

July Meeting of the Committee to Review the Ordinance
Public Act 159-1949
with regard to the positions of Tax Collector and Town Clerk



Minutes

July 15, 2011

Who's present:

D.Sorrentino, R. Cherhoniak, E. J. Smith, B. Fenwick, S. Knapick, Attorney F. D'Urso

Committee was led by Domenick Sorrentino.

The first order of business was to elect a secretary. R. Cherhoniak was nominated and approved by all.

The agenda was to read and make changes to the ordinance so that the two separate positions would change from an elected position to a hired position.

Recommendations:

Currently both positions are part time and if passed by the voters would change to full time.

The new positions would be non-union salaried management positions.

The positions will be subject to current employment practices which should allow the town to exercise control for disciplinary actions, which will require a 2/3 vote from the selectman's office.

The positions shall be filled by a 2/3 vote of the selectman's office.

Applicants will be reviewed by the Board of Selectman and the candidate will be hired based on at least a 2/3s vote by the board.

Sections 2B, 2D & 2H would be affected and need to be changed to support the positions.

The next meeting should be a public meeting which can be no less than 15 days from today's meeting.

PROPOSED DRAFT ORDINANCE
TOWN TAX COLLECTOR HIRED/APPOINTED POSITION

WHEREAS, the Town of Beacon Falls, in an effort to maintain accountability, efficiency, and a high level of professionalism for the benefit of the citizens of the Town, propose to have the office of the Tax Collector be changed from an elected office to a full time position.

WHEREAS, if accepted by the citizens of the Town of Beacon Falls, the hired-appointed position would take effect upon the expiration of the term of the current elected position.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that by changing the ordinance to a hired-appointed position, allows the Board of Selectman to manage, control and directly supervise the office, thereby ensuring efficiency of the department for the general benefit of the citizens of Beacon Falls.

WHEREAS, the position of Tax Collector shall be a management-non union position.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the office of the Tax Collector shall henceforth be a hired-appointed position rather than elected commencing upon the expiration of the current elected position.

A.

1. An "Ordinance Providing For Biennial Elections In The Town of Beacon Falls as Per Public Act 159-1949 Session House Bill No. 1244 . . .Section 2D", is hereby eliminated pursuant to the following.
2. The Tax Collector after being properly advertised, vetted and selected shall be hired by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Selectman.
3. The Tax Collector once hired shall carry out all duties as prescribed in Chapter 204 Section 12-22 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
4. Any disciplinary action and/or removal from the position of Town Clerk shall be handled according to the town's current employment policies.
 - a.) The removal or disciplinary action taken against the Tax Collector shall be at the sole discretion of the Board of Selectman by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) vote.
5. The position shall be a non-union, salaried management position.

B.

1. The office of Tax Collector shall have such duties as required by Connecticut General Statutes, and such further duties as may be required by adoption of ordinances by the Board of Selectman.
2. Said duties such as but not limited to, the enforcement of all payment of taxes and assessments; notification to the Town Attorney of delinquent taxes or assessments which may be subject to collection, and to deposit, in a timely fashion, all monies collected with the Town Treasurer of the Town of Beacon Falls.

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1. Said Tax Collector shall be bonded, unless otherwise excused by a vote of two-thirds vote of the Board of Selectman.

PROPOSED DRAFT ORDINANCE
TOWN CLERK HIRED/APPOINTED POSITION

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2. The Town Clerk after being properly advertised, vetted and selected shall be hired by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Selectman.
3. The Town Clerk once appointed shall carry out all duties as prescribed in Connecticut General Statutes 7-16, et seq.
4. Any disciplinary action and/or removal from the position of Town Clerk shall be handled according to the town's current employment policies.
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