

**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013
MINUTES
(Draft, Subject to Approval)**

First Selectman Gerard F. Smith called the Special 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: Approximately sixteen (16) residents and others including: L. Greene, H. Mis, M.E. Fernandes, D. Daigle, S. Cable, G. Komarewsky, R. Frink, M. Trepca, Atty. F. Stanek, E. Groth, K. Browne, S. Dowdell, I. Galluzzi and W. Mulinsky. First Selectman G. Smith thanked the Volunteer Beacon Hose Company No. 1 for its work at the structure fire on Sunday, September 8, 2013 which was followed by applause from those in attendance.

Before start of meeting, First Selectman G. Smith asked for a moment of silence to honor our fighters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. 09/09/13 – Board of Selectmen Regular Monthly Meeting. **C. Bielik made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. D’Amico. All aye.**
2. 09/12/13 – Special Board of Selectmen Meeting- **–C. Bielik made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. D’Amico. All aye.**
3. 09/23/13 – Special Board of Selectmen Meeting to adopt Resolution for Treatment Plant. **DC. Bielik made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. D’Amico. All aye.**
4. 09/23/13 – Town Meeting – Vote on Fire Truck. **D. D’Amico made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**

REPORTS

1. Report of the Resident Trooper. No report was presented, but Clerk did present report at end of the Meeting. Report will be held until the November Board of Selectmen Meeting.
2. Report of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. **C. Bielik made motion to accept the Report as presented, 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. **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. Reports for August and September submitted. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept both the August and September reports as presented and to forward to the Board of Finance for its review, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
6. Report of the Treasurer. D. D'Amico made motion to accept the report as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye. Discussion. Treasurer noted he had prepared two (2) graphs as per suggestion of the BOF chair. One graph shows the General Fund Checking Fund and the other shows the REPO accounts which show the ups and downs of the accounts' status.
7. Report of the Town Clerk. Before vote on the report, L. Greene gave a brief history of certain recording fees that the Town Clerk will no longer receive, adding that this leave him with a loss of revenue. He noted there are approximately six (6) other Towns in Connecticut who pay their Town Clerks on a fee basis (Beacon Falls is one of these Towns). He noted that MERS recordings have gone up from \$53.00 to \$59.00, with the bulk of the fees collected going to the Town. He suggested the Town check to see how other Town Clerks handle this, adding the Town might be able to hold back the \$11.00 fee normally given to the Town Clerk. Another option would be to pay the Town Clerk a salary rather than pay based on fees collected. G. Smith agreed to contact other Towns to see what they do, adding there is a solution to this. Item will be discussed with the Board of Finance. **C. Bielik then made motion to accept the report as presented and submit it to the Board of Finance for its review, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
8. Report of the Library. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept the report as presented, 2nd by D. 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 ye.**
10. Report of the Fire Department. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept the report as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**

It was agreed to discuss the Town Nurse Report during Correspondence, as this cannot be brought up to include under reports, because this is a Special Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **C. Bielik made motion to approve the overpaid taxes as presented by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$1567.77, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
2. Letter from Priscilla Cretella with regard to Laurel Ledge School's building plans. G. Smith noted that former Building Official had contact M. Spiwak to work on this and currently bills are being gathered on how much this will cost. He will be meeting with Mr. Spiwak soon.
3. Letter received from Anthony SanAngelo resigning as a member of the Economic Development Commission because he has recently moved to Oxford. **C. Bielik made motion to accept the resignation with regret, citing his many years of service to the Town, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
4. Letter received from Brian DeGeoge expressing an interest in serving on the Economic Development Commission.

