



## TOWN OF BEACON FALLS

### BOARD OF FINANCE

#### WORKSHOP MINUTES

March 21, 2017

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Joe Rodorigo called the *work session* to order at **7:00 pm** with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Board Members present:** Joe Rodorigo, Tom Pratt, Jim Huk, Joe Dowdell, & Marc Bronn

First Selectman Chris Bielik and Selectman Peter Betkoski were also present.

Town Finance Director Tom Broesler (8:05pm)

#### **BUDGET WORKSHOP & DISCUSSION:**

Chairman Rodorigo gave a brief overview of current 12 page “working” Town budget. The Chair reminded everyone that this evening’s line by line review was for the public and BOF members. Department heads will be meeting at a similar workshop next week.

Salary changes in Selectman’s office discussed.

Town waiting for new tech services evaluation.

Discussion re: making Tax Collector a paid employee position and no longer on the voting list.

Estimated increase of 15% in workman’s compensation coverage costs.

Gary Komarowsky, Chairman of BOAA was present and stated his budget increasing from \$2150.00 to \$2436.00.

Finance Clerk salary increases, while Finance Manager’s salary decreases.

Registrar of voters requested an increase from \$24000. to \$52000.

Beacon Hose Co. budget was discussed in detail. Equipment, communications equipment, training and apparatus were all touched upon.

Police Dept. and Resident Trooper's budget was discussed at length. Roles and responsibilities were defined. Further discussion re: training, recertification, roster, O.T., and extra duty.

Public Works budget was touched upon re: building repairs, equipment, and the current supply of salt/sand.

Waste Treatment was reviewed.

Library staffing reviewed along with Library/Community Building Committee plans.

Park & Rec. budget was touched upon with discussion about a web based town wide security camera system. Also the shifting of community functions from Park & Rec. to the Library.

Discussions re: codification project.

A brief discussion followed with regards to the "wish list".

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Clerk's bill of \$69.00 for tonight's workshop and associated clerical work was received. **Motion made by T. Pratt & seconded by J. Huk to pay. All in favor, motion passes 5-0.**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**T. Pratt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Seconded by M. Bronn. All in favor, motion passes 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Peter A. Christensen*

Clerk