

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



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monthly Meeting  
July 6, 2015  
MINUTES  
(Subject to Revision)**

**1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag**

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

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

Others present: Sue Dowdell, Director of the Library; Mike Krenesky, Town Treasurer; Mike Opuszynski, Chairman of Land Use Committee; Mike Yamin, Region 16 Superintendent of Schools; Joe Rodorigo, Board of Finance; Luke Marshall, Citizens News; and 3 members of the public.

**2. Comments from the Public**

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

**3. Regional School District No. 16 – Surplus – Discussion – Superintendent Michael Yamin.**

Mike Yamin was present to discuss the Surplus for Region 16.

**4. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting**

The three members reviewed the minutes from the two meetings held in June 2015 – regular meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> and special meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

At this time, Mike Opuszynski was present at the meeting and the Board of Selectmen expressed their condolences for the loss of M. Opuszynski's aunt.

**5. 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.

**6. Wastewater Treatment Plant Report**

There was no report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant submitted for tonight's meeting.

**7. Report of Public Works**

C. Bielik noted that the bulky waste had a good attendance. P. Betkoski noted that the department has been doing a great job with the skeleton crew.

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

**8. Report of the Fire Marshal**

Motion to accept the report submitted by the Fire Marshall for tonight's meeting: Betkoski/Sorrentino; discussion by C. Bielik indicating that he accompanied the Fire Marshall during an inspection and they are working very hard to complete the project by the deadline; all ayes.

**9. Report of the Finance Manager**

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

It was noted that there were no reconciliations this week since the meeting was a week earlier than normal. The reconciliations will be available for the Board of Finance meeting next week.

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.

#### **10. Report of the Tax Collector**

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

There was no report from the Tax Collector submitted for tonight's meeting.

#### **11. Report of the Town Treasurer**

The Town Treasurer was present at tonight's meeting.

M. Krenesky noted that he is working with T. Broesler on the fund balance. A report showing the different distribution at the different rate options was presented to the Board. The CD's were laddered and there are 5 different scenarios. The amount of the fund balance used was \$2,000,000 and the town must keep some of the money available for bond purpose.

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.

#### **12. Report of the Town Clerk**

Motions to accept the monthly report and yearly report as 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.

#### **13. Report of the Library**

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

S. Dowdell indicated that they have been very busy and she was unable to finish the report for tonight's meeting.

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

#### **14. Report of the Fire Department**

The Board of Selectmen passed along their congratulations to the wonderful carnival that the fire house had in June. The figures are not in as of yet but it appeared to be a very successful and enjoyable event.

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

## **15. Any Other Reports**

### **a. Report of the Custodian**

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

### **b. Report of the Town Nurse**

There was a Safety Committee meeting and the Town Nurse provided training.

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

### **c. Report of the Animal Control Officer**

There was no report from the Animal Control Officer submitted for tonight's meeting.

## **16. Correspondence**

1. There were five letters received from Sam Posick. One from June 10<sup>th</sup> addressed to the Town Engineering. One from June 10<sup>th</sup> addressed to C. Bielik. One dated 06/15/2015 addressed to the State Marshall. One dated June 17<sup>th</sup> addressed to the Town Clerk. One addressed to the Inland Wetland Enforcement Officer regarding Toby's Pond. The Town's Land Use Attorney sent a letter to Sam Posick and there has been no response by S. Posick.

2. There was a letter from June 10, 2015 from Andreea Ionescu, one of the Melbourne Trust Scholarship winners, thanking the Board for the award of the scholarship to her. C. Bielik read the letter to the Board.

3. There was a letter from the Town of Oxford Inland Wetland Commission informing the town of Beacon Falls of a sediment spill on Jenny Road that may be going into Matthies Park.

4. There was a letter dated June 24, 2015 from the Beacon Hose Company No. 1 thanking everyone for their support of the carnival.

5. There was a request of reimbursement from the Tax Collector for lien releases in the amount of \$764.00

Motion to pay the Tax Collector the amount of \$764.00 for lien releases:  
**Sorrentino/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.**

6. A letter dated June 24, 2015 was received from the Give Local indicated that there was almost \$820,000 that was raised and The Friends of the Library raised \$641.00 during the campaign.

7. A letter was received regarding the expiration of the State Trooper contract. The contract will be extending one month at the current rates and billed at the current rate. The expiration of the current contract is June 30, 2015 and when there will be a retroactive bill going back one month.

