

**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012  
(Subject to Approval)**

First Selectman Gerard Smith called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman G. Smith, Selectman D. D'Amico and Selectman C. Bielik

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PUBLIC PRESENT: Approximately 10 members of the public

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

**READ AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

1. March 12, 2012 – Regular Meeting Minutes

**D. D'Amico made a motion to accept the 3/12/12 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. C. Bielik seconded the motion. All ayes.**

2. March 13, 2012 – Joint BOS/BOF Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes.

**C. Bielik made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2012 Board of Selectmen/Board of Finance Joint Budget Workshop, as presented. D. D'Amico seconded the motion. All ayes.**

3. March 19, 2012 – Special Meeting Minutes – MJ&J

G. Smith noted that on page 2 of the minutes it states that G. Smith made the motion, however he recalls that C. Bielik made the motion. C. Bielik concurred. G. Smith proposed the motion. C. Bielik made the motion. D. D'Amico seconded the motion.

**C. Bielik made a motion to approve the March 19, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes, with the changes reflected on page 2 of the minutes: The First Selectman read the motion. C. Bielik made the motion. D. D'Amico seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes.**

**D. D'Amico seconded this motion. All ayes.**

4. March 26, 2012 – Special Meeting Board of Selectmen – Tax Collector/Town Clerk

**D. D'Amico made a motion to accept the minutes of the 3/26/2012 Special Meeting as presented. C. Bielik seconded the motion. All ayes.**

5. March 26, 2012 - Joint BOS/BOF Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes.

C. Bielik noted that they received a motions only copy, followed by the full minutes of this meeting. **C. Bielik made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 26, 2012 Joint Budget Workshop as presented. D. D'Amico seconded the motion. All ayes.**

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6. March 27, 2012 – Special Meeting - Annual Audit Report

**C. Bielik made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 27, 2012 Special Meeting on the Audit Report, as presented. D. D’Amico seconded the motion. All ayes.**

7. April 3, 2012 – Special Meeting – Joint Meeting of BOS/BOF Budget Workshop

**C. Bielik made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 3, 2012 Joint Meeting of BOS/BOF Budget Workshop, as presented. D. D’Amico seconded the motion. All ayes.**

**RESIDENT TROOPER/POLICE REPORT**

C. Bielik needed to receive a copy of this report. Upon review, **C. Bielik made a motion to accept the Resident Trooper’s Report. D. D’Amico seconded the motion. All ayes.**

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT**

G. Smith noted that the report demonstrates some of the repairs and work which are being undertaken at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. A representative from the plant also attended a meeting at CCM regarding phosphorous. These repairs will be discussed further under Budget Transfers.

**D. D’Amico made a motion to accept the Wastewater Treatment Plant’s Report and C. Bielik seconded the motion. All ayes.**

**FIRE MARSHALL’S REPORT**

**C. Bielik made a motion to accept the Fire Marshall’s Report as presented, and D. D’Amico seconded the motion. All ayes.**

**FINANCIAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

No report at this time. The report is expected at the Board of Finance meeting tomorrow evening.

**TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT**

G. Smith noted that the Board of Selectmen will hold a Special Meeting regarding the Tax Collector’s Office. **C. Bielik made a motion to accept the Tax Collector’s Report as presented, and D. D’Amico seconded the motion. All ayes.**

**TOWN TREASURER’S REPORT**

G. Smith noted that he has ordered a safe with a slot on the side, for more security at the Town Hall. The Treasurer will be responsible for making all deposits for the town from this central safe.

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Town Treasurer Mike Krenesky explained that regarding the capital projects checking account, the town has not yet received reimbursement from the State of Connecticut for capital projects, so this account is currently \$26,000 below where it needs to be.

**C. Bielik made a motion to forward the Town Treasurer's Report to the Board of Finance for review tomorrow night, as presented. D. D'Amico seconded the motion. All ayes.**

Town Treasurer Mike Krenesky, noted regarding the town's Union Savings Bank account for ACH funds transfer, there is a 3 year legal agreement which is up for renewal. Currently, there is only one name on the account. G. Smith would like to have the Town Attorney review the agreement before signing the renewal and will further discuss with the Treasurer, adding additional name(s) to the account.

