

**Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen
10 Maple Ave.
Beacon Falls, CT 06403**



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Special Town Meeting
November 14, 2016
(Subject to Revision)**

1. Call to Order/ Pledge to the Flag

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

Members present: First Selectman Chris Bielik, Selectman Peter Betkoski, and Selectman Mike Krenesky

Others Present: Luke Marshall, Citizens News and 20 members of the public

2. Purpose for the Town Meeting

To Consider and Vote on the Following:

- 1. Purchase Beacon Hose Utility Vehicle Instead of Leasing - \$36,290**
- 2. Time Clock Equipment & Software – \$10,000**
- 3. Roof Replacement at Pent Road Sugar Shack – \$15,000**
- 4. Roof Replacement at Pent Road Bathrooms –\$5,500**
- 5. Roof Replacement at Senior Center – \$13,500**
- 6. Public Works Garage Doors Widening & Replacement – \$9,000**
- 7. Repair Walls at Public Works Garage – \$15,000**
- 8. Renovate Assessor/Tax Collector's Office – \$14,000**
- 9. Town Hall Landscaping – \$12,000**
- 10. Replace Oil Tank at Wastewater Plant – \$11,000**
- 11. Replace Awnings at Senior Center - \$5,100**

Total Project

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: Doug Bousquet/Walter Opuszynski; *no discussion*; **24 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.** Peter Betkoski and Mike Krenesky 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. Tom Pratt nominated Marla Scirpo and the nomination was seconded by Doug Bousquet. 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. Tom Pratt nominated Chris Bielik and the nomination was seconded by Doug Bousquet. 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. Kevin McDuffie made a motion for the method of voting by show of hands. Doug Bousquet 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: McDuffie/Bousquet; *no discussion*, 24 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions. Peter Betkoski and Mike Krenesky 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 if any members of the public would like a copy of the call as read by the permanent clerk and no one requested a copy of the call as read by the permanent clerk at this time.

C. Bielik asked if there were any questions at this time. Sue Dowdell, 32 Wolfe Avenue, asked about the time clock equipment. C. Bielik noted that the employees hand write their time cards, then the information is put together for payroll. C. Bielik also noted that this is a cumbersome way of recording an employee's time. C. Bielik indicated that there is hardware and software available to bring the town into the 21st Century. The information would be automatically entered into the payroll system. S. Dowdell then asked if the Finance Department would need as many hours and C. Bielik indicated that the Board hasn't considered that yet. C. Bielik also indicated that it would free up some time so the department could do other things. S. Dowdell asked for reasoning of having the time clock biometric and C. Bielik indicated that it is for lessening fraud.

C. Bielik asked three times if there were any further questions, and they 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 Pratt/Kevin McDuffie; discussion was by M. Krenesky asking to clarify that the members of the public were voting on the 11 items in the call as 1 item. C. Bielik indicated that all eleven items that were presented in the call were to be voted on by the members of the public as one item; 23 ayes, 1 nay, 0 abstentions. Peter Betkoski and Mike Krenesky acted as the counters for the voting process by show of hands.

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 eleven items as read in the call and posted in the legal notice dated November 7, 2106 passed with a vote of 23 ayes, 1 nay, and 0 abstentions. Peter Betkoski and Mike Krenesky acted as the counters for the voting process by show of hands.

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 7:17 PM: Kevin McDuffie/Tom Pratt;no discussion; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Board of Selectmen