8. A letter from the Senior Center president was received indicated that there is a gentlemen from town that goes to dialysis and the town vehicle does not have air conditioning. She wanted to make sure that there were no objections from the Board in doing this. She will be reimbursed the standard mileage rate of \$0.57 ½ per mile.

9. An email dated June 29, 2105 was received from the Finance Manager regarding a resolution that needs to be voted on by the Board of Selectmen. C. Bielick indicated that the resolution will be addressed under new business.

10. There was an invoice from the Board of Selectmen's clerk that was submitted for payment at tonight's meeting. C. Bielick indicated that he would entertain a motion to approve payment on the dated June 8, 2015 for \$80.00.

Motion to approve payment on the three invoices as submitted by the clerk for tonight's meeting: **Sorrentino/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.**

## **17. Old Business**

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

Robert Rich was not present at tonight's meeting.

### **b. Fuel Cell Project – Update**

### **c. Road Bond Package – Update**

**d. Municipal Trash Pick-up – Update**

**e. Landfill Leachate Agreement – Update**

**18. New Business**

**a. Vote on the following resolution:**

**That First Selectman, Christopher J. Bielik, is empowered and authorized to execute and deliver in the name of the Town of Beacon Falls, a contract with the Connecticut State Library, State of Connecticut, for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant.**

Motion to accept the resolution as read by C. Bielik regarding the Connecticut State Library: **Sorrentino/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.**

**b. Non-Union Personnel – Wage Increases – Notification – Discussion/Vote**

T. Broesler indicated via an email that a Board of Selectmen resolution was needed to approve the wage increases per the union contract effective June 29<sup>th</sup> and for all other persons considered Town Hall employees to receive a raise of 2.5%.

Motion to accept the resolution for the wage increase for non-union personnel and for all other persons considered Town Hall employees: **Sorrentino/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.**

**c. Vote on the following resolution:**

**Be it RESOLVED that Christopher J. Bielik, First Selectman of the Town of Beacon Falls, is authorized to sign the LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION and any associated agreements between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Beacon Falls for Beacon Valley Road over Beacon Hill Brook, Bridge No. 05364.**

Motion to accept the resolution for the Local Bridge Program for Bridge No. 05364: **Sorrentino/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.**

**19. Appointment**

Motion to reappoint John Betkoski and Kristine Trzaski to the Economic Development Commission: **Sorrentino/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.**

Motion to appoint following names for the Safety Committee – Peter J. Betkoski, Christopher J. Bielik, Peter J. Colon, James Gracy, Leonard C. Greene, Susan C. Mis, Walter Opuszynski, Robert Pruzinsky, Joseph C. Rodorigo, Edgar Rodriguez, Steven Ruhl, Dominick S. Sorrentino, and Margaret F. Trzaski:  
**Betkoski/Sorrentino; no discussion; all ayes.**

## **20. Budget Transfer Requests**

The budget transfer request was from the Public Works Department on behalf of the Parks Department and submitted by Rob Pruzinsky. The request comes from an emergency repair to the backflow valve.

Motion to request a budget transfer as follows and submit to the Board of Finance for their next meeting:

The amount of \$500.00 to be transferred from Line Item 10-90-71-1550, Tools and Equipment, to Line Item 10-90-71-1855, Grounds Maintenance.

The amount of \$810.00 to be transferred from Line Item 10-90-71-1815, Spray, Fertilizer/Clay, to Line Item 10-90-71-1855, Grounds Maintenance.

The amount of \$900.00 to be transferred from Line Item 10-90-71-1820, Sanitation Facilities, to Line Item 10-90-71-1855, Grounds Maintenance.

**Sorrentino/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.**

## **21. Comments from the Public**

Sue Dowdell, 32 Wolfe Avenue, asked if there is a Zoning Officer has been hired as of yet and C. Bielik indicated that one has not been hired. S. Dowdell then asked about the use of the Senior Center and why is the kitchen not included in the use. C. Bielik indicated that he will check into that since he doesn't know why the kitchen cannot be used when the Senior Center is being used for a special event.

M. Krenesky, 22 Maple Avenue, noted his concern of personnel use of a vehicle for town use. C. Bielik indicated that this has been looked into and it is covered. M. Krenesky asked about the water main that runs through Highland Avenue and why it is not being addressed in the bond project. The pipe is old and should be considered to be replaced if the road is being torn up for repairs. D. Sorrentino indicated that J. Galligan is investigating the old pipe and water main.

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

## **22. Executive Session – If Needed**

There was no Executive Session at tonight's meeting.

## **23. 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 8:58 P.M.:  
**Sorrentino/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo  
Clerk, Board of Selectmen