

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



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Special Town Meeting
July 6, 2015
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)**

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

Members Present: First Selectman Chris Bielik, Selectman Dom Sorrentino, and Selectman Peter Betkoski

Others Present: Jim Galligan, Town Engineer, and 27 members of the public

2. Purpose for the Town Meeting

To Consider and Act Upon a Resolution:

(a) to appropriate \$2,100,000 for costs in connection with various road and related storm water drainage improvements including reconstruction of all or any portion of the following roads as determined by the Town Engineer: Burton Road, Noe Place, and Highland Avenue, which may without limitation include reclaiming and repaving of roadway systems, replacement of catch basin tops, installation of new catch basins, storm drainage piping, curbing, guide rails, driveway aprons, landscaping and restoration; and related work, improvements, equipment and appurtenances. The appropriations may be spent for design, acquisition, installation, and construction, appurtenances, equipment, materials, engineering and inspection fees and costs, landscaping restoration, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other costs related to the project;

(b) to authorize the issue bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000 to finance the appropriation for the project; to provide that the amount of bonds or notes authorized shall be reduced by the amount of grants received for the project and not separately appropriated to pay additional project costs; and to authorize the issue temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000 in anticipation of such bonds or notes and the receipt of project grants; and to authorize a majority of the Selectmen and the Treasurer of the Town to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form, and other details of the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes;

(c) to take such action to allow temporary advances of available funds which the Town reasonably expects will be reimbursed from the proceeds of borrowings; to authorize a majority of the Selectmen and the Treasurer to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by the resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years; and to authorize a majority of the Selectmen and the Treasurer to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes; and

(d) to authorize the First Selectman, or other proper officers or officials of the Town, to apply for and accept grants on behalf of the Town to defray the appropriation for the project; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman, the Treasurer and other proper officers and officials of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds or notes and obtain grants to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

3. Clerk Reads Call

C. Bielik asked for the temporary clerk to read the call. Marla Scirpo, clerk for the Board of Selectmen, read the legal notice for the Town of Beacon Falls for the Special Town Meeting as posted in the newspaper.

Motion to accept the call as read by the temporary clerk: **Joe Rodorigo/Bob Doiron; no discussion; 26 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.** Chris Bielik, Peter Betkoski, and Dominick Sorrentino acted as the counters for the voting process by show of hands.

4. Nomination of Permanent Clerk for Town Meeting

C. Bielik asked for a nomination for a permanent clerk for tonight's town meeting. Joe Rodorigo nominated Marla Scirpo and the nomination was seconded by Mike Krenesky. C. Bielik 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. Bob Doiron nominated Chris Bielik and the nomination was seconded by Helen Mis. 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. Bob Doiron made a motion for the method of voting by show of hands. Eve Melninkaitin seconded the motion of voting by showing of hands.

Motion for the method of voting for tonight's town meeting to be by showing of hands: **B. Doiron/E. Melninkaitin; no discussion; 27 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.** Chris Bielik, Peter Betkoski, and Dominick Sorrentino acted as the counters for the voting process by show of hands.

C. Bielik indicated the motion passes for voting at tonight's Special Town Meeting to be by show of hands.

7. Motion to Move the Call to Vote

After a brief informational explanation and questions from the public, C. Bielik asked for a motion to be made to move the call to vote.

Motion to move the call to vote: **Bob Doiron/Joe Rodorigo; no discussion; 27 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.** Chris Bielik, Peter Betkoski, and Dominick Sorrentino confirmed the voices heard.

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

8. Vote In Favor of Accepting the Resolution as Read in the Call

With voting by show of hands, C. Bielik indicated that the resolution passed with a vote of 24 ayes, 2 nays, and 1 abstention. Chris Bielik, Peter Betkoski and Dominick Sorrentino confirmed the voices heard.

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 7:02 P.M.: **Mike Krenesky/Joe Rodorigo; no discussion; all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Board of Selectmen