked with Chris about O&G property and you told me the cost would not be a lot. CB: Are you asking a question, Doug?

Cost the town a lot more than you think, there are a lot of regulations the whole thing needs to be fenced in, go online and see what needs to be done.

You need more help with the public works; ask them yourself they will tell you they need help. Our roads need to be paved look on Facebook everyone is complaining.

Alan Banyacsky 4 Wilson court: Took a hike through Matthies Park, Friday and Saturday showing them photos the area is a disaster, and I under Rob and FEMA and Mike have gone over the area last week, I want everyone to understand it's not just the white trail we will be focusing on, they all need help and where ever I can be of help with anything please let me know so we can get the trails back open. There are trees in the fork positions and widow makers in there.

MaryEllen Fernandes 22 South Circle: I agree with Doug we need more manpower, but I do believe they are getting things done, but they need more help. Alan the access to Rimmon Hill into our

park, the gentlemen who live there now someone needs to take a walk in over in our access, we have room to get around, we are on his property, I think someone needs to visit him. You can see where he had a tree taken down from his property and it is on the other side of the access way.

Sergio Felix 135 Pines Bridge Rd:Regards NEJ, the last meeting we had here both of you were present you gave me the same story that you would get back to me and you never did. I waited until the end of the meeting and I was patient enough I would like something in an email form, not just talks. I'm feeling like you're taking the business side instead of the resident's the first meeting we had you thought no one else was complaining so I brought in other people.

Shawn Styfco 71 Lasky Rd: I sent in an FIO request and I haven't gotten anything back from you and there is no answer.

CB: You were told on Friday that we were getting information for you.So, you are making a statement that isn't true.

Doug B.: I just saw the reporter go behind the George Washington picture and take a key out and why did he do that? CB: That is where we keep that bathroom key.

MK: in response to Maryellen, in regard to town access, I was looking at the GSI map and the county line between McGeever and the school and Carrington there is no town property on the GSI system. We need to validate that and make sure we own it. The GSI map may be incorrect. Right now, if I looked at it correctly the town doesn't own the property CB: there is a paper road. It's an easement we don't own it? Mary Ellen: Is the one between the football field and the school? MK: I did look there.

MK: I always thought we owned it, not an easement, and the maps that exist all it says from the '40s is an abandoned road.

3. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings

Motion to accept the minutes from the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on 12/10/2018, Bielik/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

4. Resident Trooper/Police Report

Motion to accept the Resident Trooper/ Police Reports as submitted for December 2018 tonight's meeting:Krenesky/Bielik; No discussion; all ayes.

5. Wastewater Treatment Plant Report

Motion to accept the report as submitted by the Wastewater Treatment Plants December 2018 for tonight's meeting:Bielik/Krenesky; no discussion;all ayes.

6. Report of Public Works

Motion to accept both reports as submitted by Public Works for tonight's meeting:
Bielik/Krenesky, no discussion;**all ayes**.

7. Report of the Fire Marshal

Motion to accept the reports as submitted by Fire Marshal for December tonight's meeting:
Krenesky/Bielik: The Town appreciates how great Keith Griffin has been since we have been in transition, he is stepping down right now we wish him all the best **all ayes**

8. Report of the Finance Manager

Motion to accept the reports as submitted by the Finance Manager.
Krenesky/Bielik; *no discussion*; **all ayes**.

9. Report of the Tax Collector -

Motion to accept the December report as submitted by the Tax Collector. **Krenesky/Bielik**; *no discussion*; **all ayes**.

10. Report of the Town Treasurer -

Motion to accept the December report as submitted by the Town Treasurer. **Krenesky/Bielik**; *no discussion*; **all ayes**

11. Report of the Town Clerk

Motions to accept the December monthly report as submitted by the Town Clerk **Krenesky/Bielik**; *no discussion*; **all ayes**.

12. Report from Economic Development -

Motion to accept the December report as submitted by the Economic Development for tonight's meeting; **Krenesky/Bielik** *CB: Not on here yet, a company looking for 10,000.00 sq. feet possible to build in the industrial park. Sadie is working with them.* **All ayes**.

