

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

First Selectman Gerard F. Smith called the Monthly Meeting of the Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen to order at 7:35 P.M. with the Pledge to the Flag.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Treasurer, M. Krenesky, H. Mis, S. Dowdell, J. Rodorigo, S. Cable, M.E. Fernandes, R. Stronkowski, M. Zollo, B. Cantanzero, K. Grace, E. Grace, R. Bielik, K. McDuffie.

BID OPENING – SALE OF 2005 CHEVROLET IMPALA POLICE PACKAGE WITH 118,431 MILES

One (1) bid received from Mark Ziello, Waterbury, CT in the amount of \$759.00. After brief discussion, **C. Bielik made motion to accept the bid of \$759.00 for the 2005 Chevrolet Impala, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.** Clerk will notify buyer and make arrangements for payment.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. K. McDuffie, 2 Haley Ridge, and former Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission briefly discussed his concerns about the July 2, 2012 Ethics Board meeting held to discuss a complaint made by S. Posick. He felt that this takes up a lot of the Town's money and the Town's employees and consultants should not be harassed by Mr. Posick. G. Smith responded that his comments are duly noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 06/11/12 – Regular Monthly BOS Meeting. **C. Bielik made motion to accept Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
2. 06/14/12 – Town Meeting – Loan Resolutions. First Selectman G. Smith noted that a statement he had made with regard to former First Selectman S. Cable trying to stop the guardrails from being installed on Blackberry Hill was incorrect as he had been given the wrong information, adding that S. Cable had been out of Town on that day. **C. Bielik made motion to accept Minutes as amended, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.** G. Smith noted the actual Minutes do not change, but that any corrections, additions or amendments are included in the current Meeting minutes.

REPORTS

1. Report of the Resident Trooper. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept Report as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
2. Report of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. **C. Bielik made motion to accept Report as presented, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.** G. Smith will hold a follow-up discussion with W. Opuszynski about one of the issues.
3. Report of the Fire Marshal. With the Fire Marshal on vacation, there was no report submitted.
4. Report of the Finance Manager. No report submitted, as fiscal year is still being closed out.
5. Report of the Tax Collector for May 2012. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept Report as presented and forward it to the Board of Finance, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
6. Report of the Treasurer. M. Krenesky noted this is the lowest amount of money the Town has had on hand in a long time, but with July tax collections and some reimbursements coming in, this should change, adding the Town has to be very careful with its spending. **C. Bielik made motion to accept Report as presented and submit to the Board of Finance, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
7. Report of the Town Clerk. G. Smith noted this had been a good month with conveyance tax monies increasing. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept the report as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
8. Report of the Library. **C. Bielik made motion to accept the Report as presented, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.** It was noted the Library is behind one (1) month with its reports.
9. Report of the Custodian. It was noted the report included the months of March, April, May and June. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept the report as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
10. Report of the Fire Department. **C. Bielik made motion to accept the Report as presented, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.** All were pleased the month of June was a slow month, and that it was a quiet July 4th.
11. Report of the Animal Control Officer. **C. Bielik made motion to accept the report as presented, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
12. Report of the Town Nurse. It was noted this is a quarterly report. **C. Bielik made motion to accept the report as presented, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.** Board would like to see the Animal Control Officer's Report and the Town Nurse's Report on the monthly BOS meeting agenda even though those reports are presented quarterly.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter read from Attorney Stanek, representing S. Cable noting that statements made by First Selectman G. Smith at the June 14, 2012 Town Meeting were inaccurate and that she would like a public retraction of those remarks. G. Smith noted he had addressed this under the Minutes section of these minutes.

