

SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
JUNE 25, 2013
MINUTES
(Draft Copy – Subject to Revision)

First Selectman Gerard F. Smith called the Special Meeting of the Beacon Falls Board of Selection to order at 6:45 P.M. with the Pledge to the Flag. Meeting was held at the Beacon Falls Firehouse.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Several members of the General Public.

G. Smith noted purpose of this Special Meeting is to:

1. Set the Senior Tax Abatement as per Ordinance for the Local Option Tax Relief for Elderly and Disabled Homeowners.
2. Discuss the air-conditioning at the Beacon Falls Senior Center.
3. Pass Resolution with regard to the re-instatement of Beacon Falls in the STEAP Program.

As to item # 1: **D. D'Amico made motion to set the Senior Tax Abatement at the maximum of \$500.00, 2nd by C. Bielik.**

Discussion. C. Bielik noted that for the record he is in favor of this amount because the Public had spoken at the Public Hearing and Town Meeting on the revision to this Ordinance, adding that a precedent had been set as the Town has been going with the \$500 tax abatement, even though the Assessor had suggested the abatement be set at \$200.00. G. Smith added that with this amount, the rest of the taxpayers have to share the extra expense of \$80,000 which because of a slight adjustment could affect the mill rate.

All voted aye to the motion. Clerk will notify the Assessor as to the decision.

As to item # 2: G. Smith noted he had received two (2) bids for replacement of the Senior Center air-conditioning, with quotes ranging from \$9800 to \$12,315. He also noted that another person felt he might be able to repair the system for a much lower cost, adding he waiting for that bid. Board then agreed to hold a Special Board of Selectmen Meeting on Thursday, June 27, 2013 at 4:00 P.M. in the Board of Selectmen's Conference Room. Clerk will contact custodian to make sure that bid for the unit repair is submitted in time for this Special Meeting.

As to item # 3: G. Smith read the Resolution with regard to the re-instatement of Beacon Falls in the STEAP Program. **D. D'Amico made motion to adopt the Resolution, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**

With no other business, **D. D'Amico made motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 6:55P.M. 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Wilson, Clerk for the Board of Selectmen – Special BOS Meeting -06/25/13

