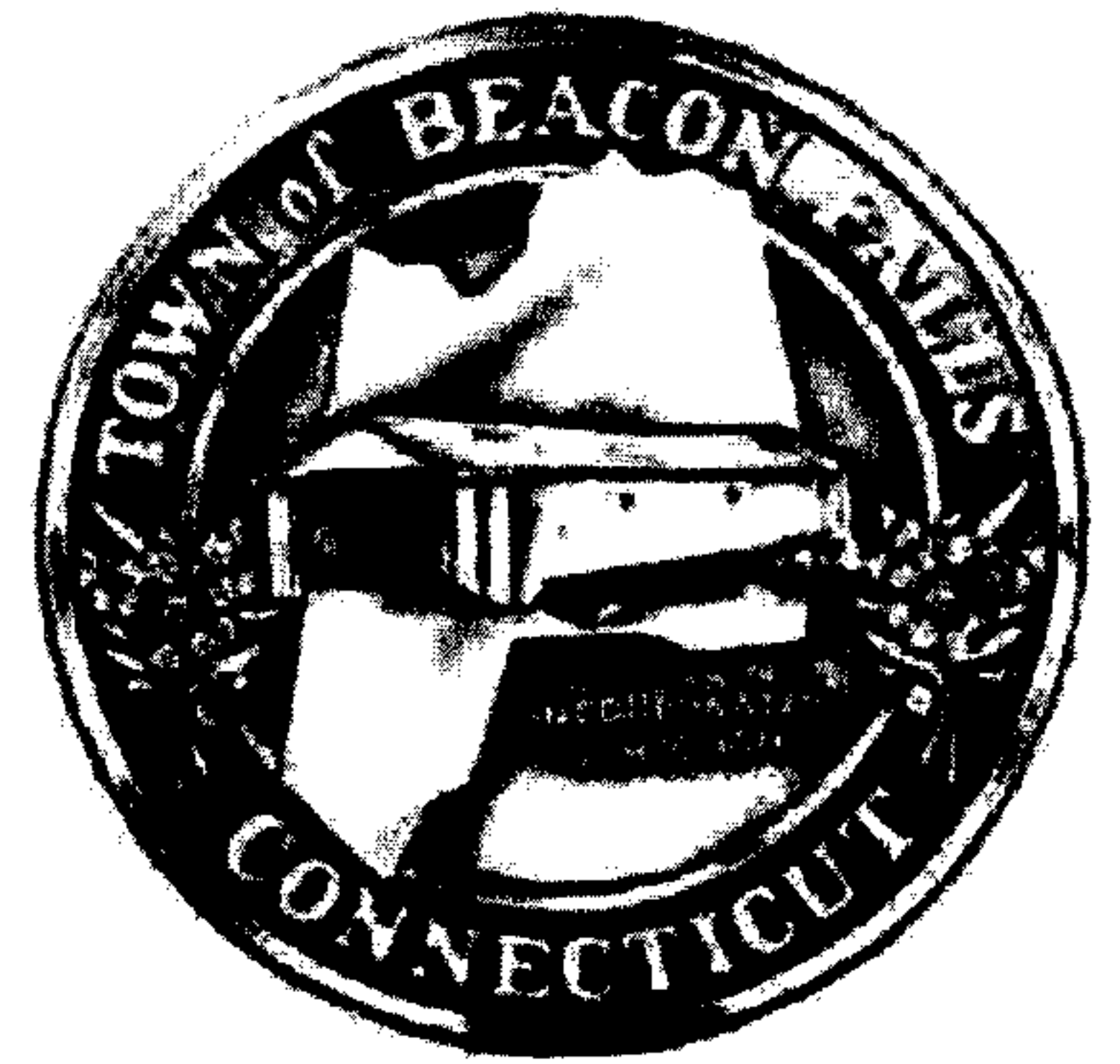


Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen
10 Maple Avenue
Beacon Falls, CT 06403



BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monthly Meeting
April 8, 2019
MINUTES
REVISED

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
Others present: Public 10
Citizen News

2. Michael Yamin – Budget Recap

Yamin: went over the Budget for Region 16. He stated he is not looking for an increase in the budget. M. Krenesky asked about health care plans? Yamin: explained the difference in health care plans. He removed the parking fees at the High School. We have reduced the carryover from \$500,000.00 to \$300,000.00. Beacon Falls will have a 1.4% decrease to pay this year. The budget all depends on the ECS payments, our grant money, and the State doesn't have their budget until July.

