

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



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Special Town Meeting
May 31, 2017
(Subject to Revision)**

1. Call to Order/ Pledge to the Flag

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

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

Board of Finance Members Present: Joe Rodorigo, Joe Dowdell, Tom Pratt, Jim Huk, and Marc Bronn

Not present: Brian Ploss, Board of Finance

Registrars of Voters were present in the event that the voting is to be by Paper Ballot.

Others Present: 290 members of the public

2. Purpose for the Town Meeting

To Vote on the Following:

1. Municipal Operating Budget for the Town of Beacon Falls, Connecticut, for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Regional School District No. 16	\$15,121,523
Proposed Town Budget	\$ 7,147,702
Less Revenue Other Than Current Taxes	\$ 6,046,851
TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	\$ 16,222,374

3. Clerk Reads Call

C. Bieliek asked for the temporary clerk to read the call. Marla Scirpo, clerk for the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance, read the Legal Notice for the Town of Beacon Falls, CT, for the Special Town Meeting as posted in the newspaper and as follows:

Please be advised that the Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen will hold a **Special Town Meeting** of the electors and citizens of the Town of Beacon Falls, on **Wednesday, May 31, 2017** beginning at **7:00 P.M.** in the **Laurel Ledge Elementary School Gymnasium, 30 Highland Avenue, Beacon Falls, CT 06403** to **VOTE** on the following:

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Copies of the Proposed 2017/2018 Municipal Operating Budget are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 10 Maple Ave, Beacon Falls, CT and on the town website
http://beaconfallsct.org/Pages/BeaconFallsCT_Bcomm/Finance/20170509ProposedMunicipalBudget.pdf

Dated at Beacon Falls, Connecticut, this 25 day of May 2017.

Motion to accept the call as read by the temporary clerk: Bob Doiron/Joe Rodorigo; *no discussion; all ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.* Chris Bieliek asked for the public to say their answers. There were no voices heard when asked for a nay vote nor when asked for an abstention vote.

4. Nomination of Permanent Clerk for Town Meeting

C. Bieliek asked for a nomination for a permanent clerk for tonight's town meeting. Tom Pratt nominated Marla Scirpo and the nomination was seconded by Helen Mis. C. Bieliek asked three times for any other nominations. There were no other nominations for the permanent clerk and one ballot was cast for Marla Scirpo as the Permanent Clerk for tonight's town meeting.

5. **Nomination of Permanent Moderator for Town Meeting**

M. Scirpo asked for a nomination for a moderator for tonight's town meeting. Tom Pratt nominated Chris Bielik and the nomination was seconded by Joe Dowdell. M. Scirpo asked three times for any other nominations. There were no other nominations for the moderator and one ballot was cast for Chris Bielik as the Permanent Moderator for tonight's town meeting.

6. **Discussion for Method of Voting**

C. Bielik asked for a motion for the method of voting for tonight's town meeting. Fred Smith made a motion for the method of voting to be by Paper Ballot. Tim Goodwin seconded the motion of voting to be by Paper Ballot.

Motion for the method of voting for tonight's town meeting to be by Paper Ballot: Fred Smith/Tim Goodwin; *no discussion*; **ayes, 2 nays, and 0 abstentions.** Chris Bielik asked for the public to say their answers. There were two people who answered when asked for a nay vote and no one when asked for an abstention vote.

C. Bielik indicated the motion passes for voting at tonight's Special Town Meeting to be by Paper Ballot.

7. **Motion to Move the Call to Vote**

C. Bielik asked for a motion to be made to move the call to vote.

Motion to move the call to vote: Gerry Smith/Gary Komarowsky; *no discussion*; **all ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.** Chris Bielik asked for the public to say their answers. There were no voices heard when asked for a nay vote nor when asked for an abstention vote.

C. Bielik indicated the motion passes for moving the call to vote.

At 7:18 PM, the Members of the Public were asked to line up according to their street name, with their ID's, and the Registrars of Voters will verify the members and give a Paper Ballot to the person.

At 8:36 PM, Chris Bielik indicated that the Paper Ballots had been tallied by the Registrars of Voters.

8. Final Vote on the Municipal Operating Budget for the Town of Beacon Falls, CT, for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018

C. Bielik indicated that Proposed Municipal Operating Budget for the Town of Beacon Falls, CT, for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 **failed** with a vote of 90Yes and 200 No.

9. Adjournment

With completion of the voting, C. Bielik asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting.

Motion to adjourn tonight's Board of Selectmen Special Town meeting at 8:37 PM:Joe Rodorigo/Sheryl Feducia;no discussion;all aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Board of Selectmen