

**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 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 7:32 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, Helen Mis, Richard Minnick, Gary Komarewsky, and approximately five (5) other residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. 05/13/13 – Special Town Meeting. **C. Bielik made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
2. 05/13/13 – Monthly Board of Selectmen Meeting. **D. D'Amico made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
3. 05/22/13 – Special Board of Selectmen Meeting. **C. Bielik made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
4. 05/25/13 – Special Board of Selectmen Meeting. **D. D'Amico made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
5. 05/29/13 – Special Town Meeting – **C. Bielik made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
6. 05/30/13 – Special Board of Selectmen Meeting – **D. D'Amico made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**

REPORTS

1. Report of the Resident Trooper. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept the report as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
2. Report of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. No report presented.
3. Report of the Fire Marshal. No report received.
4. Report of the Finance Manager. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept the report as presented and forward it to the Board of Finance for its review, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
5. Report of the Tax Collector. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept the report as presented and forward it to the Board of Finance for its review, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
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, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.** It was noted there is a big jump in the Flag Fund, with R.

Minnick adding that he still has other contributions to make as he is waiting for a sign-off.

Treasurer M. Krenesky noted that this year as in years past two (2) Beacon Falls residents graduating from Woodland Regional High School have each received a \$1,000 Scholarship from the Samuel Melbourne Trust. He suggested the Board of Selectmen take a closer look at this fund, as monies are running low and he is planning on locking away \$10,000 into a fund with the potential to earn more interest so the fund can grow again. After he moves the \$10,000 there is approximately \$9,000 left in the fund, which will not last that much longer. He suggested looking at how we release those funds, adding the fund is very specific on how monies are spent. C. Bielik added the Town should review the amounts we give away and possibly reduce the amounts given at one time.

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, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
8. Report of the Library. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept the report as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
9. Report of the Custodian. **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.**

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter received from Program Librarian S. Garcia noting she had applied to Pathway for a grant and was awarded \$1,000. She will apply for an additional \$1,000. **C. Bielik made motion to accept that grant award and to continue to apply for additional funding, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
2. The State has awarded LOCIP funds in the amount of \$10,000 to the Town Clerk's Office for purpose of repairing the air-conditioning in that Office as it is required that the vault be kept at a cool temperature.
3. G. Smith noted a survey has been done in the entire Town Hall, and those LOCIP funds might help with this also, adding the work would be done in stages.
4. G. Smith has met with the new owners of Chatfield Farms and they have pledged to work closely with the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Inland Wetlands Commission to make sure that things are being done as they should.
5. G. Smith noted he had received two (2) bids to fix Dumschott Road. One bid from Swan and the other bid from Smith.
6. G. Smith noted cost to replace the firehouse roof is \$66,000.
7. Letter received from Gary Komarewsky noting he would like to volunteer to serve on the Ordinance Committee or other Committee to review Town Ordinances.
8. Letter of resignation received from E. Trzaski resigning from serving on the Safety Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Board of Selectmen set Town Meeting date to vote on Revisions to four (4) existing Ordinances for Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. Clerk will check on availability of either the Senior Center or Firehouse. (Note: Town Meeting will be held at the Firehouse, North Main Street).
2. Toby's Pond. First Selectman G. Smith reported that he had called Tavares, Florida to discuss the Seaplane Base they had built. While he was very excited and interested in what they said, their project is on a much larger scope than what could be offered at Toby's Pond. Their project would be totally different than what Beacon Falls might have to offer. Their Seaplane Base is 8.2 miles in length. Liability for the project could be cost prohibitive for the Town of Beacon Falls. **D. D'Amico made motion to not pursue this project any further as it does not make any common sense to continue as it would cost the Town more money than it would ever generate, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business at this time.

APPOINTMENTS

No Appointments made at this time.

BUDGET TRANSFER REQUESTS

C. Bielik made motion to forward these budget transfer requests from Beacon Hose Company No. 1 to the Board of Finance to review at its 6/11/13 Monthly Meeting, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Susan Dowdell, 32 Wolfe Avenue and Assistant Librarian, noted that the Friends of the Library use the Community Foundation to manage some of its funds, which is determined by the Stock Market. She also noted the recent Bake Sale was very successful.
2. Richard Minnick, 147 Cedar Lane, noted he has some additional contributions for the Flag Fund and will submit them to the Treasurer once the sign-offs have been done.
He also noted that the Detention Ponds throughout the Town should be maintained on a regular basis, adding that safe access is needed to get to those ponds. He noted that O & G is working on maintaining the spillways and burn at the southern end of Toby's Pond.
3. Jeff Ruhloff, 17 Stoddard Place, said he was at this meeting to hear more about the seaplane base, and thanked G. Smith for all of the information he had presented.

4. Michael Krenesky, Town Treasurer also supported the Selectmen's decision to not pursue the seaplane base any further.

With no further business, **D. D'Amico made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 P.M. 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen A. Wilson

Clerk for the Board of Selectmen – Regular Monthly Meeting- June 10, 2013