

Beacon Falls Board of Finance
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Beacon Falls, CT 06403



Beacon Falls Board of Finance
Minutes
March 20, 2018
SPECIAL MEETING
Subject to Revisions

President, Marc Bronn, Joe Rodorigo, Thomas Pratt, Steven Leeper, James Carroll, Brian Ploss

First Selectmen, Chris Bielik, Mike Krenesky, Peter Betkoski
Finance, Tom Broesler, Erin Schwartz
Public Works: Rob P
Waste Water: Tom K
Fire Chief: Brian D

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Marc Bronn Called to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Budget Discussion

a. Public Works:

Rob from Public works; Rob went over what was on his budget, \$35,000.00 for a new 150 pickup truck, with a plow to replace the current 350, and refurbish the 350 with a new bed/utility body on it, and sell the 550 and the money will offset the cost. Hoping the trade in for the 550 will be \$20,000.00. The building at Matthies Park garage roof needs to be repaired for about \$5,000.00 and take the \$38,000.00 out of the budget. The walls need to be fixed on the building? Rodorigo; that can be done with the Locip money. Street sweeping for the town is \$16,000.00, but there is a new MS4 regulation will require for us to do it 3-4 times a year, so we may want to look into purchasing a street sweeper.

Transportation Permits fee's \$10,000.00, Rodorigo; \$90,000.00 transfer station upgrades, cut out. Rob; Mower needs to be replaced. 180-inch field mower. Field mower is used for the pent road, it will cut time in half for man-hours. And then I have a groomer on the list. Bronn; which would you cut? Rob: I would go with the groomer. Rob; parking lot at the Town Garage, \$40,000.00 to be paved. Bronn; that will be cut, not this year. Krenesky; crack in the town hall parking lot, Rob that will be crack sealing.
Ploss: whose chipper do I see you with? Rob; that is the towns chipper.

b. Waste Water Treatment;

Tom K Waste Water Treatment Manager; Roof is in the budget for \$100,000.00. Rodorigo: we are not going to replace the roof right now. So we can take that out.

The catch basin is LOCIP eligible, salaries, can't change. Bronn; your budget had a net decrease from last year, electricity is a big one, do we have any control over the nitrogen credits, Tom; Every week we get tested so they know how much we are putting out, it's off the flow. I increased the plant operation number to \$60,000.00. Rodorigo; you're at \$60,000.00 we cut you to \$45,000.00. Fuel and maintenance were in that item and now it's in a different item.

c. Fire Department

Bronn; you are looking for code replacement program, we cut that, Lucas Chest compression system. What is that? Brian D; it is an automatic chest compression system. It's the new standard. Bronn; do we need two? Brian; Need one for each ambulance. Rodorigo; this is a priory with EMS. Bronn; how many radios is \$35,000.00? Brian; 17, each truck gets 6. Bronn; how much is the airbag lift and what are they? Brian; \$8,000.00. The airbag lift, lifts the vehicle, instead of jacks much faster. Rodorigo; Furniture for Fire station \$5,900.00, ambulance we don't pay for it this way, it would need to be bonded. So it's off the budget. Bronn; Fire vehicle replacement \$88,000.00? Brian; two first responder vehicles. Brian; as for the ambulance the two we have the years are 07 and 14. They are very expensive to fix and we have already put in a new motor in one. They are not under warranty anymore. Rodorigo: Let's get a package together and look into it. Brian; all the programs went up for the firefighter training. Bielik; I'm having trouble with the number 321,000.00, the deltas don't look right? Rodorigo: there is an error in the budget it should be \$291,000.00, we made an adjustment but never totaled it out. We will fix it.

d. Other:

Bielik; Police Lieutenant/Fire Marshall Eddie Rodrigues, will be taking a full-time position at Providence College. Police Lieutenant Job he will still do. There are a number of functions he can still do. He will work 10 hours here, and the rest at Quinnipiac, and then split off the Fire Marshall duties

to 10 hours per week. So we are saving 10 hours per week in the budget. There will be some overhead savings going down. If it doesn't work we will have a 10 hour a week savings. Krenesky; you need to get it all in writing. Rodorigo; it cuts it about \$17,000.00. Carroll; is 40 hours a month enough time for the inspections of schools and building around town for the Fire Marshall? Rodorigo; Yes it is. Bronn; do we have a new candidate? Bielik; yes we do. Brian DeGeorge; you should keep someone in town who cares about the town. Betkoski; how expensive is the training for it? Brian D; the class is free it only happens twice a year. It's a day class. And someone would have to be available, I will look into seeing if anyone in the Firehouse is interested. But in the meantime maybe we can get someone from the other towns to cover. Tom B; the true savings isn't \$17,000.00, the person will need a phone, uniforms, etc. Probably the saving would be around \$14,500.00.

