

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



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monthly Meeting
April 13, 2015
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)**

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

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

Others present: Sue Dowdell, Director of the Library; Fire Chief Jim Trzaski; Jim Galligan, Town Engineer; Charlie Piwonski, Robert Rich; and Luke Marshall, Citizens News.

2. Comments from the Public

Sue Dowdell, Director of the Library, informed the Board that a survey has been sent out regarding The Library Board of Trustees Long Range Planning. They are looking for input from the residents of Beacon Falls on how they would like the direction that the library should take in the upcoming 5 years. She asked that everyone do the survey and share it with others.

C. Bielik asked three times if there were any more public comment and there were none at this time.

3. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

The three members reviewed the minutes from the three meetings held in February 2015.

Motion to accept the three meeting minutes held in February 2015 as submitted for tonight's meeting: **Betkoski/Sorrentino; no discussion; all ayes.**

Motion to rearrange the agenda so that Agenda Items 16a-f becomes Agenda Item 4a-f and Agenda Items 17a-c becomes Agenda Item 5a-c, moving the rest of the agenda items down accordingly: Sorrentino/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

4. Old Business

a. Robert Rich – A Space Center Self Storage – Request for Fee Waiver

C. Bielik informed the Board that he has asked the Zoning clerk to research back in the records to see if anything could be found regarding what, if any, fees were paid by Robert Rich. The clerk was unable to find anything in regards to this request.

R. Rich indicated that he paid the fees, which were about \$500.00 but cannot find any records of the payment. R. Rich had paid the application fees when he applied for his project but never applied for an extension and now the application has expired. R. Rich reminded the Board that he does donate storage units to the police department for free of charge, as well as help the community.

D. Sorrentino indicated that he would like to ask the members of Planning & Zoning polled as to their opinion on this matter. C. Bielik asked to have this decision deferred until the next scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting on May 11, 2015, in order to poll the P&Z members and get their opinions. C. Bielik thanked R. Rich for his patience and for what he does for the town.

b. Audible Cross Walk – South Main Street/Burton Road

C. Bielik indicated that he has spoken with the company regarding the audible cross walk system. There are the last of the hardware that are about 2 weeks out for delivery as indicated on his 03/31/2015 conversation with the company. It should start by the end of the month.

c. Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Municipal Budget – Update

The Board of Finance has finalized the budget document that will go to a Public Hearing which has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at Woodland Regional High School starting at 7:00 P.M.

d. Nutmeg Network – Update

C. Bielik indicated that someone from FiberTech spoke with Seth Reitcher in regarding to the fiber optics that are needed for the Nutmeg Network. They are looking at a date of June 30, 2015

e. Beacon Heights Landfill – Discussion

P. Betkoski and Jim Galligan had attended a meeting at the Coalition. It was discussed about receiving a larger share regarding the leachate runoffs from the landfill. Currently, the town receives \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons for runoffs which was set back in 1996.

f. General Fund Transfer Resolution

C. Bielik indicated that there will be a Town Meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2015, starting at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Assembly Room to vote on the General Fund Transfer Resolution

C. Bielik indicated that he would entertain a motion to add Charlie Piwonski to the agenda as Agenda Item 4g.

Motion to add Charlie Piwonski to tonight's agenda as Agenda Item 4g: Sorrentino/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

g. Pent Road Property Owned by Charlie Piwonski – Update

C. Piwonski was present at tonight's meeting to get an update as to his proposal to the Board of Selectmen on purchasing his property held on Pent Road. C. Bielik asked if he could defer the decision until the next Board of Selectmen meeting scheduled to be held on May 11, 2015 in order to get a better handle as to where the town is after the budget season.

5. New Business

a. Winter Brothers Trash/Recycling – Presentation

The representative was unable to attend the meeting tonight to give the presentation. C. Bielik noted that the town is looking into adapt a program where the trash collection would go from one drive/worker to only one driver and an automated truck. It is an opportunity for savings for the town.

b. Burton Road Presentation (was amended from Town Hall Parking Lot – Presentation)

Jim Galligan, the Town Engineer, presented a plan for the repaving of Burton Road. He explained the process of the reclaiming the existing pavement as well as using heat in place reclaiming.

c. Vote on Resolution of Endorsement and Authorization

C. Bielik read the resolution to the Board and indicated that he would entertain a motion to approve the resolution.

Motion to approve the Resolution of Endorsement and Authorization as presented at tonight's meeting: Sorrentino/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

d. Revision to Town Ordinance regarding Biannual Elections for the Town Treasurer

C. Bielik indicated that the Town Treasurer found an error in the statement of the ordinance regarding Biannual Elections for the Town Treasurer. The correction should be stated as Section 7-80.

Motion to accept the change to the Ordinance to have it state Section 7-80: Betkoski/Sorrentino; no discussion; all ayes.

6. Resident Trooper/Police Report

Motion to accept the report submitted by the Resident Trooper/State Police for tonight's meeting: Sorrentino/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

7. Wastewater Treatment Plant Report

Motion to accept the report submitted by the Wastewater Treatment Plant for tonight's meeting: Betkoski/Sorrentino; no discussion; all ayes.

8. Report of Public Works

Motion to accept the report submitted by the Public Works for tonight's meeting: Sorrentino/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

9. Report of the Fire Marshal

Motion to accept the report submitted by the Fire Marshall for tonight's meeting: Betkoski/Sorrentino; discussion was by C. Bielik indicating that Laurel Ledge is on track to be finished for the beginning of the school year 2015-2016; all ayes.

10. Report of the Finance Manager

The Finance Manager was not present at tonight's meeting.

Motion to accept the report submitted by the Finance Manager for tonight's meeting and submit it to the Board of Finance for their next meeting:
Sorrentino/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

11. Report of the Tax Collector

The Tax Collector was not present at tonight's meeting.

Motion to accept the report submitted by the Tax Collector for tonight's meeting and submit it to the Board of Finance for their next meeting: **Betkoski/Sorrentino; no discussion; all ayes.**

12. Report of the Town Treasurer

The Town Treasurer was not present at tonight's meeting.

Motion to accept the report submitted by the Town Treasurer for tonight's meeting and submit it to the Board of Finance for their next meeting: **Sorrentino/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.**

13. Report of the Town Clerk

Motions to accept the report submitted by the Town Clerk for tonight's meeting and submit it to the Board of Finance for their next meeting: **Betkoski/Sorrentino; no discussion; all ayes.**

14. Report of the Library

Sue Dowdell is present at tonight's meeting if the Selectmen have any questions regarding the Library Report.

Motion to accept the report submitted by the Library for tonight's meeting:
Sorrentino/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

15. Report of the Fire Department

Chief Trzaski was present at tonight's meeting if the Selectmen have any questions regarding the Fire Department Report.

Motion to accept the report submitted by the Fire Department for tonight's meeting:
Sorrentino/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

16. Any Other Reports

a. Report of the Custodian

Motion to accept the report submitted by the Custodian for tonight's meeting: Betkoski/Sorrentino; no discussion; all ayes.

b. Report of the Town Nurse

Motion to accept the report submitted by the Town Nurse for tonight's meeting: Sorrentino/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

17. Reading of Correspondence

18. Appointments

There were no appointments made at tonight's meeting..

19. Budget Transfer Requests

A budget transfer request from Beacon Falls Library in regards to the budge line item for part time employees has been overextended with the resignation of Sheri Garcia and the additional hours by the part time staff. The full time budget line item is under with S. Garcia's maternity leave and resignation. A \$2,000 request from the budget line item from full time employees to the part time employees is requested to cover the hours of the part time staff.

Motion to request a budget transfer request in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Line Item 10-90-69-1010, Wages - Full Time to Line Item 10-90-69-1019, Wages - Part Time: Betkoski/Sorrentino; no discussion; all ayes.

20. Comments from the Public

Sue Dowdell, 32 Wolfe Avenue, forgot to include in her report of the Library that they have been working with the new webmaster.

Also, she would like to note and commend all the work that Officer Obar has been doing for the town and for the families in need by getting donations and helping the families.

C. Bielik asked three times if there were any public comments and there were none.

21. Executive Session – If Needed

The Board of Selectmen entered into Executive Session at 9:05 PM and came out of Executive Session at 9:09 PM.

a. Personnel

22. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, C. Bielik asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting.

Motion to adjourn tonight's Board of Selectmen meeting at 9:09 P.M.:
Sorrentino/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Board of Selectmen