

**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**June 11, 2012**  
**MINUTES**  
**(Draft Copy-Subject to Revision)**

G. Smith called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: First Selectman G. Smith, Selectmen C. Bielik and D. D'Amico

Also present: approximately 20 members of the public

**With no Clerk present, G. Smith motioned to recess the meeting at 7:35 until a Clerk arrived. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted aye. Meeting went into recess at 7:35 P.M.**

**Meeting was called back to order at 7:47 with L. Classey, Temporary Clerk present.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

M. Fernandes, 31 S. Circle, commented with regard to the guard rails on Blackberry Hill. She asked if they were included in the original cost of Blackberry Hill. The answer was no. She continued to ask questions regarding the guard rails. G. Smith noted that this is a Public Comment session not a back and forth question and answer. He asked that she keep her public comments to comments only. M. Fernandes asked when she can ask a question and receive an answer. G. Smith told her that she can come to his office to discuss anything any time.

M. Fernandes continued with her comment stating that if the guard rails were not a part of the original Blackberry Hill contract, and she's guessing that the cost of them was over \$20,000, then she was under the impression that before that money was spent, it needed to go before a town vote. She noted that the BOS is not authorized to spend any amount over \$20,000 without the approval of the town by a vote. She wondered when this meeting took place.

P. Cretella, West Rd., commented re the Transfer Station noting that the one day it was open it was packed (noting that this is because it had not been open for so long). She asked if it was possible to have the transfer station open every other month for 8 months or on some sort of a regular basis.

With no further Public Comment, the meeting moved on to Approval of Minutes

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**C. Bielik motioned to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2012 monthly meeting. D. D'Amico 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

**C. Bielik motioned to accept the minutes of May 24<sup>th</sup> Community Development Block Grant meeting. D. D'Amico 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

**D. D'Amico motioned to approve the minutes of June 8<sup>th</sup>, Financing Project. G. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. C. Bielik abstained as he was not present.**

### **RESIDENT TROOPERS REPORT**

G. Smith explained that the State Police will be announcing the new resident trooper soon. C. Bielik asked how many candidates there were. The answer was 2.

**C. Bielik motioned to accept the Resident Trooper's Report. D. D'Amico 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

### **WASTEWATER TREATMENT**

**D. D'Amico motioned to accept the Wastewater Treatment Report. C. Bielik 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

Discussion: It was noted that another alarm went off and they had thought the problem was fixed.

### **FIRE MARSHAL REPORT**

None.

### **FINANCE MANAGERS REPORT**

**C. Bielik motioned to forward the Finance Manager's report to the BOF for their approval. D. D'Amico 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

### **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

None.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**C. Bielik motioned to forward the Treasurer's Report to the BOF for their approval. D. D'Amico 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

#### **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

**C. Bielik motioned to forward both April and May's report to the BOF for their approval. D'Amico 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

#### **LIBRARY REPORT**

None.

G. Smith noted that the Library did send a letter stating that the Library will submit two reports next month.

#### **CUSTODIAN REPORT**

None.

G. Smith noted that he will talk to the custodian to find out why he is not submitting reports.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENTS REPORT**

**C. Bielik motioned to accept the Fire Department's report. D. D'Amico 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

#### **REFUNDS**

**C. Bielik motioned to refund \$29.33 of overpaid taxes (2 separate refunds equaling \$29.33). D. D'Amico 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

#### **RESIGNATIONS**

G. Smith accepted L. Classey's resignation as Clerk for the BOS with regret.

**D. D'Amico motioned to accept G. Mays resignation as Tree Warder. C. Bielik 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

Discussion: G. Smith read G. Mays letter which explained that he was resigned the position in order for the town to avoid very costly litigation fees and recommended that the position go back to E. Bea. The BOS all agreed this was a good idea.

**C. Bielik motioned to accept R. Kunz resignation from the Conservation Commission. D. D'Amico 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Notice of blight across the street from 164 Pines Bridge Road was received.
2. A letter regarding Chatfield Farms not taking care of drainage was received.
3. A letter setting the mil rate was received.
4. A Cease and Desist was received for 45 Pinesbridge Road
5. A note from the Library regarding staff and completion of probation period was received

**C. Bielik motioned to extend a permanent offer of employment to both members of the library staff. D. D'Amico 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

6. G. Smith noted that he received all of the letters that Mr. Possick sent and he is keeping them all together.
7. G. Smith noted that he received a call from a resident regarding a variety of uncollected water liens. A lengthy discussion continued regarding when this money is and is not collected but mostly it's only collected when a house is sold. It was also noted that the town's Tax Collector just didn't collect this tax. G. Smith noted that the town has a monthly payment but not enough water tax collections to offset the payments. G. Smith noted that there is an ordinance in place it just needs to be followed.
8. A note from the Zoning Enforcement regarding a permit for a driveway when it meets a town road. Currently this process is to be approved by the Public Works Director although this is not taking place. G. Smith forwarded this ordinance to the Town's Council in order to re-word the ordinance and have the dots connected of the procedure. It was noted that this entire process should stay within P&Z and D. Civitella will look at the wording to state this.

**C. Bielik motioned to forward the "driveway" ordinance to the Town Council for review of the wording. D. D'Amico 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

C. Bielik noted that he would like to add an item to the agenda under New Business titled "New Procedure".

**D. D'Amico motioned to add "New Procedures" under "New Business" on this agenda.**

C. Bielik recommended that when "short notice" meetings are called, that the Secretary to the First Selectman should contact each Selectman by telephone to confirm that the Selectmen in fact received the notice of the "short notice" meeting and also that the Selectmen are each available to attend. G. Smith agreed that this was a good idea and asked that the Clerk make sure K. Wilson receives a copy of these minutes and is also notified to review them as she will now have a procedure to follow with "short notice" meeting.

**C. Bielik motioned that when a "short notice" meeting or any Special Board meetings are called that the First Selectman's secretary contact each Selectman via telephone to confirm that they have received the "short notice" meeting announcement and are also available to attend. D. D'Amico 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**C. Bielik motioned to appoint S. Wisneski, Rimmon Hill to the Zoning Board of Appeals replacing N. Grace. D. D'Amico 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

**C. Bielik motioned to appoint E. Bea as Tree Warding replacing G. Mays. D. D'Amico 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

**D. D'Amico motioned to appoint M. Bouchard to the Conservation Commission replacing R. Kunz. C. Bielik 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

## **TRANSFERS**

A discussion took place regarding the request of a transfer from 1045-1526 to 1053-1060 – it was noted that we have a grant but are short

**C. Bielik motioned to send the list of transfers with the addendum to the BOF for their approval. D. D'Amico 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

G. Smith announced that they will be going into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 8:15 P.M. This public meeting was recessed at 8:15 P.M.

8:20 meeting was back in session.

**C. Bielik motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 P.M. D. D'Amico 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Classey  
Temporary clerk for the BOS