

**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Special Joint Meeting with Board of Finance
Wednesday October 17, 2012
MINUTES
(Draft Copy-Subject to Revision)**



First Selectman Gerard Smith called the Special Joint Meeting of the Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge to the Flag.

SELECTMEN PRESENT: First Selectman Gerard Smith, Selectman Dave D'Amico, Selectman Chris Bielik

Meeting held jointly with the Board of Finance.

BOARD OF FINANCE PRESENT: Brian Ploss, Jack Levine, Joseph Dowdell, Marc Bronn, Chairman

ABSENT: Robert Doiron, James Huk

OTHERS: Mike Krenesky, Town Treasurer; Walter Opuszynski, Plant Supervisor; Jody Schrenkel, Efficient Lighting Consultants

Purpose of the Special Meeting is to discuss various lighting throughout the Town of Beacon Falls.

First Selectman Gerard Smith provided background that the Town of Beacon Falls had some interior lighting retrofitted to be more energy efficient through a program by CL&P. The upgrades are paid through the town's monthly electric bill. This plan, which is not an immediate cost savings, but savings will be realized in the near future

There are only 12 companies that CL&P contracts to do this work after CL&P conducts an audit. Efficient Lighting Consultants provided details on the projects under consideration.

Walter Opuszynski, Treatment Plant Supervisor: The interior and exterior lights at the plants are circa 1970 would be replaced. To upgrade all lights, the town would save \$2,350/year.

For the sewage treatment plant, the total project cost after incentives would be \$23,091.32 (including a \$7,400 incentive from CL&P). This originally was a \$30,000 project. It is paid via a 4 year no interest loan, paid through the monthly CL&P bill. It involves full replacement and disposal of old lights. This project would not affect waste water treatment plant budget line items.

Jody Schrenkel, Efficient Lighting Consultants, stated that generally the savings are underestimated, and customers can expect to save more money.

Jack Levine, Board of Finance, commented that the Amity School District used this program and saved more money than was promised.

Lighting projects recommended by First Selectman Gerard Smith:

- Town hall: exterior lights cost \$1,600 saving \$600 overall
- Lopus Road: exterior lights at town garage cost \$3,400 job after savings \$2,000, would add \$57 to monthly electric bill
- Pent Road: cannot do lights on ball fields, but can replace all the other exterior lights (parking lights, path ways, Sugar Shack) for \$10,000 plus save \$1,500 with an incentive
- West Road: WPCA pump house \$1,200 job with \$400 incentive

Marc Bronn, Board of Finance Chairman asked if there is any difference in the look of the lights. Jody Schrenkel replied that the LED lights are white and brighter, better for safety, which also brings these lights up to code for conservation requirements.

Jody Schrenkel pointed out that the lights have a 5 year warranty and would be replaced at no charge if there was a problem so there would be no maintenance issues for the town.

Jack Levine commented that it would save the town from having to replace any of these lights over the next 5 years and would also be a savings in maintenance.

Selectman Chris Bielik made a motion for the Board of Selectmen to approve the replacement lighting projects outlined by First Selectman Gerard Smith, to be performed by CL&P contractor Efficient Lighting Consultants: 2nd by Selectman Dave D'Amico; all aye.

Jack Levine made a motion for all replacement lighting projects outlined by First Selectman Gerard Smith be adopted and give the First Selectmen authority to sign contract: 2nd by Marc Bronn; all aye.

Discussion: Joe Dowdell, Board of Finance questioned if the existing line items will cover these expenses.

With no further business, Selectman Chris Bielik made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectman meeting at 7:17 P.M.; 2nd by Selectman Dave D'Amico: all aye.

Jack Levine made a motion to adjourn the Board of Finance meeting at 7:17 P.M.; 2nd by Marc Bronn: all aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Melville

Temporary Clerk for the Board of Selectmen – Special Joint Meeting 10/17/12