**LIBRARY REPORT**

**D. D'Amico made a motion to accept the Library Report. C. Bielik seconded the motion. All ayes.**

There is no Report from the Custodian at this time.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT**

G. Smith noted the average response time for Fire Department is 6 minutes, 35 seconds. **C. Bielik made a motion to accept the Fire Department's Report. D. D'Amico seconded the motion. All ayes.**

The Board of Selectmen also received reports from the Town Nurse, Sue Mis and the Dog Warden.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. G. Smith received an email from Diane Betkoski regarding a resignation from the Conservation Commission. There are currently 3 vacancies on this board and one position will be filled later this evening. G. Smith would like to reach out to the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Inland Wetlands Commission to see if someone from those Boards will be willing to fill the vacant seats on the Conservation Commission.
2. The State DOT sent a letter regarding schools on state run roads; however the letter does not pertain to our schools.
3. Letter from the Registrar of Voters requesting the Town Crew's help on April 23 and April 24 moving tables and other items for the upcoming election. **D. D'Amico made a motion to accept the request the Registrar of Voters. C. Bielik seconded the motion.** For discussion, C. Bielik asked if this is routine request. Former Selectmen M. Krenesky noted these requests from the Registrar are common for elections. **All ayes.**
4. Anthony San Angelo of the EDC sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding a Main Street Investment Fund Grant, where the town is required to fund a portion of it. The EDC would like the Board of Selectmen to entertain it applying for a Small Manufacturers STEAP Program Main

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Street Investment Fund grant. G. Smith needs to understand more about the grant and the cost-sharing aspects of it. He will table discussion to find out more details on the grant from the EDC and he will discuss the grant with Len Greene as well.

5. Another letter from EDC regarding charity bins for donations sitting on Main Street and asking are they being taxed and does the Zoning Enforcement Office have control over them. G. Smith noted the bins are often overflowing and an eyesore and he will be making phone calls to get those bins removed.
6. Letter from Comcast stating the town has a direct line for disasters/emergencies, which can also be used when Town Hall does not have power.
7. Thank you from Helen Mis for 45 years of service.
8. Letter regarding the Senior Bus driver, encouraging the continuation of the Senior Bus program.
9. G. Smith noted that in anticipation of the fuel tank being installed in the next 30 days, he has requested that all departments provide their usage numbers for heating, fuel and gasoline. He received those usage numbers from the Fire House.
10. Letter from Past Fire Chief Ted Smith encouraging the Board of Selectmen to support the incoming Fire Training School, as an asset to the community for training our volunteers.
11. Letter from the State of Connecticut regarding a new partnership health plan that they are offering beginning July 1, 2012 and G. Smith is pursuing a quotation for the town.
12. Letter from Mr. Posick requesting permits for the excavating going on in town.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Streetscape** – G. Smith discussed the agreed upon solution for the drainage issues with the Streetscape, which have been approved by DEP. Two dry wells are currently being dug, as a cost effective solution, so the project can move forward.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Resolution – Town of Beacon Falls Small Cities Program**

First Selectman read the attached Town of Beacon Falls Small Cities Program Resolution in full.

**C. Bielik made a motion to accept the Small Cities Program Resolution as written. D. D’Amico seconded the motion. All ayes.**

- B. **Resolution – Fair Housing Policy**

First Selectman read the attached Fair Housing Resolution in full. **C. Bielik made a motion to accept the Fair Housing Resolution for the Town of Beacon Falls as read. D. D’Amico seconded the motion. All ayes.**

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**APPOINTMENTS**

Conservation Commission - **D. D'Amico made a motion to appoint Jeffrey Keane to the Conservation Commission. C. Bielik seconded the motion enthusiastically. All ayes.**

**BUDGET TRANSFERS**

Under Wastewater Treatment plant, the original line item transfer of \$11,500 to Capital Projects was to include repairs to West Road. Once the repairs began at West Road for the stressed pump; they included an American Rooter jet and camera of the main, added police coverage for safety and traffic control, and additional costs for the back flow preventer check valves.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant requested that \$4,500 come out of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Expenses line item 10-67-765 to be transferred to the town's Capital Projects line item, increasing the amount from \$11,500 to a total of \$15,000. C. Bielik inquired if the Wastewater Capital Expenses line item would be in the black through the end of the year and G. Smith confirmed that the line item still has sufficient funds. **C. Bielik made a motion to forward the transfer to the Board of Finance for their approval. D. D'Amico seconded the motion. All ayes.**

No need for Executive Session at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**D. D'Amico made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. C. Bielik seconded the motion. All ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Erin A. Schwarz