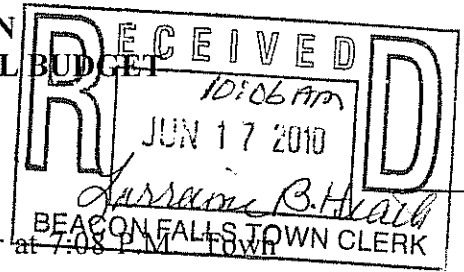


**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN MEETING – VOTE ON 2010/2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
JUNE 16, 2010
MINUTES
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First Selectman S. Cable called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. Meeting was held at Woodland Regional High School.

ALSO PRESENT: Selectman M. Krenesky, Selectman D. Sorrentino.

ALSO PRESENT: Approximately 280 residents, Registrars of Voters and eight (8) official workers.

Temporary Clerk read call of Town Meeting. **L. D'Amico made motion to accept call as read, 2nd by D. Bousquet. All aye.**

Jeremy Rodorigo made motion to appoint K. Wilson to serve as Permanent Clerk for this Town Meeting, 2nd by B. Ploss With no other nominations three (3) times, K. Wilson will serve as Clerk for this Town Meeting. **All aye.**

E. Grace made motion to appoint First Selectman S. Cable to serve as Permanent Moderator for this Special Town Meeting, 2nd D. Bousquet. With no other nominations, S. Cable will serve as Moderator for this Town Meeting. **All aye.**

E. Grace made motion that vote be by paper ballot for the vote and a voice vote with any other procedural matters, with the Moderator to make a decision if a show of hands might be needed if there is a question on the voice vote. Motion 2nd by C. McMahon.. Voice vote: All aye, 1 No. 0 ABSTENTIONS.

S. Cable noted that both the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance had spent many hours in Special Meetings and Workshops trying to make the best decisions with regard to this 2010/2011 Budget. She noted there is a 4% overall operating cost increase in this budget, adding both Boards tried its best to continue with the good quality of life our residents are used to. She noted the Regional School District No. 16 Budget is separate from the Town's operating budget.

L. D'Amico made motion to accept the 2010/2011 Municipal Operating Budget as presented, 2nd by S. Mis.

S. Cable allowed a brief discussion on the motion, with a thirty (30) second time limit allowed for each comment.

1. **L. D'Amico**, Maple Avenue, spoke as a former First Selectman and retired senior citizen. He pointed out he had voted against the first budget presentation on May 5, 2010, held at the Firehouse, and he also voted against the budget at the Referendum. He noted that like most people, especially seniors, people are worried about the economy and do not want to see taxes raised. He complimented the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance for working hard to

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- keep the budget low, but was disappointed at a reduction in Public Safety expenses. He then said he would support this budget and vote yes.
2. **Carol McMahon**, Second Street, noted her household income has been reduced by fifty percent (50%), but said she could live with this budget and would support it.
 3. **Richard Gard**, Rice Lane, noted every budget line item is ten per cent (10%) larger than the 2009/2010 budget, adding that the Park & Recreation budget was greatly reduced. He said this is a punishment to the kids. He also questioned the \$80,000 set aside in a Contingency Fund and asked why this sum of money was ‘floating around’. S. Cable noted that Public Safety is not being cut.

With no other comment, D. Bousquet made motion to move the question, 2nd by E. Grace.

Vote was taken by paper ballot, with votes counted by the Registrars of Voters.

Result of vote:

YES VOTES : 181 NO VOTES: 93

Motion passed. 2010/2011 Municipal Operating Budget Adopted.

S. Cable then thanked everyone who came to the Town Meeting.

L. D’Amico made motion to adjourn the Town Meeting at 8:15 P.M. 2nd by D. Bousquet. All voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen A. Wilson

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