

**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY- NOVEMBER 12, 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: Town residents and others including: H. Mis, M. Krenesky, M.E. Fernandes, D. Daigle, S. Cable, G. Komarewsky, E. Groth, K. Browne, S. Dowdell, I. Culotta, C. Bruhme, P. Betkoski, B. Ploss, L. Classey, M. Zollo, A. Sorrentino and K. McDuffie.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. I. Culotta, Friends of the Library noted she had filed a copy of the proposed signage for the Library, adding she had already gotten the proposed plan approved. This will be discussed further under correspondence.
2. P. Betkoski, 344 Bethany Road, thanked First Selectman G. Smith and Selectman D. D’Amico for their hard work during the last two (2) years

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. 10/07/13 – Special Town Meeting. **D. D’Amico made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
2. 10/07/13 – Special Board of Selectmen Meeting- **-C. Bielik made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. D’Amico. All aye.**
3. 10/08/13 – Special Board of Selectmen Meeting. **D. D’Amico made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik.**
4. 10/15/13 – Special Meeting. **C. Bielik made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. D’Amico. All aye.**
5. 10/16/13 – Special Meeting. **D. D’Amico made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
6. 10/24/13 – Special Meeting. **C. Bielik made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
7. 10/29/13 – Special Meeting. **C. Bielik made motion to approve the Minutes as presented, 2nd by D. D’Amico. All aye.**
8. 11/7/13 – Special 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. September report was reviewed. No October report was presented. **C. Bielik made motion to accept the September Report as presented, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
2. Report of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept the Report as presented, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
3. Report of the Fire Marshal. **C. Bielik made motion to accept the report as presented, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
4. Report of the Finance Manager. **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.**
5. Report of the Tax Collector. No report was submitted.
6. Report of the Treasurer. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept the report as presented, and forwarded to the Board of Finance for its review, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.** Treasurer noted he had arranged with the bank for new signature cards to be signed by newly elected Board of Selectmen.
7. Report of the Town Clerk. **C. Bielik 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. No report submitted.
10. Report of the Fire Department. **C. Bielik made motion to accept the report as presented, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
11. Report of the Town Nurse. No report submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter received from the Laurel Garden Club asking permission to put up four (4) flower boxes on the Depot Street Bridge. They will plant and maintain the boxes. Ansonia Steel will put up the boxes. **D. D'Amico made motion to approve the Laurel Garden Club's request to put up the boxes in the spring, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
2. Woodward & Curran submitted the status of the project, noting there were some issues with the Police Department with regard to \$72,000 in charges for police private duty.
3. Correspondence received from Fish & Wildlife with regard to two (2) protected birds.
4. Notice from Town of Oxford that are proposed to add Veterinary Hospitals to their regulations (to be located on Route 67).
5. Green Construction is planning on having the work done at 144 Blackberry Hill. If work is not completed by then, a fee of \$79.00 per month will be charged to keep the fence up.
6. New Contract has been executed for Ambulance Services.

7. Letter of Resignation received from Ed Groth resigning as the Town's Webmaster. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept his resignation with regret, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
8. Letter of Resignation received from Ed Groth resigning as a member of the Service Award Committee. **D. D'Amico made motion to accept his resignation with regret, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
9. Letter of Resignation received from Karen Wilson resigning as Clerk for the Board of Selectmen. **C. Bielik made motion to accept her resignation with regret, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**
10. G. Smith noted sketches had been presented on the proposed sign for the Library. Sign will be made of wood with a light background. It would be a double sided sign. **C. Bielik made motion to approve the placement of the sign donated by the Friends of the Library, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Audible Crosswalk. G. Smith noted that James Gracy (Public Works) did take a look at the audible crosswalk device. He noted the Town cannot just silence it. He also noted that in 2001 a person had originally requested the device be installed which is in compliance with ADA requirements. Chrintine Bruhme, who has expressed concern about the continuous beeping of the device which can be heard throughout a large section of Main Street. G. Smith said he would have J. Gracy take another look at the device. It would be very difficult to remove the device completely, but would cost a lot of money to make adjustments to it.
2. Fire Department Roof. G. Smith noted that \$66,000 had been approved to be transferred from the Contingency Fund to pay for this. He noted an additional inspection fee of approximately \$1100 will be added for inspection by Nafis & Young. LOCIP funds are also available for use in paying for balance due for the roof. **D. D'Amico made motion to use the funds available, including the budget transfer funds along with the LOCIP funds to pay for the fire department roof, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.** G. Smith noted that Fireman T. Smith will be overseeing the project.

NEW BUSINESS

1. \$14,775 is owed to the Turner Miller Group for completion of the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development. The plan has been approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission. G. Smith noted there are monies available under the Professional Fees budget line item # 10-33-1290. **D. D'Amico made motion to approve the final invoice of \$14,775 to the Turner Miller Group, 2nd by C. Bielik. All aye.**
2. Rick Cherhoniak prepared information with regard to bids presented with regard to Electric Bids. The following bids were received:
 - Globele (Liberty Power) .08323 for 24 months – fixed
 - Nextera Energy - .08393 – fixed
 - Aequitas Energy - .0819 – fixed

- People's Power & Gas – graduated average rate - .07980
After discussion of the proposals, **C. Bielik made motion to go with the current provider People's Power & Gas, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.**

APPOINTMENTS

No appointments were made.

BUDGET TRANSFER REQUESTS

C. Bielik made motion to approve the request of a budget transfer of \$680.00 from the Contingency Fund to Town Clerk's Budget Line Item # 10-05-1010, 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Susan Dowdell, 32 Wolfe Avenue, asked why medians are being taken down on Route 42. It was noted that some problems were encountered and they have to be taken care of before the work can continue. It is hoped the project will be completed before bad weather sets in.

With no further business, C. Bielik made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. 2nd by D. D'Amico. All aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen A. Wilson
Clerk for the Board of Selectmen – Special Meeting- November 12, 2013