

**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 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, , Helen Mis, Ed Groth, Sheryl Feducia and Lt. Edgar Rodriguez.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. 06/10/13 – BOS Regular Monthly Meeting. **D. D'Amico made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
2. 06/10/13 – Public Hearing - Ordinances. **C. Bielik made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
3. 06/13/13 – Special Board of Selectmen Meeting. **C. Bielik made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
4. 06/19/13 – Special Town Meeting Four (4) Ordinances. **D. D'Amico made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
5. 06/19/13 – Special BOS Meeting – Town Clerk's Seats. **D. D'Amico made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
6. 06/25/13 – Special Board of Selectmen Meeting – Resolution. **C. Bielik made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
7. 06/25/13 – Town Meeting – Vote on 2013/2014 Municipal Budget, Transfer of \$66,000 to Fire Department Roof Project – **D. D'Amico made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
8. 06/27/13 – Special BOS Meeting – Senior Center Air-Conditioning. **C. Bielik made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. D'Amico. G. Smith noted that Board of Finance has not officially approved of this \$9800 transfer of funds, but will act on it at its next meeting, adding this expense is considered an emergency because the Senior Center had to close due to lack of air-conditioning. All voted aye.**

REPORTS

1. Report of the Resident Trooper. **C. Bielik made motion to accept the report as presented, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
2. Report of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Two reports received. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept the May/June Report, 2nd by C. Bielik.**

- All aye. C. Bielik made motion to accept the July Report, 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. No report submitted.
 5. Report of the Tax Collector. **C. Bielik made motion to accept the report as presented and forward it to the Board of Finance for its review, 2nd by D. D’Amico. 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 that rates have dropped. M. Krenesky is in process of researching other banks to see what their rates were. The Flag Fund has increased. Plaques will be placed on the light poles and there will also be a Memorial Board to list contributors. The Samuel Melbourne Trust is on hold for now. Brief discussion on convenience of N.V.S.& L. being located in Beacon Falls and possibility of moving Town’s funds for better rates. M. Krenesky added there is no serious monies to be made from interest rates at this point.
 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. **C. Bielik made motion to accept the report as presented, 2nd by D. D’Amico. All aye.**
 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 Town Nurse. **C. Bielik made motion to accept the report as presented, 2nd by D. D’Amico. All aye.**

First Selectman Gerard F. Smith read Proclamation honoring Anna Leonardo Zollo on the occasion of her 100th Birthday – June 27, 2013.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Tax Refund. **C. Bielik made motion to approve the Tax Refund of \$282.08 to Ryder Truck Rental, 2nd by D. D’Amico. All aye.**
2. G. Smith noted he had granted permission to the Library to store various items at the Wolfe Avenue property.
3. Letter from some residents of Edgewood Drive. Copy of this letter was given to Zoning Enforcement Officer Brian Herb.
4. Assessor June Chadderton presented information on the Town’s Local Option Tax Credit Ordinance. G. Smith would like to schedule a meeting to discuss making some additional changes to the Ordinance and to set up a Committee to work on this, adding that resident G. Komarewsky has expressed an interest in serving on this Committee.

5. Bid from Doiron Building & Remodeling was presented in the amount of \$3,840 to complete work at the Senior Center. It was noted this would be for installation only of certain cabinets in the Center's kitchen.
6. Copy of letter from the Board of Finance with regard to setting the mill rate for the 2013/2014 fiscal year.
7. It was noted that Joe Pablik was given a copy of delinquent tax payers. E. Groth wondered if he was able to interpret the information he wanted.
8. Letter received from the Valley Fire Chief's Regional Fire Training School with regard to meeting to be held on Monday, August 29, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Citizen Engine Company Firehouse.
9. G. Smith noted that work has begun on the Route 42 retaining walls.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Town Hall Renovations. G. Smith noted that Town Hall offices are tight for space, adding that Building Official D. Colter has come up with a design to use existing space more efficiently. Funds for this could come from LOCIP funds, as those funds were used previously for Town Hall projects. There are some heating and cooling problems. The Town Hall boiler was installed in 1980 and you can no longer get parts for this unit. Clerk will make copies of proposed plans for the BOS. It was agreed to schedule a Special Board of Selectmen Meeting on July 17, 2013 at 4:00 P.M. to discuss this further.
2. Resolution of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Beacon Falls Authorizing the Issuance of Refunding Bonds for Payment of the Outstanding Principal of and Interest and any Call Premium on the Town of Beacon Falls's \$2,529,100 Sewer Bond, Issue of 1998, Dated as of September 25, 1998, \$149,400 General Obligation Sewer Bond, Issue of 1999, Dated as of March 25, 1999 and \$1,387,500 General Obligation Bond, Issue of 2003, Dated as of January 23, 2003, and the Payment of Costs Related Thereto. **C. Bielik made motion to adopt this Resolution, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.** Clerk will have documents ready for the Town Clerk to date, sign and seal.
3. **C. Bielik made motion to add to the Agenda speeding on Railroad Avenue, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.** It was noted that residents have been complaining about businesses speeding on Railroad Avenue. Lt. E. Rodriguez will send a letter to Murtha and O & G urging their occupants to adhere to speed limits on that road. It was noted that the DOT has to set the speed limits and put up the signs. It could be an issue because current signs do not have the DOT approval on them. If no speed limit is posted, it could be assumed that limit is 25mph. E. Rodriguez also noted that the trucking company out of Seymour has been using Beacon Valley Road it is trucking school training area.
4. Board reviewed the New Town Hall Union Contract effective July 1, 2013 until June 30, 2016. G. Smith noted certain changes in pay rates of Finance Clerk and

Assessor's Clerk. **C. Bielik made motion to approve the Town Hall Union Contract effective July 1, 2013 until June 30, 2016, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**

APPOINTMENTS

No Appointments made at this time.

BUDGET TRANSFER REQUESTS

C. Bielik made motion to forward the budget transfer requests from 10-67 -1765 (Treatment Plant) to 10-79-1943, for purpose of installation of a new air-conditioner at the Senior Center to the Board of Finance to review at its next Monthly Meeting, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Sheryl Feducia, Member of the Regional School District No.16 Board of Education noted that the Board would like to see the Laurel Ledge School renovations project move forward in a timely manner. G. Smith noted he had a meeting with all of those involved and added that it was determined that the Region's Architect is the reason for this hold-up, not the Fire Marshal or the Building Official. He noted that volunteer Bob Spear has been attending all of the meetings and has been acting as the 'watchdog' of the entire project. He added that now we have to go back to the drawing board. Comment was made that it is much easier to build a brand new building rather than renovate an existing building. C. Bielik asked if any date has been set as to start of these building projects. E. Rodriguez noted that any new plans have to be reviewed before getting any new approvals. S. Feducia noted meetings are scheduled for July 16^h and July 17th. According to Michael Krenesky one of the problems seems to be that there is not specific independent Project Manager to be in charge, making for too many persons taking ownership.
2. With regard to the proposed Fire Training School, Ed Groth, asked if the Town has ever gotten any pilot payments from the Fire School. G. Smith said he would look into this. C. Bielik suggested contacting State Representative Theresa Conroy to look into this as well.
3. E. Groth would also like some clarification to make sure that the Region's construction projects are being correctly monitored, adding it appears that the focus is on the Prospect project. S. Feducia noted it has been difficult getting a lot of Beacon Falls involvement, adding that three (3) Beacon Falls residents are on the Building Committee. G. Smith added that due to the meeting held, everyone knows what is expected of them.

With no further business, **D. D'Amico made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 P.M. 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen A. Wilson

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