

Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen
10 Maple Avenue
Beacon Falls, CT 06403



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Special Town Meeting
August 7, 2014
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)**

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

Others Present: 14 members of the public

2. Purpose for the Town Meeting

To vote on Budge Transfer Request of \$24,380 from the Contingency Fund of the 2013/2014 Municipal Budget to complete the Town-wide Radio Program in the Town of Beacon Falls.

3. Clerk Reads Call

C. Bielik asked for the temporary clerk to read the call. Marla Scirpo, clerk for the Board of Selectmen, began to read the legal notice for the Town of Beacon Falls for the Special Town Meeting as posted in the newspaper. At the point where the notice states the year of the Municipal Budget, C. Bielik stops the reading to indicate that the notice is incorrectly stating the year as 2014/2015. The Budget Transfer is for the 2013/2014 Municipal Budget. C. Bielik indicates that the Town Clerk will need to be contacted to see if we can continue the Town Meeting for tonight. C. Bielik asks for a recess at 7:06 P.M. in order to contact the Town Clerk of Beacon Falls, Len Greene.

At 7:11 P.M., C. Bielik reconvenes the Special Town Meeting after speaking with Len Greene. Under the recommendation of the Town Clerk, the Special Town Meeting will continue as scheduled for tonight if there is a motion to amend the call from the 2014/2015 Municipal Budget to the 2013/2014 Municipal Budget. L. Greene will contact the CT Secretary of State office on Friday, August 08, 2014, to confirm if the town took the correct action in this matter. C. Bielik indicated that he will entertain a motion to amend the call as stated in the newspaper for tonight's Special Town Meeting to the correct year of the Municipal Budget. Gary Komarowsky called for a Point of Order. He stated that his Point of Order is that the call to the public as posted is incorrect; therefore, this meeting is null and void per Robert's Rules of Order. C. Bielik understands but will proceed under the advice of the Town Clerk. After further investigation that the Town Clerk will do, if we are unable to proceed with the Special Town Meeting, then we will deem this Special Town Meeting null and void.

Motion to amend the call to reflect the correct budget year from 2014/2015 listing to 2013/2014: **Tom O'Connell/Doug Bousquet; no discussion; 16 ayes and 1 nay. Motion carries and the call is amended to state the 2013/2014 Municipal Budget.**

C. Bielik asks for the temporary clerk to read the amended call. Marla Scirpo, Clerk for the Board of Selectmen, reads the amended call.

Motion to accept call: **Kevin McDuffie/Doug Bousquet; no discussion; 16 ayes and 1 nay.** (17 votes from the public in attendance, as well as the Board of Selectmen). Chris Bielik and Peter Betkoski acted as the counters for the voting process by show of hands.

4. Nomination of Permanent Clerk for Town Meeting

C. Bielik asked for a nomination for a permanent clerk for tonight's town meeting. Peter Betkoski nominated Marla Scirpo and the nomination was seconded by Jeremy Rodorigo. C. Bielik asked three times for any other nominations. There were no other nominations for the permanent clerk and one ballot was cast for Marla Scirpo as the Permanent Clerk for tonight's town meeting.

5. Nomination of Moderator for Town Meeting

M. Scirpo asked for a nomination for a moderator for tonight's town meeting. Jeremy Rodorigo nominated Chris Bielik and the nomination was seconded by Doug Bousquet. M. Scirpo asked three times for any other nominations. There were no other nominations for the moderator and one ballot was cast for Chris Bielik as the Moderator for tonight's town meeting.

6. Discussion for Method of Voting

C. Bielik asked for a motion for the method of voting for tonight's town meeting. Kevin McDuffie made a motion for the method of voting by show of hands. Doug Bousquet seconded the motion.

Motion for the method of voting to be by show of hands: Kevin McDuffie/Doug Bousquet; no discussion; all ayes (17 votes from the public in attendance, as well as the Board of Selectmen). Chris Bielik and Peter Betkoski acted as the counters for the voting process by show of hands.

7. Voting of the Ordinance

By a show of hands, C. Bielik indicated that the Budget Transfer Request of \$24,380 from the Contingency Fund of the 2013/2014 Municipal Budget to complete the Town-wide Radio Program in the Town of Beacon Falls passed with a vote of 16 ayes and 1 nay. Chris Bielik and Peter Betkoski acted as the counters for the voting process by show of hands.

8. Adjournment

With completion of the voting, C. Bielik asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting.

Motion to adjourn tonight's Board of Selectmen Public Hearing at 7:18 P.M.: Kevin McDuffie/Jeremy Rodorigo; no discussion; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Board of Selectmen