

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



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF FINANCE  
BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN MEETING  
May 8, 2014  
MINUTES  
(Subject to Revision)**

**1. Call to Order / Pledge of Alliance**

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

Board of Finance Members present: Joe Dowdell, Jack Levine, Robert Doiron, and Marc Bronn

Not Present: Brian Ploss and Joe Roderigo

Board of Selectmen Members Present: First Selectman Chris Bielik, Selectman Peter Betkoski, and Selectman Dominick Sorrentino

**2. Clerk Reads Call**

C. Bielik asked for the clerk to read the call. Marla Scirpo, clerk for the Board of Finance and for the Board of Selectmen, read the legal notice for the Town of Beacon Falls for the Special Town Meeting as posted in the newspaper.

Motion to accept call: **Helen Mis/Gary Komarowsky**; *Discussion was made by Len Greene, Town Clerk. He questioned that the reading was not the same as posted in the newspaper. M. Scirpo indicated that it was forwarded to her by Karen Wilson as a copy of what was posted in the newspaper; all ayes (36 votes from the public in attendance, as well as the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen). Robert Doiron and Marc Bronn acted as the counters for the voting process by show of hands.*

### 3. Nomination of Permanent Clerk for Town Meeting

C. Bielik asked for a nomination for a permanent clerk for tonight's town meeting. Marc Bronn nominated Marla Scirpo and the nomination was seconded by Len Greene. C. Bielik asked three times for any other nominations. There were no other nominations for the permanent clerk and one ballot was cast for Marla Scirpo as the Permanent Clerk for tonight's town meeting.

### 4. Nomination of Moderator for Town Meeting

M. Scirpo asked for a nomination for a moderator for tonight's town meeting. Len Greene nominated Chris Bielik and the nomination was seconded by Kevin McDuffy. M. Scirpo asked three times for any other nominations. There were no other nominations for the moderator and one ballot was cast for Chris Bielik as the Moderator for tonight's town meeting.

### 5. Discussion for Method of Voting

C. Bielik asked for a motion for the method of voting for tonight's town meeting. Jack Betkoski made a motion for the method of voting by show of hands. Gary Komarowsky seconded the motion.

Motion for the method of voting to be by show of hands: Jack Betkoski/Gary Komarowsky; *Discussion was made by Robert Sharnick. R. Sharnick indicated that it should be private. J. Levine also agreed that it isn't fair that your neighbors should know how you vote. G. Komarowsky indicated that tradition in Beacon Falls and elsewhere for town meetings has been by a show of hands. C. Bielik indicated that the Regional District Meeting the other day was done by a paper ballot. There was no other discussion made.*  
**All in favor: 20 for yes and 21 for no.** Robert Doiron and Marc Bronn acted as the counters for the voting process by show of hands.

C. Bielik asked for motion for the method of voting tonight's town meeting. Robert Sharnick made a motion for the method of voting by paper ballot. Mike Krenesky seconded the motion.

Motion for the method of voting to be by paper ballot: Sharnick/Krenesky; no discussion.  
**All in favor: 25 for yes and 17 for no.** Robert Doiron and Marc Bronn acted as the counters for the voting process by show of hands.

C. Bielik indicated that the method of voting for tonight's town meeting will be paper ballot. C. Bielik indicated that there are copies of the proposed budget on the table in the front if anyone needs one for review. C. Bielik then asked for the registrars to set up and indicated that there will be two lines for the public to use to cast their vote for or against the proposed budget. The lines will be based on last name.

*The recording of tonight's town meeting by the clerk was stopped so that no names are on the recording. It was turned back on when C. Bielik announced the final number of votes for or against the proposed budget.*

After the registrars tallied the ballots from tonight's town meeting, C. Bielik read the final numbers of votes based on the paper ballots. **C. Bielik indicated the Municipal Operating Budget for the Town of Beacon Falls, CT for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 passed, with a vote of 35 yes and 11 no.**

6. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the town meeting at 7:35 P.M.: **Robert Doiron/Mary Ellen Fernandez; no discussion;** all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo  
Clerk, Board of Finance  
Clerk, Board of Selectmen