

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



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Special Town Meeting  
Woodland Regional High School Auditorium  
January 3, 2018  
(Subject to Revision)**

**1. Call to Order/ Pledge to the Flag**

First Selectman Chris Bielik called the Special Town Meeting to order at 8:12 PM.

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

Others Present:, Citizens News and 210 members of the public

**2. Clerk Reads the Call**

C. Bielik asked for the temporary clerk to read the call. Joann Overby, 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.

**LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3, 2018**

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, January 3, 2018** immediately following the 7:00 P.M. Public Hearing in the **Woodland Regional High School Auditorium, 135 Back Rimmon Rd, Beacon Falls, CT 06403** to **VOTE** on the following:

1. Town Clerk Elected Official Status

Shall the Town of Beacon Falls request that the Connecticut General Assembly take legislative action to provide that the position of the Town Clerk shall be filled (hired) by the Board of Selectmen rather than filled by election in the future?

2. Tax Collector Elected Official Status

Shall the Town of Beacon Falls request that the Connecticut General Assembly take legislative action to provide that the position of the Tax Collector shall be filled (hired) by the Board of Selectmen rather than filled by election in the future?

3. Board of Finance Member Vacancy Appointment Process

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?

4. To expend from Unassigned Fund Balance the following amounts:

a.) Town Hall Phone System Upgrades	\$29,000.00
b.) Police and Fire Departments Security Upgrades	\$43,000.00
c.) Fire Department Personal Protection Equipment	\$30,000.00
d.) Fire Department Portable Radios	\$25,000.00

Dated at Beacon Falls, Connecticut, this 22nd day of December 2017.

Christopher J. Bielik, First Selectman  
Peter J. Betkoski, Selectman  
Michael Krenesky, Selectman

**Motion to accept the call as read by the temporary clerk: Rodorigo/Feducia;** no discussion; ALL ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Gary K, and L Green acted as the counters for the voting process by show of hands.

**3. Nomination of Permanent Clerk for Town Meeting**

C. Bielik asked for a nomination for a permanent clerk for tonight's town meeting. Joe R. nominated Joann Overby and the nomination was seconded by Sheryl F. C. Bielik asked three times for any other nominations. There were no other nominations for the permanent clerk and one ballot was cast for Joann Overby as the Permanent Clerk for tonight's special town meeting.

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

J. Overby asked for a nomination for a moderator for tonight's town meeting. Gary K nominated Chris Bielik and the nominations was seconded by Joe R., J. Overby 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 special town meeting.

#### **5. Discussion for Method of Voting**

C. Bielik asked for a motion for the method of voting for tonight's special town meeting. Ned G. made a motion for the method of voting by show of hands vote. Jim H, seconded the motion of voting by showing of hands.

**Motion for the method of voting for tonight's special town meeting to be by Hands:** Ned G/Jim H; no discussion, ALL ayes, 1 nays, and 0 abstentions.

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

#### **6. 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:** Joe R/Ned G; no discussion; ALL ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

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

#### **7. Vote of Item #1 as Read in the Call**

Town Clerk Elected Official Status

Shall the Town of Beacon Falls request that the Connecticut General Assembly take legislative action to provide that the position of the Town Clerk shall be filled (hired) by the Board of Selectmen rather than filled by election in the future?

With voting by Hands C. Bielik indicated that with a vote of **97** ayes, **50** nays, and 1 abstention. Gary K and Len G confirmed the show of hands.

**8. Vote of Item #2 as Read in the Call**

Tax Collector Elected Official Status

Shall the Town of Beacon Falls request that the Connecticut General Assembly take legislative action to provide that the position of the Tax Collector shall be filled (hired) by the Board of Selectmen rather than filled by election in the future?

With voting by Hand, C. Bielik indicated that with a vote of 118 ayes, 48 nays, and 2 abstentions, Gary K and Len G confirmed the show of hands.

**9. Vote of Item #3 as Read in the Call**

Board of Finance Member Vacancy Appointment Process

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?

With voting by hands, C. Bielik indicated that with a vote of 77 ayes, 63 nays, and 1 abstentions. Gary K, and Len G. confirmed the show of hands.

**10. Vote of Item #4 a.) as Read in the Call**

To expend from Unassigned Fund Balance:

Town Hall Phone System Upgrades	\$29,000.00
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With voting by hands, C. Bielik indicated that with a vote of 85 ayes, 95 nays, and 1 abstentions. Gary K and Len G confirmed the show of hands.

**11. Vote of Item #4 b.) as Read in the Call**

To expend from Unassigned Fund Balance:

Police and Fire Departments Security Upgrades	\$43,000.00
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