C. Bielik Thanked Mr. Yamin for coming to the BOS meeting tonight. Krenesky: Asked Superintendent which softball fence was moved? Yamin stated the outfield fence has already been moved in. Mr. Yamin stated that the voting of the budget will be May 6, 2019 at Long River Middle School in the Town of Prospect, CT. at 7:00 PM

Shaw Styfco: 71 Lasky Rd. Asked First Selected Bielik stated there are caps on reductions amounts for budgets. Hypothec speaking is that numeral a variable amount depending on how much it went up and down in previous years?

Mr. Yamin: No, The State of Ct has a law called MBR, its minimum budget requirement. Which means you cannot reduce your educational budget from one year to the next unless you have a significant reduction of students or you sell or close a school. The significant reduction we would need to have would be 20% of your student population. And we didn't have enough to reduce it.

Shaw Styfco: So if this budget doesn't pass anything can be done?

Yamin: Yes nothing can be done. I have to go back to the same budget.

Shaw Styfco: I only asked because I'm sure people with the way the state is in they would like to know.

3. **National Day of Prayer Presentation – BF Congregational Church – Liza Whitehead and Pastor David Brown**

Liza Whitehead introduced Pastor Dave Brown the interim Pastor for BF Congregational Church. She invited the Board and the public to A day of prayer, it will be Thursday, May 2, 2019, at 12:00 Noon, a one-hour prayer downtown Beacon Falls at the Depo Street Bridge under the flag pole. We pray for our town, our state and everyone.

Pastor Dave spoke: Our church has been here since 1846, our church has several things we wanted to invite you to a big event in Bridgeport, Franklin Graham, son of Bill Graham, doing tours in many cities in the New England area, he does prayer, lives music's and a message of hope. I believe it will be a great event. It's May 25, 2019, in Bridgeport, the Church will be getting a bus please contact us if you would like to go. There is a flyer that will be posted on the bulletin board. C. Bielik: noted that he has attended the National Day of Prayers in past years. Please join us on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at Noon.

4. **O&G – Pent Road Easement – Discussion and Action**

Ken Ferrini from O&G industries. There is an access road we would like to use since the Depot Bridge can't support the weight limitation based on the length of the trucks and tonnage. For when we need to do upgrades to the wash plant or the concrete plant. Our agreement with the age-restricted community on Lancaster Dr. fell by the wayside so we needed to find an alternative. There is existing easement area the town was granted emergency access and easement, so we have approached the town and ask, and First Selectmen Bielik and the Town Attorney said we needed to contact the property owner.

C. Bielik; There is an easement the town owns is an emergency access easement. We needed to contact the Kogla group, so we put O&G in contact with Mr. Kogla and his group to start the process.

Ken Ferrini reached out with Mr. Kogla and got an agreement with Mr. Kogla. There were a couple of provisions; we would only use it for the Wash Plant or the Ready-mix plant. No day to day operation. We restricted it to 16 times a year to use. We entered into the agreement with him. However, the Town of Beacon Falls owns a piece of it. And we would be crossing it so we need permission to do it.

C. Bielik: Reminder we looked at this in the invent possibility if the fuel station limitation was going in and it's the same thing. But this has nothing to do with this.

M. Krenesky: Would the easement shift?

K. Ferrini: The only change would be a shift on Mr. Kogla property.

Motion to forward the proposal 8-24 to planning and Zoning for their recommendation; Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

5. **Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings**

Motion to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2019; Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

6. Comments from the Public – Limit to three (3) Minutes

Allen Banyacsky; 4 Wilson Court; Discussed the trails that are open and closed at this time. Of the 7 trails, 2 remain closed (Blue trail on the south side and Orange trail on the North side) I will be clearing what's feasible without machinery until PW has an opportunity to get back the excavator that's shared between towns and when the focus is off the Rec. field. I've blazed two new trails starting at the steel gate, located on Rt 42, directly across from Molleur View Dr. The Purple trail starts at the gate connects to approximately the middle of the Orange trail The Pink trail which connects to the Purple trail at its beginning, heads in a different directions, crosses over and connects to the original Pink trail which I cleared and blazed last Spring. These new trails will be added to the electronic trail map posted on TRAP Facebook page and eventually available as a hard copy once we exhausted our trail map inventory.

