

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



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Special Meeting
January 20, 2016
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)**

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

Members Present: First Selectman Chris Bielik, Selectman Peter Betkoski, and Selectman Mike Krenesky

Others present: Joe Rodorigo, Board of Finance; Atty. Fred Stanek, Town Atty.; and Bill Corvo and Andrew Corvo, Beacon Falls Energy Park LLC

2. Tax Stabilization Agreement with Beacon Falls Energy Park LLC: Discussion and Possible Action – Discussion may be held in Executive Session if necessary

C. Bielik indicated that the attorneys for the Beacon Falls Energy Park LLC and the town of Beacon Falls crafted the tax stabilization agreement. C. Bielik asked Atty. Stanek noted that the town has the authority to enter into this agreement. C. Bielik introduced Bill Corvo of the Beacon Falls Energy Park LLC. Bill Corvo indicated that the reason to work with the town on this project is that it is critically important since they will be submitting their project into a highly competitive request for proposal being offered by Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. All of the renewable projects from all of these three states as well as New York, Massachusetts, and New Jersey can bid into this. B. Corvo noted that the project is permitted and 80% engineered which decreases the risk factor. B. Corvo also noted that the project will be paying sales tax to the State of Connecticut and property tax to the Town of Beacon Falls. Their intent is, with O & G having a great footprint here, and they are going to make the town better.

C. Bielik indicated that the Board of Selectmen has seen all the paperwork that has been coming through for a while. From the legal standpoint, the verbiage is very important and has been reviewed by the town attorney. It has been found to be acceptable. C. Bielik asked if the Selectmen had any questions and P. Betkoski noted that he wanted to verify that Atty. Stanek reviewed the agreement and finds it acceptable. M. Krenesky asked about the first payment as indicated on Schedule A. It is less than what it was started at. B. Corvo indicated that the payment schedule starts there which is the acquisition of the property. They took the value of the property, took 70%, and applied the mil rate against it. The date that they used was October 1st which is the property assessment date used for the Grand List and is meant to be flexible.

C. Bielik also indicated that Elena Cahill of Globele was contracted and reviewed the documents on behalf of the town of Beacon Falls. C. Bielik asked for a motion in regards to the agreement.

Motion to move that the Tax Stabilization Agreement between the Town of Beacon Falls and Beacon Falls Energy Park LLC for an approximately 63.3 megawatt fuel cell park to be located on approximately 25 acres of land within the Town of Beacon Falls be approved, and that First Selectman Christopher J. Bielik is hereby authorized to sign the Tax Stabilization Agreement on behalf of the Town of Beacon Falls: **Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.**

3. Public Works Maintainer/Mechanic Position Description – Possible Discussion and Vote

P. Betkoski reviewed the job description and feels that the CDL license should be held by the person. P. Betkoski asked if this is the 7th person and C. Bielik indicated that they are required to post the position within first based on the union contract. P. Betkoski asked if there is a dollar amount on the position and C. Bielik noted that his recommendation is that this item is put on the February agenda in order for the Board to review the budget.

Motion to postpone any action and add this item onto the February agenda: **Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.**

4. Melbourne Trust Scholarships for Woodland Regional High School – Discussion and Vote

C. Bielik indicated that a letter was received from Woodland Regional High School in regards to the Melbourne Trust Scholarships. There are two scholarships that are awarded each in the amount of \$500.00 to Woodland Regional High School. C. Bielik reminded the Board that the \$10,000 base could not be touched and that an award of \$1,000 was voted on from the discretionary part of the trust to be awarded to the family of Olivia Klanatek to help with medical costs.

Motion to award two \$500.00 scholarships from the Melbourne Trust Fund for this scholarship year for Woodland High School: **Krenesky/Betkoski**; discussion was by M. Krenesky asking if this Board or the high school selects the candidates and C. Bielik indicated that the high schools chooses, not this Board; **all ayes.**

5. 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 special meeting at 7:24 P.M.: **Betkoski/Krenesky**; no discussion; **all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Board of Selectmen