5. Letter received from Mary Ann Kempa resigning as clerk of the W.P.C.A. C. Bielick made motion to accept her resignation with regret, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.
6. Copy of letter to David Keating, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer with regard to drainage issues on Bonna Street.
7. Letter received from S. Posick with regard to various issues.
8. Letter received from Marsha Durley resigning as Library Director. Even though this letter was handwritten and not signed, clerk noted she had sent in official letter of resignation via email.
9. G. Smith noted the Town's Plan of Conservation & Development is completed and has been approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Balance due to Brian Miller is \$14,775. G. Smith will bring this up to the Board of Finance.
10. Correspondence from Nafis & Young with regard to Chatfield Farms. It was noted that Wyndham Homes had originally deposited \$125,000 to be used for inspection fees, but those funds had run out in 2009. Since that time Chatfield Farms was bought by new owners and they feel they should not be responsible for additional debt they feel is owed by Wyndham Homes. G. Smith will consult Town Attorney about this.
11. G. Smith noted there was a fire at 11 Fairfield Place and because our temporary Building Official was not available, Naugatuck's Building Bill Hutzman was called in to act on the Town's behalf and take a look at the property;
12. C.L.& P. awarded the Town a \$5,000 grant to be used for the development and implementation of conservation and load management programs funded by the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund. Copies will be made for Board of Selectmen to review.
- 13. Town Nurse Report was read. C. Bielick made motion to accept the report as presented, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
14. Letter received from Beacon Hose Company No. 1 announcing its plans for Fire Prevention Week. There will be a breakfast at 8:00 A.M. in addition to the activities planned between 6:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. G. Smith would like to see this included on the Town's website.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Town Hall Renovations. G. Smith has asked Nafis & Young to give us a full evaluation of what has to be done at the Town Hall. Problems with the Town Clerk's vault have to be addressed, and this should be done before any outside parking lot paving would be considered.
2. Audible Crosswalk on Main Street. G. Smith noted NYCON has given a price of \$5300 to change the device to a double push button. He added that the Town just can't shut down the device. We do not know how many people in Town use the audible crosswalk and we cannot silence it. This item will be further researched and kept on the Agenda as Old Business for the November BOS Meeting.
3. Mario Trepca LLC- Drainage. F. Stanek, Attorney for Mr. Trepca noted he had prepared a new expanded easement for the property and gave reasons why the Town should share in the cost of the piping, since the project would enhance the

existing drainage. Property M. Trepca would like to develop is located at 113 and 119 South Main Street. He has been asked to replace 59 feet of pipe, adding the Town currently owns that pipe. He is also replacing a retaining wall and will also have to build another catch basin and a new manhole cover will also have to be added. All of this work will help support Johnson Street as suggested by the Planning & Zoning Commission. The pipe is 15" which would replace the existing over 100 year old concrete pipe. C. Bielik noted the Town currently owns the existing pipe, adding the cost of replacing that pipe sometime in the future could bring the cost even higher. D. D'Amico said he is against the Town sharing the cost because this could set a precedent. G. Smith said since the Town owns the pipe now and if something happens, then the Town is liable for the entire cost and it becomes the Town's problem. It was noted that Brian Swan did submit a bid on the project. M. Trepca noted that he had gotten a verbal bid between \$9000 and \$10,000 which was similar to B. Swan's bid. **C. Bielik made motion to share in the cost at 50/50 each for the Town and Mr. Trepca, after bids are submitted, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.** D. D'Amico added the Town does have some of the 15" pipe and possibly work could be done for a little cheaper.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Library Sign. Isabel Guliuzza, representing the Friends of the Library, noted the organization would like to put up a permanent sign at Maple Avenue and Burton Road to indicate the location of the Library, adding many people don't even realize where the library is and feels better signage would be very helpful. G. Smith noted the P&Z would have to approve the sign and suggested that she discuss this in more detail with the Zoning Enforcement Officer as to size specifications, etc. **C. Bielik made motion to agree to having the Friends of the Library put up a sign, provided it follows the requirements set by the Planning & Zoning Commission and its Enforcement Officer, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**

APPOINTMENTS

D. D'Amico made motion to appoint Brian DeGeorge to serve on the Economic Development Commission filling the vacancy left with the resignation of Anthony SanAngelo, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye. Clerk will send letter of appointment and notify Town Clerk.

C. Bielik made motion to go into Executive Session at 8:30 P.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.

Once the Executive Session was over, the Board of Selectmen meeting continued.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Gary Komarewsky, 15 Second Street, was happy to hear that Cold Spring Road would be opened by the DOT and asked if they would take over ownership of the Road. G. Smith said the DOT will be addressing safety issues and put up a fence and the Town would still own the road.
2. Susan Dowdell, 32 Wolfe Avenue, asked if the work has stopped on the guardrails. G. Smith noted project is scheduled to be completed before the end of the year.

With no further business, C. Bielik made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 P.M. 2nd by D. Bielik. All aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen A. Wilson

Clerk for the Board of Selectmen – Special Meeting- October 7, 2013.