An individual or individuals are taking it upon themselves to blaze their own personnel trails with yellow spray paint or pink adhesive labels. This makes it very confusing for a hiker with a trail map in hand, emergency personnel and will eventually present our woodlands as a graffiti spectacle. I would like to see a notice published on the town website and maybe Citizens News relating to this issue. These unauthorized markings were witnessed by Steven Ruhl, Chairperson, and P&R. When I asked him to accompany me on February 23 to review all the trail work that I assessed as to what was needed to get the park trail ready for spring.

Toby's Pond, I will be conducting a volunteer work party to perform trail work/cleanup later this month. Participants will need to read and sign a hold harmless agreement before proceeding to work.

Lantern Ridge, On March 9th, I toured the tornado damaged with two members of the Conservation Commission to give my input regarding trail clean up; volunteers vs. contractor. I volunteered my mapping and marking services once the cleanup was completed.

TRAP Facebook Trails-River-Angling-Paddling, the site was created on January 23 and to date, we have 105 active members.

C. Bielik; I want to Thank Captain Al, (Allan Banyacsky) for all of his work he has done for us. You have our deepest gratitude. I'm also thinking about adding you to the agenda going forward. Captain Al (Allan Banyacsky): Thanked Chris Bielik for the ID Badge it's come in very handy when I am doing work on the trails. M. Krenesky: We need to encourage people to park on Molleur View Rd and not RT42.

Wanda Mulinski; 42 Fairfield Place: community media Center, strongly urge you not to disband the committee, the committee will make some progress and it always gets put on the back burner, I think there are a lot of other things that need attention, but I believe a new Library is due for the Town of Beacon Falls, The Town Library opened up in 1958, and it's the same Library then as it is now.

Isabel Culotta; 8 Coventry Ln; what is the update on the Wolf St property.

C. Bielik: It's really not a question and answer during public comment. We will try and get you and the town updates.

Sue Dowdell; 32 Wolf Ave on the Community Center part, we have a lot of preteen walking around and they have nowhere to go. Also, most of them just sit around downstairs while we are open, without that plan in place nothing is going to happen.

Sara Karlak 168 Back Rimmon Rd; and to our knowledge, our water isn't that bad, but our well water has deteriorated we have 4- 4 1/2 PH level and it's gotten worse in the last 8 years. I just wonder if it happened to be with the blasting at the bottom of the street at Magnum steel. It's really hard for us to treat the water it eats through our pipes.

Motion to move 20B from the agenda and Make it Item 7; Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion all ayes.

7. Utility Bill Review Proposals – Discussion and Action

C. Bielik: From Troy & Banks has lowered the fee to 45/55 instead of 50/50 he originally quoted. The Town of Prospect has hired Troy & Banks and the Town of Cheshire has also hired St Net Works Firm.

M. Krenesky; this isn't the same program Region 16 used. And I'm not sure what the real factor is that makes one different than the other. And I'm assuming the reason Barbara is here is to talk to us.

Barbara from St. Networks. There are a few different things between the companies. 1st. Lilly Steinburg, she has created software to extract deep levels. A lot of Utilities want to shut her down. She agreed with the Utilities, she will no longer go public, if Lily found a million dollar recovery her company does not have to go to litigation, others companies may need to go, so we know she gets the full recovery. And because we are partner with a nonprofit, once Lily pays her staff, 100% of her profits go to Sustainable Tomorrows a nonprofit organization community in the United States that doesn't have utilities.

I live in Prospect and I'm a neighbor. When we present the check from Beacon Falls you should have the Newspaper here, Lily will be here and so will the president of Sustainable Tomorrows receive the check. My question is would you rather have 55% from 100,000.00 or 50% from \$120,000.00.

C. Bielik: The size of the amount is unknown; the idea of the nonprofit agency is notable. There could be no savings. We just don't know. Chris asked if there are any other questions.