2. The Town owes the State of CT Department of Motor Vehicles \$1385.42. G. Smith noted the Town has to report delinquent taxes to the DMV.
3. Letter from B. Ellingson, Hillside Drive, with regard to drainage problems she has been having. Public Works has looked at the property and felt it is the homeowners responsibility. Selectmen D'Amico and Bielik will take a look at the problem.
4. Letter from the Economic Development Commission asking the Town to take care of the overgrowth in the Commerce Park, noting it is very hard to see around the corner. G. Smith noted this has already been taken care of, adding the Town Crew is working on many areas in Town to address all of the overgrowth.
5. Letter from the Economic Development Commission asking the Board of Selectmen to attend their July 23, 2012 meeting to discuss parking on Main Street. Maps of proposed parking plans will be given to the BOS.
6. Letter from Attorney Steven Byrne with regard to pending enforcement matters: 75 Laurie Lane, 11 Fairfield Place, 30 Maple Avenue, 653 Skokorat Road and 175 Lasky Road. He noted he is moving along with these matters with the next step being to push for foreclosure.
7. Another letter from Attorney Byrne noting additional pending matters at 7 Quail Hollow Court, 304 Lopus Road and call of the bond for Chatfield Farms/Wyndham Homes.
8. Request from the Senior Center asking the Town to purchase more cabinets for their kitchen, noting they have already purchased some with their own funds and will do the installation. Board asked for a price.
9. Letter from J. Woodward of the Beacon Falls Historical Society along with a copy of the book Images of Beacon Falls. The Historical Society is interested in using some space in the Wolfe Avenue Lewis House if it becomes available.
10. G. Smith read the most recent correspondence from S. Posick. While it is legal for him to voice his opinion, G. Smith does not feel it is necessary to change the Code of Ethics Ordinance. It was noted the Ethics Complaint Form is not part of the Ethics Ordinance but was composed based on State guidelines. G. Smith will ask Attorney Byrne for his legal opinion on this.
11. G. Smith noted that while Fire Marshal E. Rodriguez is on vacation, S. Pelletier is filling in for him.
12. Letter from Beacon Hose Company No. 1 thanking the Town for all of its support during their recent Fireman's Carnival.
13. The cease and desist has been lifted against Pruzinsky's for blasting on Pinesbridge Road.
14. Letter received from Sandra Swan, 10 Blackberry Hill, in appreciation for the services of Town Nurse S. Mis. S. Swan noted the Town is lucky to have such a caring person serving as the Town Nurse.
15. Letter of Resignation received from Building Official A. DuBois. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept his resignation with regret, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.** G. Smith noted D. Nugent is filling in as the Building Official.
16. Letter of Resignation received from Amy Enquist resigning from the Park & Recreation Commission. **C. Bielik made motion to accept her resignation with regret, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**

17. Letter of interest by D. Sorrentino asking to be appointed to serve on the Park & Recreation Commission.
18. Letter from Tanya Gutierro expressing an interest in serving on the Conservation Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. G. Smith noted he had given copies of the applications and resumes of persons interested in working as the Town's Building Official to each Selectmen.

After a quick recess, G. Smith noted he had also given copies of applications and resumes of those interested in the position of Finance Clerk to each Selectmen.

APPOINTMENTS

1. **C. Bielik made motion to appoint Chris Wilemski to serve on the Conservation Commission, filling the vacancy left with the resignation of Anita Goerig, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
2. **C. Bielik made motion to appoint Tanya Gutierro to serve on the Conservation Commission filling the vacancy left with the resignation of R. Molleur, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
3. **C. Bielik made motion to appoint D. Sorrentino to serve on the Park & Recreation Commission filling the vacancy left with the resignation of A. Enquist, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye**
4. **C. Bielik made motion to re-appoint A. Sirowich to serve on the Park & Recreation Commission, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
5. **D. D'Amico made motion to re-appoint R. Egan to serve on the Park & Recreation Commission, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**

BUDGET TRANSFER REQUESTS

G. Smith noted that Finance is cleaning up the old fiscal year and should have final report by the August meeting.

With no further business, **C. Bielik made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 P.M. 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen A. Wilson

Temporary Clerk for the Board of Selectmen – Monthly Meeting 07/09/12.

