

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



BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Special Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2017
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at 12:35 P.M.

Members Present: First Selectman Chris Bielik, Selectman Mike Krenesky and 2 members of the public

Members Absent: Peter Betkoski

2. Board/Commission Clerk Compensation - Discussion/Possible Action

First Selectman Bielik explained this item was on the January 9 Board of Selectmen meeting agenda and a vote was made which was based on lack of information, however, further research found more information to clarify the board/commission clerk compensation.

Motion to rescind the motion made at the January 9, 2017 Board of Selectmen meeting to set the hourly rate of pay for all the Boards/Commission clerks at \$16.00 and a meeting rate of \$35.00 retroactive as of 01/01/2017: Krenesky/Bielik; no discussion; all aye.

C. Bielik stated the issue will be on the February Board of Selectmen agenda.

M. Krenesky noted that the Board of Selectmen has the authority to make policy and supersede an existing policy .

3. Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Funding - Discussion /Possible Action

C. Bielik noted that at the January 9, 2017 Board of Selectmen meeting the issue of making notional upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant was discussed. He commented that the Board of Selectmen has to start the funding process and can

request the Board of Finance to set a date for town meeting for the appropriation of funds.

Motion for the Board of Selectmen to request the Board of Finance take under consideration using up to \$500,000 from the general fund for upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant: **Bielik/Krenesky**; no discussion; all aye.

4. Budget Transfer from Ice Rescue Suits to Equipment Maintenance: \$2,368

The budget transfer approved at the January 9, 2017 Board of Selectmen meeting from Fire Dept. Utility Vehicle Purchase, in the amount of \$2,368.00 to Line Item Ice Rescue Suits, in the amount of \$2,368.00 was incorrect as the numbers were transposed. The following motion corrects this error:

Motion to correct the previous motion made at the January 9, 2017 Board of Selectmen meeting and approve the transfer From Line Item 45.90.90.2153, Ice Rescue Suits, in the amount of \$2,368.00 to Line Item 10.90.44.1466, Equipment Maintenance, in the amount of \$2,368.00: **Krenesky/Bielik**; no discussion; all ayes.

C. Bielik explained the excess in the line item was due to a better negotiation made by Fire Chief J. Trzaski.

5. Replacement of the Town Hall Boiler

C. Bielik noted that the town hall boiler was leaking and a contractor looked into repairing the 20-year-oil boiler. M. Krenesky stated he was aware of the leak. C. Bielik explained that there are more robust models available, the current boiler is on borrowed time and it may be economically unfeasible to repair.

Quotes were requested from 3 vendors, it is estimated the work will cost over \$20,000.

Finance Manager T. Broesler researched the Finance Policy Manual and while an expenditure over \$20,000 required approval at a town meeting, since this was an emergency situation, as soon as bids are received a vendor can be selected and the Chairman of the Board of Finance will be notified.

Motion for the Board of Selectmen to authorize the Finance Manager and First Selectman to review bids and select a vendor to replace the town hall boiler in accordance with the Finance Policy Manual and notify the Chairman of the Board of Finance: **Krenesky/Bielik**; Discussion was to ensure the Chairman of the Board of Finance is notified. M. Krenesky asked if an emergency repair was needed before a replacement could be done. C. Bielik noted that he will do what's necessary to keep the Town Hall operating and their options are to replace the oil boiler or transition to a propane system. He added that they were not bound to go with the lowest bidder but rather with the more advantageous option; all ayes.

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen special meeting at 12:55 P.M.:
Krenesky/Bielik; no discussion; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Melville
for
Board of Selectmen

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