P. Betkoski: Have we seen the contracts? C. Bielik; Yes, the lawyers have looked them both over.

M. Krenesky: I agree you have no idea what the amount is, I guess my question is with all the information we have, was there an average return on these investigations? C. Bielik: No there was not an average returned given, it all depends on the size on the municipalities. Barbara from ST NETWORKS, included in the recovery is the schools and Fire Department, the average is about \$80,000.00. P. Betkoski: How long is the contract for? Barbara; It's up to 36 months moving forward. M. Krenesky; Do you go with the founding mother of the industries or do you not. There is a marketing advantage there.

Motion to award the contract to St Networks; Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

8. Resident Trooper/Police Report

No Resident Trooper Report was given.

9. Wastewater Treatment Plant Report

Motion to accept the report as submitted by the Wastewater Treatment Plants for March 2019 tonight's meeting: Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

10. Report on Public Works

Motion to accept March 2019 report as submitted by Public Works for tonight's meeting: Krenesky/Betkoski;

John Smith 311 Bethany Rd. Share a picture of a driveway on pent Rd, near the pavilion, of water & debris that what was coming down the driveway three hours after the rain stopped. We had 3" of rain in an hour. The road completely washed out and filled in the wetlands. I talked with Rob Pruzinsky from Public Works about the road and the insurance company won't do any work with the drainage. The pipe is undersized, if the homeowner does the repair and they don't fix the drainage the same thing will happen. The town owns the bottom of the driveway. Need approval with the Town Engineer. If the homeowner doesn't do it at least the crossing at the foot has to be done. In the past with storm waters, we authorized the town to do it or a private contractor and then put a lien on the property, and I can't ask the town crew to do it with our BOS approval. C. Bielik; I know the homeowner is aware of it. J. Smith: to put you on notice once he goes to pave this, the repairs need to be done first. And now people will be going down for baseball season and people may get hurt. I'm concerned about the piping. C. Bielik; Hopefully the homeowner will take care of it. J. Smith: The insurance will take care of the repair but not the improvements. all ayes.

11. Report of the Fire Marshal

C Bielik: No report from our new Fire Marshal next month we will get something.

12. Report of the Finance Manager

Motion to accept the March 2019 report as submitted by the Finance Manager, and submit to the BOF Krenesky/Betkoski; all ayes.

13. Report of the Tax Collector -

Motion to accept the March 2019 report as submitted by the Tax Collector and submit it to the BOF, /Krenesky/ Betkoski;

MaryAnn; Tax Collector; Selectmen Krenesky asked me a question via email, she talked about can't find relatives. It's uncollectible. Currently, the amount we need to collect is about 1 million.

C. Bielik: When MaryAnn took over the taxes a few years ago the amount was over 2.8 million dollars the number never dries up but you continue to make headway. This is a very impressive number and I want to thank you for this number.

MaryAnn; General ledger 2017 tax budget, real estate, motor vehicle, personal property, out of the \$16,800,008.55, there is \$400,397.17 is delinquent. I have about 13 on payments plans. The motor vehicle is the largest delinquent. M. Krenesky; I am trying to get is what is back taxes as opposed to the delinquent. To me, anything is owed in the current fiscal year is delinquent anything after that is back taxes. And thank you, Mary Ann, for doing this report for us this month. MaryAnn: I'm going to do a different report that I will do monthly and give to you quarterly it will have tax and interest. And adjustment that the Assessor makes. Planning Zoning has space and they have to leave it there, like an open space. One guy left a piece no one would want but he refuses to pay taxes on it. The commitment was he was to pay taxes on it and now there is all kind of interest on it. M. Krenesky; once you hand something off to a collections agency, can someone walk into the doors and pay? MaryAnn: The correct way is to go through the collection agency, but I want the money. I will collect the full amount including the fee that goes to our collection agency. M. Krenesky: Can the Tax Collector wave the fees? MaryAnn: No we can't wave the fees.

C. Bielik: if you miss your payment by one day, you have bought an entire month of interest and there is nothing we can do to stop it. If for some reason due to an act of God, we can extend it until the next day. all ayes.

14. Report of the Town Treasurer -

Motion to accept the March 2019 report as submitted by the Town Treasurer and submit it to the BOF Krenesky/ Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes

15. Report on the Town Clerk

Motions to accept the March 2019 report as submitted by the Town Clerk and forward to the BOF Betkoski/ Krenesky; C. Bielik: 76,000.00 in conveyance tax from the sale of the Beacon Mills. All ayes.