Bronn; Computer replacement \$6,000.00? How many PC would that be? Tom B; desktops computers, 6 or 7 with windows 7. Bronn; Phone system upgrades back on the budget for the town hall. Media Center Architectural Study \$60,000.00; Krenesky talk about it; Krenesky; clearly we are moving onto the next step, and what we want to do is bring it to the public, we looked at 104 north main, it would be anywhere from \$30,000-\$100,000.00, but the committee says it's too far away from Laurel Ledge. This is the same amount of money we asked for last year, with the understanding, we would like the money out of unassigned fund instead of in the budget once we get moving. Bronn; how do we get to that process to bring it to a vote? And how do you get the townspeople input if we want to spend that money? Bielik; it would have to bring it to the public, and we could have a requirement, would need a town-wide vote. It should be a separate referendum. Bronn; how did Oxford do it? Rodorigo; Tom Haynes put up half the money and had his design guys do it. Betkoski; How do we do a study if we don't have a location? Bronn; Tom Haynes, will develop the property. Krenesky; that property is too far out of the center of town. Bronn; this will be 100% funded by the taxpayers? Krenesky; we will get funding from the state, and they do have a 1 million dollar fund available. At \$400.00 sq. foot, we are talking about a 7 million project. Rodorigo: 1 million, like all other state money building, is contingent on building a library of 8000 sq. feet, you're going to build a way bigger building for getting \$1 million dollars. Krenesky; look at the wolf Ave and throw it out to the public for a vote. We are going to look at the Seymour Library to get ideas. We made a decision on the BOS not to suspend the Committee, we will still continue to move forward, and EDC would like to see it go forward. Discussion continued.

Krenesky; Peter and I need \$125.00 for the 150 celebrations.

Bronn; West Road project? Rodorigo ½ million in steep money, and why do you want to do the road if Fuel Source Energy is back on the table, they would do the road as part of the gas line coming in. Bielik; they were looking at either Hillside or West Rd. this would make all the property more viable for commercial property depending which road they go on. Bielik; last time it was a tristate with Ct, MA, RI. This is CT only, it's not green energy, its fueled cell only. We have everything ready for them and we can start this summer if need be.

Bronn; any questions on the budget cuts anything you need to know?

Betkoski; for the departments that came in tonight, are we approving what they did? Bronn; we didn't get that far yet.

Rodorigo; there are three major adjustments, Police Lieutenant, there was another \$10,000.00 in police private duty as revenue, drop your surplus to 309, that is 6/10th of a mil. Bronn; Tax collection, when will that will take place. Bielik; it's for July 1, 2018. Ploss; I would take out anything with the Library, I would force it closed and restart it. Rodorigo; reviewed what was on the cap list.

Motion to vote for one vehicle their choice and one chest compression for the Fire Department; Ploss/Pratt; no discussion; 1 opposed 5 ayes.

Bronn; so their bottom line comes to \$113,338.00

Bronn; No roads to be done.

Bronn; Police vehicle replacement program; must be paid. 2008 vehicle will be replaced.

Bronn; How many duties on at a time; Bielik: 2 on schedule and 1 on for private duty. Pratt; we need to be careful of maintenance on the older vehicles, I'm not against the program, I feel we don't have a proper vehicle maintenance program in place for them. Bielik: I will ask if there is a vehicle maintenance program. Rodorigo; and why we want to have a 5-year replacement program, is because of warranty. Bronn; 5 vehicles, how many are new, 3 are new 1 is newer and last one is old. So we have two on duty and one on private duty? Why replace the 08 if it's not getting used? Bielik; when do you make the decision to replace the 10-year-old car?

Motion to not buy the car; Carroll/ Bronn; Pratt I agree the car needs to be replaced but needs a maintenance program in force. Carroll; if we only have 2 officers on duties on at a time. Why do we need 5 new vehicles? Bielik; eventually you will need that car, and now is the time to do it we have the money. 4 in favor 2 opposed.

Bronn; Street Department; Peterbilt lease, this is the last year on it. The street sweeper is out.
Transfer station upgrade, no go, \$10,000.00 is the permit renewal.
Town Garage roof, \$5,000.00 this will be LOCIP, Town Garage wall, need more numbers on it.
Mower replacement plan – In field mower machine, for \$19,500.00.

Bronn; Town Hall, \$6,000.00 for new computers replacement program
20,000.00 phones system upgrade.

Special projects: 235,585.00 in capital projects which will come out of our reserve balance.

Motion to approve \$ 235,585.00 special projects upon verification of fund out of reserve balance; Pratt/Carroll; no dissuasion; all ayes

Erin Schwartz; \$25,000.00 for LOCIP, I have the garage roof, the catch basin, carpet tiles, and flooring at the Town Hall.

