

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



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Special Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2016  
(Subject to Revision)**

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

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at 5:26 with the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Others present: Jim Tucciarone, Atty Bucci, Atty Hodgson, and 11 members of the public

**2. Review of Building Official Investigation Report**

C. Bielik asked J. Tucciarone if he wished to enter into Executive Session for the review of the Building Official Investigation Report. On behalf of Mr. Tucciarone, Atty Bucci responded that the purpose of the meeting was not to review the investigation report but to consider Mr. Tucciarone's possible termination of employment and wished to conduct this as a public hearing so Mr. Tucciarone may be allowed to defend himself.

Atty. Bucci noted that specific reasons for dismissal must be given and according to the First Selectman's letter dated 10/6/16 the reasons for dismissal had nothing to do with his performance but rather potential record keeping improprieties.

Atty. Bucci quoted CT State Statute 29-260 and noted that there were no known Beacon Falls provisions that would conflict with the State statutes. He added that when Mr. Tucciarone was appointed as the interim Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) he received no official appointment letter outlining his hours, pay or responsibilities but was a verbal agreement. This led to confusion about his duties.

Atty. Bucci explained that Mr. Tucciarone tried to separate his hours as Building Inspector and ZEO on his timesheet. The Finance Manager was interviewed during

the investigation and said he doesn't review timesheets and wasn't aware of any discrepancies.

C. Bielik stated that during time served as both Building Inspector and ZEO Mr. Tucciarone never approached him for guidance. Mr. Tucciarone disagreed.

Atty. Bucci asked who was Mr. Tucciarone's supervisor. C. Bielik stated that ultimately he was responsible for every town employee.

C. Bielik questioned the overlapping times noted on the two timecards Mr. Tucciarone submitted and should not be paid for performing two separate jobs at the same time.

C. Bielik stated he contacted the Planning & Zoning Commission and asked how Mr. Tucciarone was performing as ZEO and P&Z was satisfied with his performance.

### **3. Final Discussion of Building Official Investigation Report/Possible Action**

C. Bielik called for a motion to deliberate in Executive Session: Betkoski/Krenesky;

Atty. Bucci objected to the Board of Selectmen going into Executive Session and requested the meeting remain in public session.

C. Bielik noted the previous motion to go into Executive Session was not passed. He confirmed that deliberation will continue in public session and asked the other selectmen if there was any further discussion or were they ready to vote on a decision. No further discussion, voting to proceed.

Motion to retain Jim Tucciarone as the Beacon Falls Building Inspector:  
**Krenesky/Betkoski**, all aye. (3-0)

### **4. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn tonight's Board of Selectmen meeting at 5:56 P.M.:  
**Krenesky/Betkoski**; no discussion; all aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Melville  
Temporary Clerk for the Board of Selectmen