16. Report from Economic

Motion to combine the EDC 16A and 16B with Agenda Item 21 C. Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

16a Report of EDC: Sadie from EDC: Stated Ansonia Steel acquired 104 North Main St. M. Krenesky: do we know what it sold for? That should be a large conveyance fee. Sade: I'm not sure what it sold for. Mini Mart at 113-115 South Main St, will be Sunshine Grocery. M. Krenesky: Mario Paid the 2nd sewer fee owed. May 22, 2019, Welcome Business advent. It will be at the Library. Welcome feedback for the Website. Working on a quarterly Newsletter. Feedback on the greenway project. M. Krenesky: South Main St. was to where? Sadie: From New Harvest to the car place the whole side across from the river.

Motion to approve the EDC report; Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

Motion to combine ECD and Tax Incentive 21C to 16 A&B; Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

16b. **Ordinance on the Tax incentive:** Sadie: For reapplication, the square footage has to be 30% more square footage and that is for people applying for the real property incentive and then for the personal property incentive the property would need to be 30% more. The first one applies to the land and buildings and the 2nd one is for equipment. P. Betkoski: There is a company looking to apply and he wouldn't apply under this has he applied yet? Sadie: No he hasn't applied yet. The board hasn't seen this yet and I need to go over it with them still.

17. Report of the Library

Motion to accept the March 2019 report as submitted by the Library Director for tonight's meeting: Krenesky/Betkoski; C. Bielik: May 31 and June 1st the Peter Pan play by the Library Youth. Tickets go on sale on May 1, 2019. All ayes

18. Report of the Fire Department -

Motion to accept the March 2019 report as submitted by the Fire Department for tonight's meeting; Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

19. Any Other Reports

a. Report of the Custodian

Motion to accept March 2019 report submitted by the custodian; Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion all Ayes.

b. Report on the Town Nurse – (Quarterly)

Motion to accept the Town Nurse Quarterly report; Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

c. Report of the Animal Control Officer

Motion to accept the March 2019 report as submitted by the Animal Control Officer for tonight's meeting; Betkoski/Krenesky; all ayes.

d. Report of the Community Media Center Building Committee (Previous Meeting Minutes) NONE – MTG Cane.

e. Report of the Grant Writer

This report was included with the Finance manager report.

20. Reading of Correspondence

Motion to approve and pay the clerk for the invoice as submitted for tonight's meeting, the Regular BOS Meeting on 03/11/2019 the amount of \$51.00, Betkoski/Krenesky; C. Bielik; Heartfelt farewell to Joann who has done a great job for almost two years. Regretfully we are allowing Joann to step away, and I would like to welcome Joann's replacement Angela Moffat. all ayes.

C. Bielik: Action a proposed resolution from the Town Clerk. It's under new Business already.

C. Bielik: We got a very nice Thank You note from Attorney Stanek Family for the memorial we sent to them on the passing of his wife Karen.

C. Bielik: Water issues on Rimmon Hill an email from Selectmen Krenesky. (See Attachment) Joan Whittaker also forwards this to us as well, and since it's a water issue that's an Aquarion issue and I will forward the email to Aquarion and see what can be done. P. Betkoski: Has this been an issue before? M. Krenesky: That it's an Aquarion issue and if it's a health issue she needs to reach out to Naugatuck Valley Health.

C. Bielik: Letter from Mr. & Mrs. Jack Levin, their concerns on the disbanding of the Library building committee, and they would like the commission to keep going. See attachment.

21. Old Business

- a. **Town Sesquicentennial Celebration - Discussion Action;**
M. Krenesky; Pete and I have decided to hold off until the Budget is put together. And put something in the Citizens News that the Town is looking for a committee to help plan the celebration.
Also, can we ask the BOF if the increase of the rolling funds could be \$2,000.00, can we add another \$1,000.00?

22. New Business

a. Appointments –

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

- b. **Reappointments – Brian DeGeorge – EDC – Term Expired 05/01/19**
Motion to reappoint Brian DeGeorge to another term for the EDC. Betkoski/Krenesky no discussion; all ayes.

c. Community Media Center Building Comm. – Status and Long Range Plan of Project – Discussion and Possible Vote.

