

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



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Special Town Meeting
June 8 2016
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)**

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

2. Purpose for the Town Meeting

A special town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Beacon Falls, Connecticut, was held in the auditorium of Woodland Regional High School, 135 Back Rimmon Road, Beacon Falls, Connecticut, on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To consider and act upon a resolution,

(a) to appropriate \$850,000 for costs related to acquisition of a 75-foot quintuple combination pumper (“quint”) fire truck and related equipment for use by Beacon Hose Company No. 1 Volunteer Fire Department, and for related bond and note issuance and other financing costs. The appropriation may be spent for acquisition and delivery costs, equipment, consultants’ fees, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other costs related to the project; and

(b) to authorize the issue bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$850,000 to finance the appropriation for the project; and to authorize the issue temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$850,000 in anticipation of such bonds or notes; 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.

2. To consider and act upon a resolution,

(a) to appropriate \$110,000 for costs related to acquisition of a Ford F-550 truck with plow and sander for use by the Town Public Works Department, and for related bond and note issuance and other financing costs. The appropriation may be spent for acquisition and delivery costs, equipment, consultants' fees, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other costs related to the project; and

(b) to authorize the issue bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 to finance the appropriation for the project; and to authorize the issue temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 in anticipation of such bonds or notes; 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.

3. To consider and act upon a resolution,

(a) to appropriate \$130,000 for costs related to acquisition of two Ford Explorers and related equipment for use by the Beacon Falls Police Department, and for related bond and note issuance and other financing costs. The appropriation may be spent for acquisition and deliver costs, equipment, consultants' fees, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other costs related to the project; and

(b) to authorize the issue bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$130,000 to finance the appropriation for the project; and to authorize the issue temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$130,000 in anticipation of such bonds or notes; 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.

4. To consider and act upon a resolution,

(a) to appropriate \$120,000 for costs related to acquisition of a boom tractor and attachments for use by the Town Public Works Department, and for related bond and note issuance and other financing costs. The appropriation may be spent for acquisition and delivery costs, equipment, consultants' fees, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other costs related to the project; and

(b) to authorize the issue bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 to finance the appropriation for the project; and to authorize the issue temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 in anticipation of such bonds or notes;

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.

5. To consider and act upon a resolution,

(a) to appropriate \$80,000 for costs related to the issuance of bonds or notes and temporary notes to finance all or a portion of the aggregate \$1,210,000 proposed capital project appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 referred to in items 1 through 4, inclusive, of this notice, and to pay all or a portion of the net interest cost on the Town's \$3,100,000 bond anticipation notes maturing July 28, 2016. The appropriation may be spent for financial advisory fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs and expenses related to the financing of all or a portion of said aggregate \$1,210,000 appropriations; and

(b) to authorize the issue bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 to finance the appropriation for the project; and to authorize the issue temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 in anticipation of such bonds or notes; 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.

Each of the resolutions to be presented under items 1 through 5, inclusive, above shall also:

(a) take action to allow temporary advances of available funds and to declare the official intent of the Town that it reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized for the project; to authorize the authorize a majority of the Selectmen and the Treasurer of the Town to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and 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 to finance the appropriation, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years; and 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

(b) 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, notes and temporary notes to finance the 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 and as indicated in Agenda Item 2 in the Special Town Meeting minutes.

Motion to accept the call as read by the temporary clerk: Len Greene/Jeff D'Amico; no discussion; 81 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. C. Bielik asked for the public to verbally answer aye, nay, or abstain. There were no verbal nays or abstentions.

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 permanent moderator for tonight's town meeting. Joe Rodorigo nominated Chris Bielik and the nomination was seconded by Tom Pratt. M. Scirpo asked three times for any other nominations. There were no other nominations for the permanent 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. Joe Dowdell made a motion for the method of voting by paper ballot. Liz Edwards seconded the motion of voting by showing of hands.

Motion for the method of voting for tonight's town meeting to be by paper ballot: Joe Dowdell/Liz Edwards; no discussion; 81 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions. C. Bielik asked for the public to verbally answer aye, nay, or abstain. There were no verbal nays or abstentions.

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

After a brief informational explanation of the five resolutions as read by the clerk, C. Bielik asked three times if there were any questions or comments from the public and there were none at this time. C. Bielik asked for a motion to be made to move the call to vote.

Motion to move the call to vote: Tom Broesler/Kyle Brennan; no discussion; 81 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. C. Bielik asked for the public to verbally answer aye, nay, or abstain. There were no verbal nays or abstentions.

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

C. Bielik asked that the public vote either yes or no on the paper ballots as supplied by the Registrars, fold the ballots in half, and to place the paper ballots in the locked ballot boxes located in the back of the auditorium, where the Registrars are standing. C. Bielik indicated that the Special Town Meeting will resume after the Registrars have completed tallying the paper ballots.

C. Bielik indicated at 8:05 P.M. that the Special Town Meeting was back in session and the tally of the votes were submitted by the Beacon Falls Registrars.

8. Motion to Consider and Act Upon the Five Resolutions as Read in the Call

C. Bielik indicated that the five Resolutions as read in the call by the permanent clerk passed with the following votes as tallied by the Beacon Falls Registrars.

1. Question 1 - 68 Yes 13 No
2. Question 2 - 67 Yes 13 No
3. Question 3 - 63 Yes 17 No
4. Question 4 - 64 Yes 17 No
5. Question 5 - 64 Yes 17 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 8:06 P.M.: Joe Dowdell/Jack Betkoski; no discussion; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Board of Selectmen