

**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**September 12, 2011**  
**MINUTES**  
**(Draft Copy-Subject to Revision)**

S. Cable called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: First Selectman S. Cable, Selectmen D. Sorrentino and M. Krenesky.

Also present: approximately 8 town residents

S. Cable began the meeting explaining that bids were open for the reconstruction of Blackberry Hill and closed at 11:00 a.m. today. She read off the 4 bids that were submitted:

Construction Companies

Mark IV	\$519,714.00
M. Rondano	\$548,216.90
Leo Construction	\$698,370.00
Guerrer	\$585,002.80

S. Cable explained that all of these bids were reviewed by Navis and Young and they selected the lowest bid noting that they found it accurate and in conformance of all the requirements. She also noted that it now has to go the CT DOT for approval as most of the money is coming from the state.

S. Cable noted that the town's criteria was that it be done immediately.

**D.Sorrentino motioned to take the recommendation of Navis and Young regarding the bids. M. Krenesky 2nd the motion. All voted aye.**

M. Krenesky noted that they scoped the storm drain on Blackberry Hill noting that as a result they will not need to construction on the entire road thereby the bids may be lowered.

S. Cable also noted that some of the money is coming from Oak Estates.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

M. Pratt, Fire Chief asked the status of the fuel tanks in that it's been almost a year since the money has been approved. S. Cable noted that she will defer to the Financial Manager noting that it may be ready for bids. It was noted that the town clerk's office had some difficulty in getting the proper documents in order to do the bids therefore it took longer than expected.

M. Pratt also asked about the Hurst Tool. S. Cable noted that Senator Crisco told her that he would get the money and she will ask him again. M. Krenesky asked that since we do not know if the state is going to come up with any money, what is the time line that the Fire Department is expecting. It was noted that the portable unit does not operate (they have a unit on the truck) however when they have to go in the woods, they would need the portable unit therefore it's very important. S. Cable noted that she will call the Senator tomorrow and if he can't get the money they will have to look for other options.

M. Pratt also wanted to thank all the volunteers for helping with the storms.

S. Cable also noted that she wanted to thank everyone as well. Her recommendation is to have a thank you dinner for all the volunteers who worked so hard for many days. Before the dinner she thought they should discuss what they thought was good and where they could do better. She would like to do that sometime in the beginning of October and will set a date. S. Cable also acknowledged the great job the school system and the seniors did.

S. Dowdell, Wolfe Ave., referred to the email that she sent to the town hall, she suggested that a traffic study be done on Wolfe Ave. as to whether it should be one way during church time, etc. noting that road is impacted more than any other. M. Krenesky noted that the study should be done for the entire hill section.

E. Groth asked why the document noting that Blackberry Hill was going out to bid was not posted on the board or in the paper. S. Cable noted that she is directed by the state as to the exact process of putting anything out to bid and that is why it was put in the New Haven Register. She noted that based on her experience, the word gets out to the people that bid and they don't come to the town hall to look on the board. E. Groth was concerned that local companies were not able to bid and S. Cable explained that local companies were certainly welcome to bid and they did know about the bid as the bidders know where to look. She noted that maybe in the future it can be put on the website but she did follow the state mandates for the bid process.

E. Groth also asked about offsetting the costs of the recent floods by FEMA monies. S. Cable explained that she is searching for FEMA money and state insurance money. E. Groth asked if the engineers who took down some of the trees which made the flooding worse could be responsible with some insurance money. It was noted that it is up to P&Z. M. Krenesky noted that as far as he is aware, there are no violations filed with P&Z it's just the reality of taking out those trees opened it up for that result.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

8/8 Annual Town Meeting

**M. Krenesky motioned to approve the minutes. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.**

8/8 Regular Monthly Meeting (it was noted that the date needs to be changed on the minutes in that the typed date reflects 8/9)

**M. Krenesky motioned to accept the minutes with the date correction. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.**

8/30 Special Executive Session

**D. Sorrentino motioned to accept the minutes. M. Krenesky 2nd the motion. All voted aye.**

8/29 Public Hearing

**D. Sorrentino motioned to accept the minutes. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted ayes.**

8/31 Public Hearing

**D. Sorrentino motioned to accept the minutes. M. Krenesky 2nd the motion. All voted ayes.**

8/31 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting

**D. Sorrentino motioned to accept the minutes. M. Krenesky 2nd the motion. All voted aye.**

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

M. Krenesky noted that he was asked a question and didn't have the actual answer. He noted that during the storm, the Betkoski Brothers were hired to do some paving. He noted that it was his understanding that at that point it was noted that the town crew did not have anything to do so the question was, why did we hire a contractor when it was a job the town crew could have done. He noted that he didn't have a clear answer so was asking for one. He did answer that the town crew was spread thin and that was the only answer he had. S. Cable noted that several contractors were hired and that there will be more bills coming in. S. Cable noted that she was not aware that the town crew didn't have anything to do and M. Krenesky noted that the statement was made to him lightly.

## **RESIDENT TROOPERS REPORT**

None.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

S. Cable noted that she received a list of projects complete for August. It was noted that the report was not accepted at the last meeting because they were received late.

**M. Krenesky motioned to accept August 9th report and September 12th project status report. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.**

## **WASTEWATER TREATMENT**

None.

S. Cable noted that the while she didn't have the report, she was aware that he was doing a lot of manual labor and she expects to get the report soon.

## **FIRE MARSHAL REPORT**

S. Cable read the report.

**M. Krenesky motioned to accept the report. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.**

S. Cable noted that E. Rodriguez did a great job with the preparation of the storm, etc. She congratulated him for a good job.

S. Cable also noted that he requested to go to a conference in Las Vegas and it is in his budget to go - she noted that he will be paying for his room and the town will pay for the course noting that when he comes back, he will train the rest. She noted that the money is in the budget and does not have a problem with it.

