

**SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 26, 2013**  
**MINUTES**  
**(Draft Copy – Subject to Revision)**

First Selectman Christopher Bielik called the Special Meeting of the Beacon Falls Board of Selection to order at 5:00 P.M. with the Pledge to the Flag. Meeting was held in the Board of Selectmen's Conference Room.

**PRESENT:** First Selectman C. Bielik, Selectman P. Betkoski and Selectman D. Sorrentino.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

C. Bielik noted he can call R. Spear to continue the meeting as a conference call.

C. Bielik noted the purpose of this Special Meeting was to discuss the Laurel Ledge Building Project and then gave a brief background of this matter which included various discussions:

- There are two (2) current projects: (1) Building of a new school in Prospect and (2) renovations to Laurel Ledge School in Beacon Falls.
- Each Town was to be responsible for reviewing plans, etc.
- Beacon Falls had hired Bruce Spiwak (on recommendation of former Building Official D. Colter) to review plans. B. Spiwak had a \$1,000,000 insurance policy and also had a sub-contractor perform some work for him.
- It was noted that Prospect went with the less expensive option for the project reviews, etc.
- The \$29,000 earmarked for the costs was not enough to complete project. The Region provided Beacon Falls with \$39,000.
- B. Spiwak claims Town still owes him \$5,000 for work he did, with C. Bielik noting there is only \$1,000 left in the fund. The Region feels that Spiwak has exceeded the scope of the project, adding Spiwak looked at the project as if it were a brand new building, suggesting that *everything* at Laurel Ledge be updated.
- C. Bielik noted he had spoken with R. Spear who is a member of the Building Committee. The question is whether or not to remain with B. Spiwak or to start again from the beginning with someone else. It was noted that Prospect has already started the building construction and that Beacon Falls is way behind with the project.
- Question raised if Town could do some negotiating with Prospect in order to get this \$5,000 paid.
- Discussion on fees charged. It was noted Beacon Falls has an Ordinance with regard to waiving of certain fees.
- R. Spear also suggested getting a breakdown from D. Colter on time he had already spent on this project.

D. Sorrentino made motion to have the First Selectman get the information needed to go to Region No., 16 to discuss this matter further, with the possibility of waiving the fees, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Betkoski. All aye.

With no other business, P. Betkoski made motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 P.M. 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Sorrentino. All aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Wilson  
Clerk for Special Board of Selectmen Special Meeting – November 26, 2013

