

Town of BEACON FALLS

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Regular Monthly Meeting
January 9, 2012
MINUTES
(Draft Copy-Subject to Revision)

First Selectman G. Smith called the Regular BOS Monthly meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. with the pledge to the flag.

Present: First Selectman G. Smith, Selectman C. Bielik, Selectman D. D'Amico and approximately 20 town residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

S. Dowdell, Wolfe Ave., noted that they had mentioned during the last meeting that the Tax Collector and Town Clerk may not be holding office hours but can be reached for appointment. S. Dowdell asked if there was a way to reach these positions to schedule an appointment. S. Dowdell asked if these numbers are on the door or on the website. G. Smith noted that he thinks they are on the door and if not they should be on the website.

S. Dowdell, Wolfe Ave., asked that a policy be set to manage the bulletin board noting that it is messy and has been for a long time. G. Smith noted that he will look into it.

B. Mariano, Railroad Ave., explained that he had received a letter from the assessor's office with a new assessment for the building noting that it gave no indication of what will happen with the mil rate. G. Smith explained that the mil rate won't be established until the next budget is set and the grand list is established. B. Mariano responded that he understands that but his understanding is that for comparative purposes, other towns use information based on what the last years mil rate would have been. A lengthy discussion continued noting that the mil rate is set by the grand list and the budget and G. Smith answered that we did not establish anything from that mil rate.

M. Fernandez, South Circle, noted that at last month's BOS meeting there was a discussion and she believes it to be only a discussion regarding changing the hours of the town clerk and tax collector. She noted that she does not remember any part of the meeting where a decision was made noting that this change would become effective. She noted that she read it in the paper a couple days later. She's curious as to when that took place and how.

G. Smith responded noting that during that meeting they discussed these hours and said that the town clerk and tax collectors offices would be open during the busy months which are January and July.

M. Fernandez responded that from her recollection, Selectman Bielik said that if we change these hours, would you agree to staying open during the busy months. M. Fernandez noted that she just assumed it was still up in the air and a decision had not been made.

C. Bielik responded by explaining that he reviewed the minutes from the last BOS meeting and noted that she is correct. He explained that there was a great deal of discussion on this topic but when he reviewed the minutes he did not actually see where the BOS definitely made that decision.

G. Smith responded that this was duly noted.

M. Fernandez asked what hours are in effect.

G. Smith responded that he thought they had made a decision that they were going to be working evening hours only in January and July but he noted that if they didn't, he will put a memo out after they decide what their hours will be and they will then post them.

K. McDuffy, Haley Ridge Road, asked the status of the upcoming appointments. G. Smith noted that it will be covered in this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

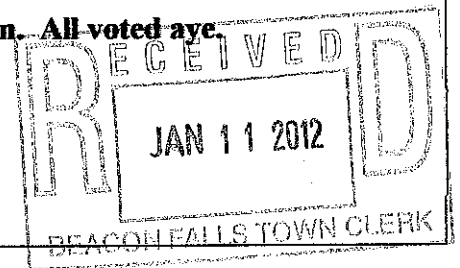
12/12 BOS Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

After review of the minutes, G. Smith and C. Bielik concurred that the BOS did not take definitive action on setting the Town Clerk and Tax Collectors new hours. G. Smith noted to M. Fernandez that the hours did not change and previously listed hours for both positions are still in effect.

D. D'Amico motioned to accept the minutes. C. Bielik 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

12/12 Water Commission Regularly Monthly Meeting Minutes

C. Bielik motioned to accept the minutes. D. D'Amico 2nd the motion. All voted aye.



12/22 BOS meeting to set the date for the Public Hearing

C. Bielik motioned to accept the minutes from December 12th with the correction of the spelling of December. D. D'Amico 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

This line item will be removed from the monthly agenda.

RESIDENT TROOPERS REPORT

C. Bielik motioned to accept the Resident Troopers Report. D. D'Amico 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

ROAD FOREMAN/PARKS

D. D'Amico motioned to accept the Road Forman's report. C. Bielik 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT

D'Amico motioned to accept the report. C. Bielik 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT

C. Bielik motioned to accept the report. D. D'Amico 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

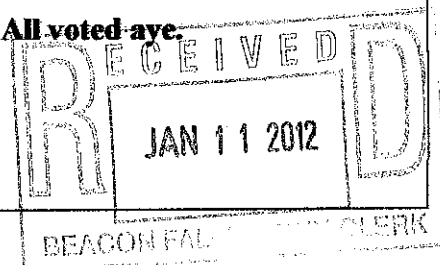
FINANCE MANAGERS REPORT

A discussion took place regarding this report. C. Bielik noted that there are still the ongoing overage issues but nothing much different from the month before. G. Smith noted that some monies will possibly be transferred to the Tax Collector and some money may be needed for man hole covers at the Wastewater Treatment plant.