## **FINANCE MANAGERS REPORT**

**M. Krenesky motioned to accept the report. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.**

## **TAX COLLECTORS REPORT**

It was noted that the report is for July and August.

**M. Krenesky motioned to accept the report. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.**

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

**M. Krenesky motioned to accept the Treasurers Report. D. Sorrentino 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

## **LIBRARY REPORT**

None.

S. Dowdell noted that the Library Board does not meet during the summer and it is the library's responsibility to report to the Library Board first.

## **CUSTODIAN REPORT**

None.

S. Cable noted that she has had a discussion with the custodian and is monitoring it closely.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

S. Cable read the report.

**D. Sorrentino motioned to accept the report. M. Krenesky 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

A discussion took place regarding the state requiring mileage for calls. M. Pratt explained.

It was noted that a date should be made for contract negotiating with a representative from BOS, BOF and the Finance Manager. S. Cable will come up with a date in the next couple of weeks.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A check for \$9,980.24 was received from the Fire Department from the ambulance contract. This amount was "less" \$6,918.24 for tires and \$21,600 for pagers.
2. A letter re emergency relief was read and S. Cable noted she will be putting in for more roads

3. A letter re lower Naugatuck Valley asking all towns to send a letter to the state to keep the Derby Courthouse was read.
  4. A letter regarding Passport Day was read
  5. S. Cable signed a resolution marking September 2011 as Leukemia and Myeloma month.
  6. A memo to all Boards noting that the Boards can pay their clerks as they wish was noted
  7. Letter re change of O.T. re police was read
  8. A Thank you note re the storm was read re help a women received during the storm by a young lady
  9. Letter from the Library re Fall Book Sale was read
  10. A letter re Individual Assistance from Irene was read.
  11. Community Forum re Conservation Commission was received. S. Cable talked about it.
  12. Letter from S. Dowdell regarding the Media Center committee was read. A discussion continued regarding the request with S. Cable noting that they may be able to do a transfer or review the money scenario because they want to go forward. M. Krenesky asked for an accounting of where the money is coming from for the Streetscape and Blackberry Hill as he is not sure where the money will be coming from. S. Cable noted that she will provide him with that information. The discussion continued noting that there was flooding at Toby's Pond. S. Cable noted again that they should continue to go forward with the Library Media Center and will talk with M. Gomes and BOF and then have a special meeting as she is not prepared to discuss it at this time.
  13. M. Jursysky sent a list of over paid taxes.
- D. Sorrentino motioned to reimburse all those who overpaid their taxes. M. Krenesky 2nd the motion. All voted aye.**
14. Mill Krevit sent a letter regarding the Lions using the Senior Center. After discussion, S. Cable noted that she has no problem with this.
  15. Helen Mis sent in letter regarding Registrars and the Internet. M. Krenesky noted that it's not just about a computer, there is no internet line for the computer to plug into. He will continue working on this.
  16. J. Crisco sent a letter re event was received
  17. Letter from the State Treasurer was received regarding not receiving payment for 4 different months from the Town of Beacon Falls - October 2010 and the last 3 months. A

discussion continued and S. Cable noted that there will have to be communication with the Town Clerk and the Financial Manager to find out what this is about.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The status of Comcast was discussed. M. Krenesky need to talk to the Land Use Office and noted that with the exception of 3 faulty phones, all services are working in the Town Hall at this time.

S. Cable noted that Charlie Pulanski's property is for sale for \$325,000 and it's 5.1 acres noting that the price is \$100,000 less than the last time. S. Cable noted that she might give him a call and D. Sorrentino noted that it would be a great plus to the sports complex.

D. Sorrentino noted that regarding the Public hearing and the ordinances, he is waiting for the committee to review the minutes from the last 2 meetings. After that, the committee will make a recommendation to the BOS and they will meet on the 20th or 22nd.

Streetscape - S. Cable noted she will get a break down on the monies for this project. She also noted that she is very upset with the state and Dayton Construction and that they have to work this out. She noted that at 2:00 today, she informed Dayton Construction that she was going to their Bond Company if she does not see them start working. It was noted that they have not worked for 4 weeks.

S. Cable noted that the meeting with the Paving Company is 9/14 at 10:30.

## **RESOLUTION RE ROADS**

S. Cable would like to consider a town meeting the 10 million needed to repair the town roads over the next 10 years.

M. Krenesky read the resolution (attached to this filing).

M. Krenesky motioned to pass the resolution. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

Discussion: The Town Meeting will be 9/22 with the goal of a referendum to be on 9/29. M. Krenesky clarified his comments that he doesn't think \$10 million will be enough over a 10 year period noting that costs will definitely change. He also doesn't want anyone to think that this \$10 million includes all town roads. S. Cable read a list of the roads that this money will include.

S. Cable noted that the 2nd choice for the Sewer Plant is starting on Tuesday. Art Denz will be a full time police officer. S. Cable is setting up a meeting with D. Johnson to make sure everything is good.

It was noted that the next BOS meeting will be changed to 10/17 as 10/10 is a holiday.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

M. Pratt asked if they will be pouring concrete for the apron at the Fire House. He noted that money has been allocated so they need to do it. S. Cable asked him to get 3 quotes.

S. Dowdell publicly thanked the EMT for when her son was in distress.

S. Dowdell also asked about the meeting minutes being posted on the website. It was noted that the training scheduled for this Thursday will assist in this. A discussion continued.

S. Dowdell asked how the town would go about a traffic study. S. Cable noted that she will talk with the resident trooper.

The Land Use status was discussed. They talked about letting the new board take it up. S. Cable will send a memo and copy all three groups.

**M. Krenesky motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 P.M. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Classey  
Clerk for the Board of Selectmen