

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



BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Special Meeting Minutes
December 22, 2017
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the special meeting to order at 11:50 A.M.

Members Present: First Selectman Chris Bielik, Selectman Peter Betkoski (via telephone), and Selectman Mike Krenesky

Others present: Jim Carroll

2. Legislative Special Act of 1949 Board of Finance Vacancy Fill Process - Discussion and Possible Action

C. Bielik discussed the background on how towns without charters rely on state statutes and local ordinances. The statutes give authority to fill Board of Finance vacancies to remaining members of Board of Finance. The Special Act of 1949 gives the Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen that authority.

P. Betkoski commented that he had no strong feeling about which system would be better or less political.

M. Krenesky stated there was politics involved no matter how we proceed. He saw no problem in taking on wording the proposed question to the townspeople for their take.

C. Bielik asked Jim Carroll, newest appointed BOF member who had served previously on the City of Milford BOF, how they did it.

J. Carroll responded the Board of Aldermen discussed with the Mayor and appointed, BOF was not involved in the process.

C. Bielik noted he has discussed with town attorney Fred Stanek whose opinion was that the town ordinance could be modified to have the Board of Selectmen take recommendations from the Town Committee of the party who put up the

candidate for election and have the BOS act on that recommendation and stay within the guidelines of the Special Act of 1949. F. Stanek can assist with preparation.

Motion to include the following proposed question for discussion at the Public Hearing and vote at the Town Meeting on January 3, 2018: " Shall the Town of Beacon Falls request that the Connecticut General Assembly take legislative action to rescind the portion of the special act of 1949 regarding filling vacancies on the Board of Finance, and adopt the process provided for under Connecticut State Statute Chapter 106 Section 7-343?": **Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion, all aye, 3-0.**

3. **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, C. Bielik asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen special meeting at 12:05 P.M.: **Betkoski/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Melville
Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman