

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



BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Special Meeting
February 16, 2016
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M.

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

Others present: Adam Burkitt and Jeff Burkitt from Jordan Energy; and Luke Marshall from Citizens News

2. Comments from the Public

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

3. Public Works – Maintainer/Mechanic – Job Description – Discussion and Possible Action

C. Bielik distributed a copy of the contract that has the crew leader position broken out since the Board had discussed the position descriptions and pay scales. C. Bielik indicated that the difference in pay between a Maintainer 1 and the Crew Leader is \$1.31 an hour. This is based on the current contract year that will go into effect July 1, 2016. It will increase in 2017 under the contract up to \$1.34 an hour.

C. Bielik indicated that the language needed to be ironed out as far as the *description of the position*. P. Betkoski thought was that the Board should act on this position sooner rather than later. C. Bielik suggested that if the Board votes on an action tonight, they should adopt the position description with the recommended change as presented at the last Board of Selectmen meeting and that they engage the union for a pay increase up to, but not exceeding, the contractual limit for the crew leader position. P. Betkoski asked if this position will stay in-house and C. Bielik indicated that the intent at this time is to seek internal qualified candidates.

After a brief discussion, C. Bielik indicated that he would entertain a motion in regards to posting the Mechanic/Maintainer position and engage with the union.

Motion to have the Board of Selectmen vote on adopting the position description with the amended change from the last Board of Selectmen meeting, and that the position is advertised and posted in-house only with a salary ceiling, not to exceed the July 1, 2015 contractual limits for the Crew Leader position that are in the current Public Works contract: **Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.**

4. Jordan Energy Solar Project – Discussion and Possible Action

C. Bielik introduced Adam Burkitt from Jordan Energy. A. Burkitt presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board. Jordan Energy has done a detailed layout that is ready for submission. Jordan Energy would be installing their own transformer. C. Bielik asked about the project moving forward is contingent on funding by the state for the virtual net metering program. A. Burkitt indicated that that is correct and explained virtual net metering. A. Burkitt noted that the winning bid to Beacon Falls for the submission was a price of \$42.78 for the ZREC pricing.

C. Bielik asked for the time frame that Jordan was looking at for the approval and signing of the proposal by the Board. A. Burkitt indicated that they were hoping to have the interconnection submitted to Eversource by February 28, 2016. C. Bielik indicated that he will talk to the town attorney and have everything reviewed in order to meet that date for Jordan Energy. A. Burkitt asked if something could be approved in order for Jordan Energy to move on the PPA and continue to spend money.

C. Bielik indicated that he would entertain a motion to agree to move forward on the project.

Motion to approve moving forward with the Power Purchase Agreement, pending legal review, and with the understanding that the funding for the Virtual Net Metering program by the State of Connecticut is required for completion: **Krenesky/Betkoski; no discussion; 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 7:49 P.M.:
Betkoski/Krenesky; *no discussion*; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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