13. Report of the Library

Motion to accept the report as submitted by the Library Director for tonight's meeting:
Krenesky Bielik; *CB: They started providing the data you asked for Mike? MK: Yes, she has given me everything so we can take the data back to the building committee.* **All ayes**

14. Report of the Fire Department -

Motion to accept the December report as submitted by the Fire Department for tonight's meeting;
Krenesky/Bielik; *no discussion*; **All ayes**.

15. Any Other Reports

a. **Report of the Custodian**

*CB: two reports from the Custodian for November and December.
Motion to accept both reports; **Krenesky/Bielik; no discussion; All Ayes.***

b. **Report of the Town Nurse –(Quarterly)**

Motion to approve the report from the Town Nurse, Krenesky/Bielik: MK: during the 4th quarter: 209 home visit, 40 office visits, 16 off hour calls, this is the work she puts in for the town. CB: *this number in this report is typical she is out every day to see people. The value of our Town Nurse and the service she provides.* **All ayes.**

c. **Report of the Animal Control Officer**

Motion to accept the December report as submitted by the Animal Control Officer for tonight's meeting; Krenesky/Bielik; no discussion; all ayes.

d. **Report of the Community Media Center Building Committee**

No meetings in December 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/Bielik; no discussion; all ayes.

16. **Reading of Correspondence**

Motion to approve and pay the clerk for the invoice as submitted for tonight's meeting in December the amount of and \$67.00; Krenesky/Bielik; no discussion; all ayes.

CB: Letter on 12/21/2018 from DEEP, notifying us of our award in the grant amount of \$40,905.04 to be used for the public works department, to replace a dump truck. And working with the BOF on how to share our cost funds for this project.

CB: Letter on 12/11/2018 Ashleigh Doherty giving her resignation for the conservation commission she received new employment and the commute is farther for her and the stress of the commute would be too much.

MK: Shall we accept this resignation tonight?

CB: **I will make a motion to accept the resignation; Krenesky/Bielik; no discussion; all ayes.**

CB: resubmission from April, from StevenMoffat, if a spot opens up in Park and Recs he is interested. We will be taking further action soon.

17. Old Business

a. Town Sesquicentennial Celebration - Discussion Action;

MK: We are attempting to gather a possible fundraiser and Mike showed a brick with the Beacon Falls logo and anyone can buy a brick and the company keeps the money until the end of the sale, for the 150 celebrations. You can put anything you want on the brick. And you can also order your own memorial brick of your memorial brick. (A small brick) They hold all the bricks until we are ready to accept them, we have not talked about where they should go. CB: The Red Sox's sold brick you could do that you can put anything you want on it and they sold 1000's of them. I think it's a win-win to go down that road. MK: we have two years to get this in place. You will find people buy bricks everywhere.

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

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CB: Looking at the calendar a possible date of Wednesday the 30st of January or Wednesday, February 6th. There is some more research for that date we are getting.

MK: I know we have done no negotiations with the property that is up for sale, and we don't know what our intentions are, what I would like to see is that O&G has no interest in the property, the lease and potentially losing the property in the years passed, I would like to ask O&G for a sale price, they say it doesn't mean anything to them. But a sale price would be best. The O&G is the best piece of property to buy but I really feel we should get a price instead of leasing it from them.

18. New Business

a. Appointments – None for tonight.

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

2. Conservation Commission – Replace Ashleigh Doherty

Motion to add a 3rd item to the agenda to replace Allison Sirowich. #A3

Krenesky/Bielik; no discussion; all ayes.

3. Replace Allison Sirowich from Parks and Recs,

Motion to appoint StevenMoffat to fill the remainder of Allison Sirowich on Parks and

Rec.**Krenesky/Bielik;** no discussion; **All Ayes.** Stephen Moffat was sworn into the Park and Rec Department.

b. Reappointments –

1. Brownsfield Comm. – Richard Cherhoniak

Reappointments Richard Cherhoniak, Motion to reappointment Richard Cherhoniak to the Brownsfield Comm;**Krenesky/Bielik;**

*MK: What have we been doing with the brownfield meeting? CB: The COOG does hold a meeting and Rich goes to them. The funding to fix Brownsfield is spotty especially on privately owned land.***All Ayes**

- c. Removal of oil from oil tanks and salvage contract at 35 Wolf Ave

MK: 150-200 gallons of oil in the basement of the Wolf Ave property and we need to pump it out of there at some point. Do we need a bid for this, or do we have our Oil Company come in and take it, which is Smith Oil? CB: I don't know if Peter has the equipment for that. MK: I will get an estimate for us.