M. Krenesky: Over the last 2 years the committee has been in play we have attempted to get funds into the town budget to move forward. Each year it has been denied and currently in the budget is \$40,000.00 which isn't approved yet. Looking at the capital projects before us, 15 roads in about 13 million dollars, wastewater treatment plant could be 10 million. The large item for Capital Plans. And both boards agree we need a long term plan as to what we need. I'm still in support to put it on hold. I don't see the viability having the people talk about that may not happen for 10 to 20 years. So until we as a town put into Capital plans is when we should move forward. Maybe putting it on hold is a better word instead of disbanding it, whatever dollars we are putting into the town budget. I think they will reduce the amount.

C. Bielik: I don't think we should be taking action on the unknowns. I know the BOF has always been what the public would like to see and getting a professional survey group to get the questions if that can still be done so I think it would be full direction going forward for the BOF. I don't think you need to meet every month. Maybe it could be semiannually. I believe it needs to stay on the agenda for another month. Sue Dowdell: I think planning is important so if the Chair doesn't call a meeting it won't go forward.

M. Krenesky: Me as a taxpayer, for the last three years your Chris and Peter have been very quiet about putting money into the line item. C. Bielik: I feel the important piece is to have the survey done. P. Betkoski: In all fairness, you see the previous BOF would shoot it down; I appreciate all the work you have done. But now that they have a number down on paper why leave it now.

M. Krenesky; I've done an independent survey. Mike showed the survey he did online. I put this on Facebook and you know you're from Beacon Falls. To date, we have a 5% response. 47% responded they rather fix roads. The next highest things are don't increase my taxes at all. This is unofficial, but it's an interesting piece of information. C. Bielik: let us continue until next month.

Krenesky: So effect this month I am withdrawing from the Media Center committee.

d. Adopt Town Seal – Discussion and Action

M. Krenesky; according to state statute the seal must have the word seal on it. So the Town Clerk has done a new Town Seal with the word Seal in it. And keeping 98% of the Seal we currently have. Motion to adopt the most recently provided by the Town Clerk; Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

e. Wolf Ave Salvage – Discussion and Action

M. Krenesky; we as the BOS we have to authorize Mike DiCocco of Salvage Works to go into the wolf Ave. He needs to provide an insurance certificate. To be removed; All light fixtures, small bath sink, bath mirror, servant box, pick seat toilet, blue seat toilet, 3 bathtubs, medicine cabinet, all bath hardware, 2 pedestal sinks, 2 back porch columns, front door with knocker, window over door, all door hardware, few misc. doors, all push button plates, and switches, ice box, soapstone sink, sink in the carriage house, hook in the carriage house, in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Motion to accept the proposal for Salvage Works for the list of items as presented;

Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

f. EMPG Grant – Discussion and Action

C. Bielik; There is an emergency management program grant to allow seeking for funding to offset the Emergency Managers salary in town. If we can collect the date for submission we can go back for 2016, 2017, 2018 we can apply for a percent of the salary we pay our Emergency Manager. To receive it as a grant

C. Bielik read the Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the state of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of

Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate for the 2016 application year: and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Christopher J. Bielik, as First Selectman of The Town of Beacon Falls, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Beacon Falls and to do and perform all acts and things which he/she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that Christopher J. Bielik now holds the office of First Selectman and that he/she has held that office since November 18, 2013

This resolution will be submitted on behalf of the Town by the Town Clerk.

Motion to approve this resolution as presented; Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

C. Bielik: The second resolution is identical to the first one except substituting the application year to 2017.

Motion to approve 2017 resolution as presented; Betkoski/Krenesky: all ayes.

C. Bielik: The third resolution is identical to the first one except substituting the application year to 2018.

Motion to approve 2018 resolution as presented Betkoski/ Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

23. Budget Transfer Requests.

Motion to approve the transfer, From Line Item 10.90.44.1121 Electricity, in the amount of \$4,000.00 to Line Item 10.90.44.1470 Vehicle Fuel in the amount of \$4,000.00: Betkoski/ Krenesky; all ayes.

C. Bielik; Storm damage with the fencing at Pent Rd with the ball field, we applied for reimbursement with our insurance, there were existing fencing and welding on where the winds broke it off. The insurance will not pay for an upgraded of the existing condition to improve it. All they will pay for is the same way the fence was before. In order to fix it permanently we need \$18,000.00 only getting \$4,000.00 from the insurance company, we need to request two transfer to pay the whole bill so it won't happen again; \$5,000.00, from Spray Clay Fertilizer and \$1,500.00 from Rec. Programs/

Motion to approve the transfer, From Line Item 10.90.71.1815 Spring Clay Fertilizer, in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Line Item 10.90.71.1855 in the amount of \$5,000.00 and from line item 10.90.71.1301 Rec. Programs/Activities in the amount of \$1,500.00 into 10.90.71.1855 Grounds Maintenance Parks in the amount of \$1,500.00: Betkoski/ Krenesky; all ayes.

