

**Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen  
Beacon Falls Water Pollution Control Authority  
10 Maple Avenue  
Beacon Falls, CT06403**



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
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Special Joint Meeting  
April 19, 2016**

**MINUTES  
(Subject to Revision)**

**1. Call to Order**

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at 7:47 P.M.

Present: First Selectman C. Bielik and Selectman M. Krenesky – Board of Selectmen; Chairman Jeff Smith, Jim Weed, Dave Finn, Rich Komar, and Charlie Edwards – WPCA; Dave Prickett and James Rivers – DPC, LLC; Jim Galligan – Town Engineer; Atty. Fred Stanek; and Greg Campbell – Terese Road

Not Present: Selectman P. Betkoski and Rob Pruzinsky – WPCA

**2. Terese Road Sewer Line – Discussion /Possible Action**

C. Bielik gave the background information on the agenda item. J. Smith indicated that two of the members of WPCA worked on the sewer line on Terese Road and need to step off the Board at this time. C. Edwards and R. Komar left the meeting during the discussion of Terese Road. C. Bielik introduced Atty. F. Stanek noted that he has done some research on the situation. Atty. Stanek indicated that there was a request for the town to produce an ordinance, regulation, or policy that may be in place that dealt with the situation regarding the sewer extension of the sewer line. Atty. Stanek indicated that there is no ordinance, regulation, or policy in place. Atty. Stanek noting, going forward, there is a possibility of drafting an agreement between the parties.

Greg Campbell, 29 Terese Road, presented paperwork to the Boards regarding the plumbing code, noting Section 7 which basically talks about every home on an individual lot having a separate line as well as multiple lots. Jim Galligan noting that the plumbing code applies to all the plumbing within the structure and up to 10 feet outside the house. Once you are outside that 10 feet, then the WPCA's regulations govern.

There was a reference to Hayes having an extension of the sewer on Route 67 and if someone connects to that sewer line, then that person must pay Haynes for the connection fee, not the town of Oxford. Atty. Stanek indicated that that is correct, the agreement is between Haynes and the property owner. J. Galligan also noted that this is similar with what Aquarion Water does with their water lines.

C. Bielik asked G. Campbell what is his specific request of the WPCA tonight. G. Campbell indicated that he would like to propose a tax lien that he would be willing to accept. J. Smith mentioned that if the town put in the sewer line, then a sewer assessment would be in place and be paid over a number of years.

G. Campbell noted that his system is an older one and he tries to pump it every two years max. J. Smith noted that no one is denying G. Campbell to hook up to the sewer and would work with the neighbor who owns the line.

Atty. Stanek indicated that if G. Campbell wishes, he would facilitate an agreement between the neighbor and G. Campbell. Atty. Stanek also indicated that a tax lien could not be imposed since the town does not owe the sewer line. The town would have to take over the sewer line first in order to place a tax lien on G. Campbell's property. C. Bielik indicated that the property owner is not ready to turn over the sewer line to the town of Beacon Falls at this time.

G. Campbell indicated that there is a manhole less than 50 feet from his property line and connect to that manhole. J. Smith indicated that he could not connect to the manhole and there is a hub that was put in for G. Campbell's property. J. Smith indicated that there is no hardship, no reason to tie into the manhole. J. Galligan indicated that it is all ledge there and the cost would be exuberant.

G. Campbell indicated that he provided some information from the town of Colchester. G. Campbell also indicated that he received information from the Legislature stating that he could not connect to that line since it is a private line. J. Galligan indicated that that is correct and an agreement needs to be facilitated between both parties.

C. Bielik indicated that Atty. Stanek could act as a facilitator between G. Campbell and his neighbor and work on an agreement between both parties. M. Krenesky asked who would pay for Atty. Stanek's work and C. Bielik indicated that he would be happy to pay and J. Smith indicated that it could be paid from the WPCA's budget.

C. Bielik asked if this was agreeable to G. Campbell and G. Campbell indicated that it is. Atty. Stanek asked if G. Campbell would be using his own attorney in order for him to contact that attorney and J. Smith asked for a business card from Atty. Stanek and pass it along to the neighbor. J. Weed asked if there are any homes pass the neighbor and J. Smith indicated that the neighbor is the last house.

C. Bielik asked for a motion to take a short recess and resume the special meeting at 8:30 PM.

Motion to take a short recess and resume at 8:30 PM: Krenesky/Bielik;no discussion;all ayes.

C. Edwards and R. Komar are back on the Board at this time.

### **3. WPCA Task Orders – Review / Discussion / Possible Action**

Dave Prickett indicated that there are 2 categories for discussion. One of task orders that should be looking at is the Seymour alternative. D. Prickett indicated that Seymour has an interest with Beacon Falls and would like to explore more. Seymour would not be looking downstream, down to Ansonia/Derby.

C. Bielik indicated that there is political will with the Naugatuck Valley COG to drive these regional solutions. He noted that anything that partners multiple communities together to share costs, there is where the money is going to go. C. Bielik mentioned that we should explore this.

After a discussion by the Boards and D. Prickett on the task orders as outlined by D. Prickett, a motion was made by the WPCA for the Board of Selectmen to move forward on Task Order #14, Regional Wastewater Management Alternate.

Motion to move forward on Task Order #14, Regional Wastewater Management Alternate, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute Task Order #14: Edwards/Finn;no discussion;all ayes.

C. Bielik then asked for a motion for the Board of Selectmen to move forwards on Task Order #14 based on the recommendation by the WPCA.

Motion to move forward on Task Order #14, Regional Wastewater Management Alternate, based on the WPCA's recommendation: Krenesky/Bielik; no discussion; all ayes.

**4. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:04P.M.: **Krenesky/Bielik**; *no discussion*; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo  
Clerk, Board of Selectmen  
Clerk, Water Pollution Control Authority

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