C. Bielik motioned to refer the Finance Managers Report to the Board of Finance. D. D'Amico 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT

D. D'Amico motioned to accept the report. C. Bielik 2nd the motion. All voted aye.



G. Smith asked Millie to change the date on the Tax Collectors report to indicate M. Krenesky as Treasurer in both places.

TREASURERS REPORT

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the Treasurer's Report. After discussion, it was noted that this will be brought to the Treasurer for explanation and tabled for now.

C. Bielik motioned to table the Treasurer's report until it is reviewed with the Town Treasurer. D. D'Amico 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

LIBRARY REPORT

C. Bielik motioned to accept the Library Report. D. D'Amico 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

CUSTODIAN REPORT

G. Smith noted that there were issues with the Senior Center so it is now being cleaned on Thursday nights so it will be clean on Friday mornings; the seniors are happy with this. It was also noted that this report is for the month of November.

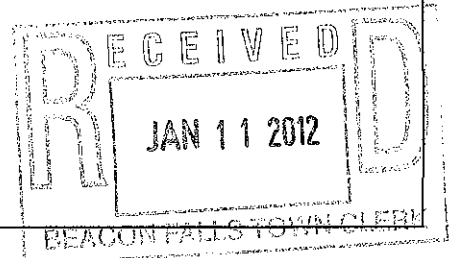
D. D'Amico motioned to accept the report for November. C. Bielik 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

C. Bielik motioned to accept this report. D. D'Amico 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A check for \$1020 was received from the courts for an award regarding an eviction of the Bible Speaks church that was occupying the Grange in 2004.
2. A letter regarding Valley Health District -- you can review on-line



3. A cease and desist regarding Susan Drown operating a business without a permit -- automobiles were all removed.
4. A notice re region 16 and vandalism at Laurel Ledge was received noting that the police are stepping up their operations and also a light will be installed on the pole. Beacon Falls was asked if they wanted to share the cost and G. Smith told them no.
5. A letter from Mrs. Bacon regarding plowing private roads was accepted as correspondence and as of right now, the town of Beacon Falls does not plow private roads.
6. A letter from Parks and Recreation noting that they unanimously want to go forward with purchasing the Polanski property.

G. Smith read the letter. G. Smith noted that before we go forward with any purchases we need to know how much it will cost to turn the property into what we need it to be. C. Bielik noted that he understands and agrees that this space is needed, and he has heard this from a number of people in town as well, but we do need to know the cost of materials needed and maintenance costs for the property before we can go any further.

G. Smith will draft a letter to Parks and Recreation asking them to provide what their plans would be, capital expenditure after purchase and the cost to maintain the property.

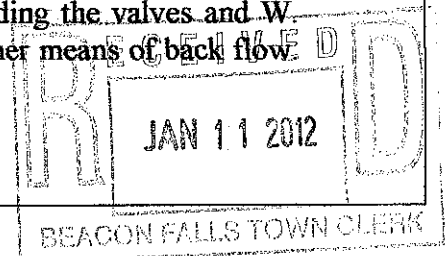
7. A letter regarding overpaid taxes was received.

C. Beilik motioned to refund \$268.26 to CAB Rast LLC. D. D'Amico 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

8. A letter regarding steep grants to repave the town hall was received. G. Smith explained that they did not get the grant and he made a call to Len Greene to see if he can pursue any funding for this.
9. A letter from Navis and Young was received asking us to respond to them that we concur with the fact the Blackberry Hill project is complete with the exception of seeding and looming. G. Smith will write a letter to them.

Discussion: C. Bielik noted that Blackberry Hill was repaired from steep money we got from last year and it's unfortunate that we are not getting any this year. G. Smith noted that we are looking into this because the bill for the road was \$470,000 and we only received \$400,000 from the grant. He noted that we still need to put in the guardrails.

