

**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 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 7:43 P.M. with the Pledge to the Flag.

PRESENT: First Selectman Gerard Smith, Selectman David D’Amico and Selectman Christopher Bielik.

ALSO PRESENT: Treasurer, Michael Krenesky, Helen Mis, Susan Dowdell, David Rybinski, Mary Ellen Fernandes, Michael Pratt and a few others.

BID OPENING – REFURBISHMENT OF AMBULANCE

One (1) bid received from Eastford Fire & Rescue Services, Eastford, CT in the amount of \$133,740. After brief discussion, **Christopher Bielik made motion to send the bid to Beacon Hose Company No. 1 Fire Chief to present to his Committee for review. 2nd by David D’Amico. All aye.** Non-refundable \$25.00 will be submitted to Finance Director.

First Selectman Gerard Smith introduced new Resident Trooper Andy Borelli. Everyone wished him well during his service to the Town. Trooper Borelli said he is excited about working in the Town.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Susan Dowdell, 32 Wolfe Avenue, asked if anything had been done with regard to a crosswalk. G. Smith noted that a special crosswalk could not be placed, but that ‘blind person’ signs had been put up.
2. Mary Ellen Fernandes, South Circle, would like to see a change in the format of the Board of Selectmen’s Agenda with regard to placement of Comments from the Public, adding she felt it should come near the end of the meeting so that residents can have their input and have their voice heard.
3. Michael Krenesky, 22 Maple Avenue, spoke on behalf of the Beacon Falls Historical Society, asking that they be allowed to place a sign on the Wolfe Avenue property designating it as the Tracy Lewis House, realizing the Town still has not determined the outcome of the building. He noted the Society has dated some homes in Town (citing Livia Keith’s home) and would use a similar sign. **C. Bielik made motion to discuss this further under New Business, 2nd by D. D’Amico. All aye.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 06709/12 – Regular Monthly BOS Meeting. After review, **D. D’Amico made motion to accept Minutes as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**

REPORTS

1. Report of the Resident Trooper. G. Smith again introduced New Resident Trooper Andy Borelli, who noted there is a computer generated report attached to the Monthly Report. **C. Bielik made motion to accept Report as presented, 2nd by D. D’Amico. All aye.**
2. Report of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. G. Smith noted work had been done on Main Street to connect to the sewer pipe so that water runoff would not be going into the storm drains. He also noted a fuel storage tank will be replaced, but this is only in the planning stages at this time. **C. Bielik made motion to accept Report as presented, 2nd by D. D’Amico. All aye.**
3. Report of the Fire Marshal. **D. D’Amico made motion to accept the report as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
4. Report of the Finance Manager. C. Bielik made motion to submit the report to the Board of Finance for its review, 2nd by D. D’Amico. All aye.
5. Report of the Tax Collector. No report was given. G. Smith noted the Tax Collector’s Office has been very busy with July tax collections.
6. Report of the Treasurer. M. Krenesky noted that he has already moved 1.1 million dollars in funds so that we can start paying some of the bills on the loan. **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. **D. D’Amico made motion to accept the report as presented and present to the Board of Finance for its review, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
8. Report of the Library. No report submitted.
9. Report of the Custodian. No report submitted. Clerk was asked to speak to Custodian about this.
10. Report of the Fire Department. **D. D’Amico made motion to accept the Report as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
11. Report of the Animal Control Officer. **C. Bielik made motion to accept the report as presented, 2nd by D. D’Amico. All aye.**

Joseph Rodorigo noted that Parks Department has not generated a report in the past. G. Smith added the Parks Department is a part of the Public Works reports submitted to the Board of Selectmen.

Joseph Rodorigo asked for more police patrols at Matthies Park and Pent Road, noting there has been a lot of vandalism going on. G. Smith also suggested that patrols of Toby’s Pond be also included as part of the regular police patrols. Resident Trooper Borelli took note of this.

