

**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013  
MINUTES  
(Draft, Subject to Approval)**

First Selectman Gerard F. Smith called the Monthly Meeting of the Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen to order at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Treasurer, Michael Krenesky, Susan Dowdell, Mary Ellen Fernandes, Ed Groth, Helen Mis, Susan Cable, Ray Shea, Janet Norton, Arthur Daigle, Debra Daigle, Lauren Classey, Ray Jurzynski.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. 03/11/3 – Monthly BOS Meeting. **D. D'Amico made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Bielik. All aye.**
2. 03/20/13 – Special BOS Meeting. **C. Bielik made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
3. 03/20/13 – Public Hearing – Revisions to three (3) Existing Town Ordinances. G. Smith noted an error in the Minutes, as Section 10 was revised and Section 11 was to be added. He noted correct changes had been made to the documents presented to the Town Clerk and the Public. **D. D'Amico made motion to approve the Minutes as corrected, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Bielik. All aye.**

**REPORTS**

1. Report of the Resident Trooper. **C. Bielik made motion to accept the report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
2. Report of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. **C. Bielik made motion to accept report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
3. Report of the Fire Marshal. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept the report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Bielik. All aye.**
4. Report of the Finance Manager. G. Smith noted the report had been emailed to each Selectmen. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept the report as presented and forward it to the Board of Finance for its review, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Bielik. All aye.**
5. Report of the Tax Collector. No report submitted.
6. Report of the Treasurer. **C. Bielik made motion to accept the report as presented and submit to the Board of Finance for its review, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. D'Amico. All aye.** M. Krenesky noted the Flag Fund recently received a donation from Pond Spring Village for \$700.

7. Report of the Town Clerk. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept the report as presented and submit it to the Board of Finance for its review, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Bielik. All aye.**
8. Report of the Library. With no written report submitted, Assistant Librarian Susan Dowdell gave a brief verbal report. She noted circulation is up 6% from last year, programming is up 21%. The Library is also sponsoring a beer tasting event and a trip to Newport. They are also applying to the Katharine Matthies Foundation for funding to upgrade its computers. **C. Bielik made motion to accept the verbal report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
9. Report of the Custodian. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept the report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Bielik. All aye.**
10. Report of the Fire Department. **C. Bielik made motion to accept the report as submitted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. D'Amico. All aye.**

C. Bielik made motion to add the Town Nurse Report and Report of the Animal Control Officer to the Agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. D'Amico. All aye.

11. Report of the Town Nurse. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept the Quarterly Report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Bielik. All aye.** Clerk is to send memo to Town Nurse asking for more clarification on the Cholesterol Analyzer and whether or not she is requested that this equipment be replaced.
12. Report of the Animal Control Officer. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept the report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Bielik. All aye.**

### **READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

1. G. Smith noted the lien release has to be done again, as it did not include both the husband and wife's names.
2. Letter from Lorie Valentine, 12 Spruce Lane, requesting the Town bring up water to their property as per an earlier agreement made with then First Selectman Susan Cable. Apparently, their land had been landlocked by Rodney Varden, but now it is not landlocked. He noted this had been a part of the Rice Lane Extension Project. G. Smith will have Town Engineer take a look at the property. Board agreed to extend the water to this property in a timely manner. Clerk will make copies of the supporting documents for the Board of Selectmen.
3. Ms. Velois, Dumschott Road has complaints about her road washing out when it rains. It was agreed that it is another property owner's drainage problem and it has to be repaired by that property owner.
4. Letter received from Public Works Employee Frank DelVecchio that he is retiring his position as Crew Leader, effective April 12, 2013. It was noted he has worked for the Town for thirty-six (36) years.
5. It was noted that Elm Street Farm is up for nomination to be placed on the National Historic Register.
6. G. Smith noted the bank will be taking care of the blight situation on Laurie Lane (Berge property) and will be paying the fines totaling \$36,500. Check will be sent to the Town.

7. Beacon Hose Company No. 1 has given its unanimous support for the ladder truck.
8. G. Smith noted he had sent the Town's Building Official Douglas Colter to the Senior Center to take a look at their non-working stove. The Seniors had requested \$6,000 to purchase a new stove. D. Colter noted the stove could be repaired at a cost of approximately \$1600. **C. Bielik made motion to get the stove repaired at a cost of approximately \$1600, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. D'Amico. All aye.** Discussion. Monies will have to come from the Contingency Fund.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. G. Smith noted the Town Budget will be discussed at the April 9, 2013 Board of Finance Meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. G. Smith noted that Raymond Jurzynski had found an old deed from 1880 with regard to Cold Spring Road which has been in discussion with the DOT and DEEP about whether or not to keep this road open. According to Attorney M. McVerry, it could cost a lot of money to research this. He noted there is an Agency Meeting being planned to discuss this with no local officials involved and he would like to see what happens as a result of that meeting before the Town spends any more money for research. Attorney McVerry has already billed the Town \$300 for his services on this matter. **C. Bielik made motion to wait until we get further information from that Agency Meeting before we agree to spend any more money on this, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. D'Amico. All aye.** G. Smith noted the road will be opened for the Annual Kayak and Duck Race scheduled for May 4, 2013.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

No appointments at this time.

### **BUDGET TRANSFER REQUESTS**

**C. Bielik made motion to request a transfer of funds from Contingency (10-83-1170) to the Senior Center Maintenance (10-79-1943) in the amount of \$1600 to cover costs to repair the existing kitchen stove at the Beacon Falls Senior Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. D'Amico. All aye.**

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

1. Susan Dowdell, 32 Wolfe Avenue and Assistant Librarian, noted they are taking applications and requesting donations for the Community Garden proposed for the Wolfe Avenue property.
2. Richard Minnick, 147 Cedar Lane, noted that he has been appointed the Steward of Toby's Pond and pointed out all of the many volunteers who have helped with the clean-up of the Toby's Pond area, and the brush along the river and Main

Street. He also noted the scouts have been very helpful. Some activities worked on include: control of invasive species, spillway maintenance, the donations of some plantings. He added he does want to see Toby's Pond as a 'groomed park' but rather a more natural surrounding. He again thanked all of the many volunteers who have given of their time for these projects.

3. Richard Minnick, 147 Cedar Lane, noted Pond Spring Village residents had donated \$700 to the Flag Fund. He also noted that people are also interested in some type of holiday decorations as well, with the Lions Club willing to make a donation of some bulbs. He added the Fire Department will begin to clear out the brush soon. The beavers have also been busy with the sycamore trees.
4. Susan Cable, 196 Blackberry Hill said that she respectfully knows how hard it is to do a budget, adding she has over two hundred (200) names to take the budget to a Referendum and will speak to the Board of Finance about scheduling this Referendum.
5. Kevin McDuffie, suggested further checking into the \$200 additional fee charged by the company to come out to repair the Senior Center stove, adding the most companies usually do not charge this extra fee. G. Smith will further check into this.
6. Sheryl Feducia, member of the Region No. 16 Board of Education noted the Board is planning on adjourning its meeting to set a Referendum Date for the school budget to possibly coincide with the Town Budget Referendum as well.

With no further business, **D'Amico made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 P.M. 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Bielik. All aye.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen A. Wilson

Clerk for the Board of Selectmen – Regular Monthly Meeting- April 8, 2013