24. Motion for the BOF to go into executives session in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-200 (6)(D) with regard to the purchase of an easement from the owners of 75 Pent Road, Beacon Falls in that publicity regarding such easement purchase would be adversely impact the price of the acquisition of the easement. ; Krenesky/Betkoski; All ayes.

At 9:48 PM going into executive session, at 9:55 PM and the BOF is out of executive session and completed with item #24.

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

Sergio Felix 135 Pines Bridge Rd. I have the same complaint about NEJ, and for years I've been complaining about. I've been informed it been to benefit me, and they still come in all hours of the night and park outside of the fence and them idol there through the whole night. And I am still waiting for the follow-up meeting and you were waiting for Mr. Marcelo? CB I can't force them to have a meeting.

S Felix: How do they fit into the zoning regulations, in the past meeting there was mention of a transition zone on my side of the street which planning and zoning is planning on doing, and I'm here to ask that you look into it, so if that is to go that you take in consideration that the residential property stay in it. If it is a residential zone then the other side of the street needs to compile with it. I believe Mike Krenesky mentions to you about the noise regulations and have it measured. And that the police need to have that done, and I want it on the records that it was never done. Mike Krenesky: I sent an email to both Selectmen about it and so far nothing has been done.

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

25. Adjournment -

Motion to adjourn tonight's Board of Selectmen meeting at 9:59 P.M.:
Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

The next regular May 13, 2019, starting at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Assembly Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Overby
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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~~CORRESPONDENCE~~

Cindy Bernardini

From: Michael Krenesky <MKrenesky@townofbeaconfalls.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2019 3:11 PM
To: Rob Pruzinsky
Cc: Chris Bielik; Peter Betkoski; Cindy Bernardini; E Schwarz; Natasha R. Nau
Subject: Water issues on Rimmon and Hillside

Rob,

Seems this was brought up before, but if not....what are you aware of as water issues on Rimmon Hill and Hillside Aves? I have heard from Joan Whitaker who raises the issue that several of them have had to replace water pumps in the last few months and this is a constant challenge for them. Does this need to be added to the Capital Projects document that the Finance Office is compiling?

Cindy, I would like this issue added as ~~correspondence~~ (using this email as that entry) so we document that Ms. Whitaker has brought this forward.

Michael A Krenesky, Selectman
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March 15, 2019

The Honorable Christopher Bielik
First Selectman, Town of Beacon Falls

Re: Library/Community Center Building Committee

Dear Mr. First Selectman, Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance:

We would like to compliment you and Members of the Boards of Selectmen and Finance for your efforts to put together a Ten Year Capital Projects Plan. It is wise to plan ahead for the waste water project, road repairs, and new vehicles as the ones wear out. All of these are necessary large ticket items and a long range financial plan is the best way to handle it.

There is, however, a concern regarding the possibility of both the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance taking action to forego any planning for a Library/Community Center Building. You are aware that our Town has the smallest library in the state in terms of square feet per person. Further, we do not have a Community Center Building to be used by Town Officials, Boards and Commissions, Community Groups and others. The one-floor Senior Center is used by some groups, but its availability is limited as its primary purpose is for our 'older generation'.

We respectfully recommend:

1. The Library/Community Center Building Committee remain and it be headed by someone who strongly supports this committee's mission.
2. The Ten Year Capital Projects Plan include a modest sum of at least \$25,000 to be budgeted each year and put into a Reserve Fund for a New Library/Community Center Building.
3. With the project on the Ten Year Capital Projects Plan (even in the tenth year), the Library/Community Center Building Committee can continue to plan, work on raising funds from grants and local fundraising.
4. We are convinced the Town Residents will appreciate a new Library/Community Center and will use it extensively.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jack B. Levine



Susan R. Levine

11 White Birch Lane
Beacon Falls, CT 06403
Home: 203-888-6387

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CB