

BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 14, 2014
MINUTES
(Draft Copy-Subject to Revision)
(recorded minutes –Olympus note corder DP-201- by date)

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at 7:30n PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

Present: First Selectman C. Bielik, Selectmen P. Betkoski and D. Sorrentino

Also present: S. Dowdell and K. McDuffy

Comments from the Public: None

Approval of Minutes:

March 10, March 24, March 26, March 31, April 2, April 8, April 10 and April 8th joint meeting with BOF

D. Sorrentino motioned to accept the minutes with the one correction to the minutes from 3/24 (Regular to Special). P. Betkoski 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

Resident Trooper's Report:

A discussion took place regarding this report and it was noted that it includes 911 calls and disturbances. P. Betkoski asked if he could get a list of constables. C. Bielik said he would get him that information.

D. Sorrentino motioned to accept the Resident Trooper's report. P. Betkoski 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

Wastewater Treatment Plant:

It was noted that this report is from March. C. Bielik explained that he had a meeting with W. Opusynki and Mr. Pricket regarding the 4th personnel that was requested and he noted that they are all on the same page and they will not be pursuing a 4th employee.

Public Works:

C. Bielik noted that the Public Works department apologized for not having a more detailed report than last month but they will in the future. A discussion took place regarding opening day and Beacon Falls Recreation Fields. C. Bielik noted that the fields looked immaculate and thanked M. Classey and S. Moffet. C. Bielik also noted that he ran into the Mayor of Ansonia and the Mayer commented on how beautiful and well-kept the park is.

D. Sorrentino motioned to accept the report. P. Betkoski 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

Fire Marshal Report:

The report is through the end of March.

P. Betkoski motioned to accept the report. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

Finance Manager's Report:

This report is through the end of March.

D. Sorrentino motioned to accept the report. P. Betkoski 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

Tax Collectors Report:

D. Sorrentino motioned to accept the report. P. Betkoski 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

Treasurers Report:

It was noted that this is a snap shot of this month as the Treasurer is on vacation.

P. Betkoski motioned to accept the report. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

Town Clerks Report:

D. Sorrentino motioned to accept the report. P. Betkoski 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

Other Reports:

Library:

S. Dowdell noted that the Library Board of Trustees is not prepared to apply for grants at this time but would like to discuss them in the near future.

D. Sorrentino motioned to accept the Library Report. P. Betkoski 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

Custodian:

D. Sorrentino motioned to accept the report. P. Betkoski 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

Discussion: It was noted that the floors were scheduled to be done at the senior center but due to a personal obligation, the date had to be postponed. The date will be announced.

Fire Department:

It was noted that the mutual aid ladder had been requested. It was unclear as to why or where. C. Bielik noted that the installation of new officers is scheduled for 4/26/14 and wanted to make sure everyone received their invite. They did.

P. Betkoski motioned to accept the report. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

Town Nurse:

Discussion: The town nurse will be hosting a bladder control program on April 17th.

D. Sorrentino motioned to accept the report. P. Betkoski 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

Correspondence:

1. A letter from the Tax Collector identifying tax payer refunds was received.

P. Betkoski motioned to refund a total of \$2,156.47 to tax payers who over-paid their taxes this month. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

2. Letter from Friends of the Library was received. They are requesting the use of the conference room on the evening of June 5th to begin preparations for their book sale. C. Bielik will address this in Old Business.
3. A check from CL&P in the amount of \$11,768.60 was received. It is a refund for Beacon Falls using LED lights downtown as part of an incentive. It was noted that some bulbs are out and they will be replaced by Public Works.
4. A notice from Parks and Rec regarding their cardboard boat regatta was received. The date is July 12, 2014. A note from B. Ploss (Republican Party) recommending Chris Kelly to fill the position on the Service Award Board and also as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals. This will be addressed under appointments.
5. A letter from S. Possick was received. The letter was dated 3/27 and he noted that the minutes from the Planning and Zoning Public Hearing back in March were still not posted on-line.
6. A letter from J. Kmetz noting that he can no longer hold the position on the Naugatuck Valley Health District Board 8. A notice from Aquarian regarding a \$2500 grant scholarship – they are looking for candidates who have contributed to the improvement of the environment.

Old Business:

1. **Audible Cross Walk**

Schedules are being coordinated to go to Wolcott and see their tactile audible cross walk. They will be going either April 22nd or 24th. C. Bielik noted that there is a surplus in contingency and he would be willing to entertain a discussion on using this to upgrade the very loud cross walk on Main Street – if it will be applicable.

2. **Budget Process Update** – the BOS has passed the budget on to the BOF and a Public Hearing Notice is currently be drafted. The public hearing is going to be scheduled for April 29that 7:00 tentatively at Laurel Ledge.

3. Discussion of allowing the **Friends of the Library** to use the conference room on June 5th in the evening to prepare for their book sale. P. Betkoski motioned to allow the Friends of the Library to use the conference room on June 5th in the evening providing it will not be needed for town business. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

4. **Laurel Ledge Review Process:** C. Bielik updated the board on the progress of the project. They recently resolved/completed two more items leaving two left.

5. **Audit update** – A rough presentation was given on 4/2 – nothing has materially changed since the rough to the final.

New Business:

Council of Government Ordinance – the state has mandated that the council of governments reduce the amount of members, therefore, several towns are being combined (less groups/more towns in each). The valley COG will be merging (13 towns with 4 more plus Bristol and Plymouth),

The process is now for BF to pass an ordinance to join part of the new assigned COG. The first step in the procedure is to devise a proposed ordinance which will be forwarded to the town attorney.

P. Betkoski motioned to forward the ordinance requesting the adoption of the CT General Statutes as they pertain to COG to the town attorney for his review. D. Sorrentino 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

Appointments:

D. Sorrentino motioned to appoint C. Kelly to the Service Award Board and to the Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate. P. Betkoski 2nd the motion. All voted aye.

Budget Transfers: None

Public Comment:

S. Dowdell, Wolfe Ave., thanked the BOS for participating in the scrabble challenge

K. McDuffy, Hailey Ridge, Ask if COG was going to stay in the same location – C. Bielik explained that it has not yet been decided but it was noted that they are currently in Waterbury and just signed a new lease and it is centrally located.

K. McDuffy also asked about the audible cross walk and if the sound could be adjusted. It was noted that the sound cannot be adjusted so they are looking into a tactile system.

Executive Session: None

**With no further business, D. Sorrentino motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 P.M. P. Betkoski
2ndthe motion. All voted aye.4**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Classey
Clerk for the Board of Selectmen