Helen Mis, also asked if the Town residents could be notified as to different criminal activities going on in the Town, via some type of police blotter. Trooper Borelli also

took note of this. Suggestion of using something such as facebook with a link from the Town's webpage was made.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

1. G. Smith noted some activity has been going on with regard to certain blight issues on Quail Hollow. Person was given another thirty (30) days to solve the problem.
2. Letter with regard to fact that all documents relating to any Board or Commission are the Clerk's responsibility.
3. Minutes from a Planning & Zoning Meeting reflect fact that a permit was issued late to H.L. Stone.
4. Letter received from Cole Heating and Air-Conditioning asking for an engineered spec with regard to the heating and cooling in the Town Clerk's Office.
5. Letter received from the DEEP noting the Fire Department had received a \$2500 grant for certain training.
6. Letter from Byrne & Byrne noting that Chatfield Farms had been sold. G. Smith would like to see drainage problems addressed with discussion to take place between a live person rather than a telephone conversation. G. Smith stressed procedures would be started to pull the developer's bond unless certain issues are addressed and taken care of.
7. Joseph Dowdell will serve as the Board of Finance's representative to the Region 16 financial negotiations.
8. Letter from River's, Trails and Conservation, noting that John Monroe will serve as advisor to the group. Liz Falzone will serve as the Beacon Falls liaison. Bikers will be in Beacon Falls on September 23, 2012 at 2:20 P.M. Local dignitaries will be on hand as part of the festivities
9. Finance Director Manuel Gomes gave a corrective action plan with regard to the Town's audit.
10. Letter received from Senior Center President Edith Dionne with regard to prices of cabinets for the Senior Center Kitchen in amount of \$639.98. Board agreed to table this until further review, as G. Smith had suggested that part of the recent Katharine Matthies grant award be used toward this expense.
11. Attorney Byrne had responded to the Ethics complaint brought by S. Posick and heard before the Ethics Board with inappropriateness of the Zoning Enforcement Officer and Planning & Zoning Commission's clerk Mary Ellen Fernandes. His findings is that nothing unethical has taken place, and the matter has been dismissed. G. Smith said he would personally call S. Posick to discuss this.

OLD BUSINESS

1. G. Smith noted that with the vote taken at tonight's earlier Town Meeting, the Town has voted to sell the cell tower. He would like to have the closing by the end of August.
2. Each member of the Board of Selectmen has copies of the four (4) candidate's applications for the position of Building Official. G. Smith asked each Selectman

to review each application and rate each one. Board agreed to meet on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 beginning at 5:00 P.M. to interview each candidate. Discussion on whether this has to be a posted Special Board of Selectmen Meeting and whether it should be posted as an Executive Session. Joseph Dowdell noted this is an interview, not an executive meeting with regard to personnel.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of putting up a plaque at the Tracy Lewis House, **with Board agreeing the plaque should be wooden and match other similar plaques in Town put up by the Historical Society in a motion made by D. D'Amico and 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.** G. Smith suggested that Public Works put up the plaque.

APPOINTMENTS

1. **D. D'Amico made motion to appoint Attorney Christopher Hodgson to serve as the Town's Labor Attorney, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
2. **D. D'Amico made motion to re-appoint Patrick Dionne to serve as the Town's Animal Control Officer, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
3. **C. Bielik made motion to re-appoint Attorney Steven Byrne to serve as the Town's Land Use Attorney, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye**
4. **D. D'Amico made motion to \appoint Michael McVerry to serve as the Town's Legal Council, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.** G. Smith noted Attorney Civitello had previously served under Attorney McVerry but she has requested to have Attorney McVerry serve as the Town's Main Legal Council, with her serving in a capacity under him as the 2nd Attorney.
5. **D. D'Amico made motion to re-appoint the firm of Nafis & Young to serve as the Town's Engineer, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
6. Because the position of Building Official has not been filled, it was agreed to table this appointment until a new Building has been hired. G. Smith noted that Albert Dubois, the former Building Official is still working a few hours a week with Dan Nugent, the interim certified Building Official.

BUDGET TRANSFER REQUESTS

No budget transfer requests at this time.

With no further business, **D. D'Amico made motion to adjourn the meeting at 839 P.M. 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen A. Wilson

Clerk for the Board of Selectmen – Monthly Meeting 08/13/12.