

**Beacon Falls Board of Finance  
10 Maple Avenue  
Beacon Falls, CT 06403**



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF FINANCE  
BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
JOINT SPECIAL MEETING  
April 29, 2014  
MINUTES  
(Subject to Revision)**

**1. Call to Order / Pledge of Alliance**

Chairman Joe Dowdell called the meeting to order for the Board of Finance at 7:55 P.M.

Board of Finance Members present: Joe Dowdell, Jack Levine, Robert Doiron, Brian Ploss, and Joe Rodorigo

Not Present: Marc Bronn

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order for the Board of Selectmen at 7:55 P.M.

Board of Selectmen Members Present: First Selectman Chris Bielik, Selectman Peter Betkoski, and Selectman Dominick Sorrentino

**2. Discussion and Vote for 2014-2015 Budget**

Chris Bielik indicated that there are a few minor tweaks that need to be made but they will not affect the bottom of the budget proposal. They will affect the line item.

The first change is on page 5, line item 10-90-05-1049, Wages – Overtime. The change is to make this line item \$0, where it was stated on the proposed budget as \$2,500. Of that \$2,500, there will be \$1,500 added into line item 10-90-05-1020, Wages – Assistant Town Clerk/PT, making the total on that line item \$22,021 instead of \$20,521 as stated on the proposed budget. The remaining \$1,000 will be added into line item 10-90-05-1195, Records Books, making the total on that line item \$3,500 instead of \$2,500 as stated on the proposed budget. Joe R. asked if we could find another \$500 to make this line item \$4,000.

The next change is on page 7, line item 10-90-18-1220, Expenses. The change is to make this line item increased by \$20; going from \$130 as stated on the proposed budget to \$150. This increase of \$20 was requested at the public hearing by the Chairman of the Board of Assessment Appeals.

The next change is on page 8, line item 10-90-29-1175, Registration/Conf/Memb/Training. The change is to make this line item increased by \$400; going from \$2,000 as stated on the proposed budget to \$2,400. Line item 10-90-29-1360, Canvas Expenses will increase by \$750; going from \$250 as stated on the proposed budget to \$1,000. C. Bielik indicated that the increase to line item 10-90-29-1360 is due to new canvassing requirements by the Secretary of the State office in regards to contacting efforts that the registrars need to do with new voters moving into town or old voters moving out of town. There are mailings that must go out now that is more comprehensive that what was required in the past. The increase to line item 10-90-29-1175 is for the assistants to attend conferences. In the past, only the two registrars were budgeted to attend conferences and training sessions and did not include the assistants in the past. The training was offered when and if money was available. It is felt that you need to assistants ready to step in when and if the registrar is not there.

In order to make up the difference of the \$1,170, the reduction would come from page 14, line item 10-90-71-1019, Wages – Seasonal. This line item will go from \$15,000 as stated on the proposed budget to \$13,830.

C. Bielik asked where the \$500 could come from for the Records Books on 10-90-05-1195. It was agreed upon by the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen to increase on page 5, line item 10-90-05-1195 by the additional \$500 that Joe R. requested earlier. The total on this line item will be increased by a total of \$1,500; going from \$2,500 as stated on the proposed budget to \$4,000.

Motion to accept the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015 at the grand total of \$6,210,997: Levine/Doiron; no discussion; all ayes.

Motion for the approved proposed budget for the fiscal 2014-2015 by the Board of Finance to be turn over the Board of Selectmen to establish a date for the town budget meeting: Levine/Ploss; no discussion; all ayes.

Motion for a vote at the town meeting to occur on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at a place later to be determined, based on notification being posted in the paper by Thursday, May 1, 2014: Sorrentino/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

C. Bielik indicated that he will make sure that the registrars are present in case that there is a paper ballot.

**3. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting for the Board of Finance at 8:20 P.M.: Doiron/Ploss; no discussion; all ayes.

Motion to adjourn the meeting for the Board of Selectmen at 8:21 P.M.: Sorrentino/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo  
Board of Finance, Clerk  
Board of Selectmen, Clerk

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