10. A letter regarding man hole covers on Railroad Ave. was received. G. Smith noted that the covers currently vent and they don't need to vent anymore. Currently when the river breaches the bank, the water goes directly into the wastewater treatment plant and does a variety of bad things to the plant. A discussion continued regarding the valves and W. Opuszinski noting that they have to look at other areas such as other means of back flow.



G. Smith asked him to prepare those numbers and he can then combine the two transfer requests to one transfer.

11. Our annual report CT Economy quarterly review (we have to file an annual report for the DEP – Navis and Young puts it together) the town of Beacon Falls needs to send a check for \$187.
12. The Town of Beacon Falls quarterly Nurses report was accepted in correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Johnson Street Lot Line – Issue has been tabled until meeting on January 23rd.
- b. Toby's Pond – This was added to the agenda because Rich has some information that he would like to discuss regarding Toby's Pond and we are going to start to talk to COG about getting some money but at this point, it's premature to discuss Toby's Pond.
- c. Streetscape Project – This was put on the agenda because we are still trying to figure out how to pay for it but there's not a lot to talk about at this time – we are waiting for the spring to convene. C. Bielik asked if we had heard back from Dayton regarding the cost of the LED lights. At this point we have not heard back but G. Smith will send them an email noting that we have not yet heard back.

NEW BUSINESS

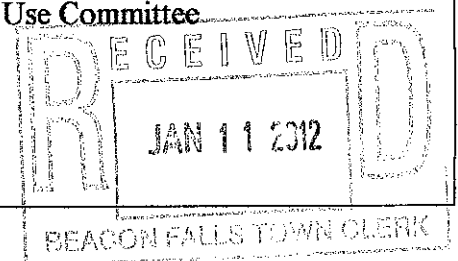
- a. Sealed Bids – Air Compressor

Gerry Smith opened two sealed bids for an Air Compressor that hadn't been used in years at the town garage. The first bid was from Al Natalie for \$500 and the 2nd bid was from D. Belbugy.

Chris Bielik motioned to accept the bid for \$500 from Al Natalie from Harwington. D. D'Amico 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

- b. 1. Inland Wetlands – Discussion: The ordinance is to establish Citation procedures and fines for violation of the Inland Wetlands regulation of the Town of Beacon Falls. The discussion continued as to what defines a minor or major infraction. The BOS continued reviewing the ordinances. The action of the Board will be to forward this to Town Council.

2. Membership/Land Use – this is membership change to Land Use Committee



C. Bielik motioned to forward the new ordinance and the revision to an ordinance to the Town Council for their review. D. D'Amico 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

APPOINTMENTS

A discussion took place regarding updating the schedule of appointments. C. Bielik asked for a copy of the appointment schedule once it is updated.

Conservation Commission

C. Bielik motioned to appoint E. Moranic to C. Bielik's unexpired position on the Conservation Commission. D. D'Amico 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

C. Bielik motioned to replace J. Goerig position on the Board of Conservation Commission with the appointment of Richard Moeller. D. D'Amico 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

C. Bielik motioned to replace J. Milano Sr.'s resigned position on the Conservation Commission with the appointment of Noralie D'Amico. D. D'Amico 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

C. Bielik motioned to re-appoint W. Opuszynski to the Inland Wetlands Commission. D. D'Amico 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

C. Bielik motioned to appoint J. Kmetz to the Naugatuck Valley Health District Board. D. D'Amico 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

C. Bielik motioned to re-appoint Jeremy Rodrigo to the Norwest CT Public Safety Communications. D. D'Amico 2nd the motion.

Planning and Zoning

G. Smith explained that there are 3 openings on the Planning and Zoning Commission (2 re-appointments). He noted that he has several people who are looking to get on this board.

D. D'Amico motioned to re-appoint D. Taylor to the 3 year post on Planning and Zoning. C. Bielik 2nd the motion.

C. Bielik motioned to appoint J. Trzaski to the Planning and Zoning Commission. D. D'Amico 2nd the motion.

G. Smith noted that he will hold off on appointing the 3rd position on P & Z. C. Bielik asked if there was a reason why he wanted to hold off on the 3rd appointment. G. Smith noted that he has received a lot of names and interest and comments and he does not want to make any appointments now. It was noted that the P & Z has 8 positions in total and they only need 5 to make a quorum. C. Bielik asked who the candidates were; G. Smith responded with a couple of names noting that it's a matter of whether we stick with who we have now or look into the other