MK: Salvage Company has reached out to me about removing some things from the Wolf Ave and I don't know if we need to get a bid for this? I know he wants the front door, but he can't have it until it can be secure. I would like to take him through the house and get a formal quote and have him write a contract. CB: I would say get him back here and get a hard figure and getting the ball rolling,

- d. Set up the meeting for BOS, BOF, EDC/ Sadie to discuss economics

CB: Meeting with all of these boards and see if we can get it when EDC has their meeting at the end of the month.

19. Budget Transfer Requests.

Motion to approve the transfer From Line Item Undesignated fund balance, in the amount of \$4,896.00 to Line Item Non-Rec Cap New WWTP Vehicle in the amount of \$ 4,896.00:

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

Motion to approve the transfer From Line Item Contingency, in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Line Item 10.90.79.1943 Senior Center Building Maintenance in the amount of \$1,000.00:

Krenesky/Bielik;

*MK: I don't know how we repaired it before we got permission to do so? CB: The person in the Senior Center has been reminded about not spending until it's authorized***all ayes**.

Motion to approve the transfer, From Line Item 10.90.29.1173 Certification, in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Line Item 10.90.29.1345 Election Expenses in the amount of \$1,000.00:**Krenesky/Bielik**; no discussion;**all ayes**.

Motion to approve the transfer, From Line Item 10.90.44.1471 Yearly Mandatory Equip. Maintenance Inspection, in the amount of \$13,500.00 to Line Item 10.90.44.1472 Vehicle Repairs in the amount of \$13,500.00: **Krenesky/Bielik**; no discussion; **all ayes**.

20. Public Comments – Limit to Three (3) Minutes

AlanBanyacsky 4 Wilson court; Last year before the tornado came through I wanted to start a Facebook account that would encompass the trails, Matthies, Lantern Ridge and Toby's I would be the Admin and take that information and give the information to the town for the site, we could put

maps on there, other information and forward the information's and post it? CB: notionally I think it's a good idea, I believe the Library has a website of their own and link it to the Town Website. Maybe that can help amplify already. The next meeting is 2nd Tuesday and talks with the Parks and Rec. and maybe do it.

Kristen Jabanoski 2 North Main St. The need to get the trails done and I'm really encouraged to hear that Matthies Park is coming along but we still need to work on Lantern Ridge. I took some photos and there is a possibility to getting some help from CT Appalachian Club at least for one day for some of the trees that are down. And also, Ct trails day is June 1st and June 2nd, 2019, hopefully, we can get them all open by then to be used to their full potential. So other people around that state can fully enjoy our trails.

Sean Syfko 7 Lasky Rd, its 2019 the town website is really outdated, you can't even view it by phone only by a desktop. The town website is non-responsive, is mainly designed for desktop computers and a new generation in town are doing everything off their phones.

Mk 22 Maple Ave, I have a concern with the management of the calendar at the community senior center, I know a group of members of seniors has been locked out, they have asked on many occasions for a key and there seems to be some confusion about the key keeper. There is a single key that any organization they have to go to the Senior Center and get the key. The people that have access during the day, which is a private organization and they think they own that building and that they hold that key. It is no longer a senior building and that means it's a town building. There may be someone in the building 9-4 every day now.

Motion to add agenda item 21 discussion of the Town Website: **Krenesky/Bielik**; no discussion; **all ayes**

21. Town Website:

CB: We actually just had a conference call today with the company that manages our town website and had a demonstration of the new town website for the platform, and it will address every concern you brought up (Shawn Styfco) The new proposal that they will upgrade us up to and the website will make it user-friendly for tablets and phones. Designed to address the issues that this website was designed in 2011. MK: We had several different options at the time, and we got them in between item. CB: Should be transitioned by May 2019. MK: Does it fit into the current budget, we only budgeted in around \$3500.00? CB: it's in the ballpark.

SF: is it for the theme we have? Andy, I feel that is a good number.

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

22. Adjournment -

Motion to adjourn tonight's Board of Selectmen meeting at 8:15 P.M.:
Krenesky/Bielik; no discussion; **all ayes.**

The next regular February 11, 2019, starting at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Assembly Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Overby
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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