Motion for \$25,000.00 to be presented to LOCIP in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the following, Garage roof at Matthies, catch basin at the wastewater treatment plant, carpet tiles, and flooring at the Town Hall; Ploss/Pratt; no discussion; all ayes.

3. Executive Session into executive session at 8:53 PM Out of executive session at 8:58 PM

Rodorigo; Next Wednesday's Special Meeting of the Board of Selectman March 28, 2018, at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center, we will set the meeting for the public hearing. We are not ready to approve the numbers yet. Bielik; still waiting for some numbers to come in.

4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:06 PM; Ploss/Leeper; no discussion; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Smith Overby
Clerk Board of Finance

Town of Beacon Falls
Non-Recurring Budget Worksheet
 For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

SECTION BY DEPARTMENT	DEPT REQUEST 2018 19	Comments/Funding Source	
TOWN WIDE			
COMPUTER REPLACEMENT	\$ 6,000	Annual replacement program	Y
PHONE SYSTEM UPGRADES	25,000	Townwide upgrades except for Police	Y
FIRE AND EMS SERVICES			
45 90 90 2120 HOSE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FD	5,450	\$5,000 available in Non-recurring Projects Fund from prior year	Y
45 90 90 2127 NEW POWER LIFT STRETCHER LEASE	15,000	request from 17-18	Y
LUCAS CHEST COMPRESSION SYSTEMS (2)	35,000	Yr 2 of 3 - partial funding through grants possible	Y
PORTABLE RADIO REPLACEMENT	8,000	request from 17-18	Y
MAX FORCE AIRBAG KIT		Vehicle is past our expectancy, large repairs the past 3 years	N
Avalanche BH-6 2007 Ford F-450 4x4 Utility		3000 unit dump replacement. Parts available to cover program pressure. (being as main and hot trailer)	N
Engine 5 Mini pumpster / Bush Truck		Priority) Due to new and mid range. Utilize 100,000 miles, 4x4 or financing the expectancy for emergency	N
Chief/Command Vehicle 2007 Chevrolet	48,000	equipment. Replace with Ford Super Duty truck 4 door with cap. Pick up where we to help paid	Y
EMS First Responder 2007 Chevrolet		request from previous computer program	Y
Fire Station Furniture	5,000	Unit has approx 50,000 miles. (being) Vehicle is shown by numerous different conditions for first responder	N
		Request with seat and AMD sport utility	N
		Uniting for more outdoor Station Furniture. Requiring with heavy duty, increase in use of team	N
		members for EMS requires them to stay and sleep at headquarters on their shift. This is a temporary	Y
		fix to the problem without burnt rooms. 8 separate Units.	Y
LIBRARY			
CARPET TILES & FLOORING	4,500	LOCFP Expense	Y
POLICE			
FORD EXPLODER - Replacement of 2008 Ford Expedition	44,000	Last year of replacement program, no vehicle request necessary for 2009	Y
PUBLIC WORKS			
45 90 90 2128 VAN TRUCK LEASE - EMBUSING	20,750	Yr 5 of 5	Y
UTILITY BODY to replace utility truck bid	7,000	to be included on existing F-350	Y
45 90 90 2129 VAN TRUCK LEASE - EMBUSING	13,000	Mid of amount from sale of existing F-550 off/flow 5 Star	Y
MANNES PLANK GARAGE ROOF	13,000	LOCFP Expense	Y
TOWN GARAGE ROOF REPLACEMENT	5,000	request from 17-18	Y
TOWN GARAGE WALL REPAIR		request from 17-18	N
STREET SWEEPER	10,000	will save \$13k/yr and allow more flexibility in scheduling work	N
TRANSFER STATION - 10 YEAR PERMIT RENEWAL	20,000	Permit Renewed in 2019	N
GRANITE BLOCKET	19,500	Finalize, concrete pads and additional ramps for public safety - multi year project?	N
GUARDRAIL REPLACEMENT PROGRAM		request from 17-18	Y
Replacement of 2002 TORO SAND FIELD GROOMER		Year 2 of 10 year project	N
108 INCH FIELD MOWER - replacing 2007 Scag Turf Mower		request from 17-18	N
PARKING LOT FOR TOWN GARAGE		request from 17-18	N
WWT#			
ROOF REPLACEMENT	7,500	request from 17-18	Y
REPLACE 4 CATCH BASINS/KINGS		LOCFP Expense	Y
ROADS/INFRASTRUCTURE			
MEDIA CENTER ARCHITECTURAL STUDY	\$ 308,600	Use Non-Recurring Fund Fund and/or balance of Bonded Project Funds for Road	N
WIST ROAD PROJECT	278,600		N
Funding from Undesignated Fund Balance	20,000		N
Funding through LOCFP Grants	\$ 308,600		N