

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 30, 2015
MINUTES
(Draft Copy – Subject to Revision)**

First Selectman Christopher Bielik called the Special Meeting of the Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen to order at 12:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting was held in the Town Hall Assembly Room.

PRESENT: First Selectman C. Bielik, Selectmen P. Betkoski and D. Sorrentino, J. Dowdell, J. Rodorigo, B. Ploss and Attorney F. Stanek.

Motion by P. Betkoski to authorize litigation and the filing of Freedom of Information Complaints against the Regional School District No. 16 Board of Education, and if necessary, the Town of Prospect regarding the sale of Community School located at 12 Center Street, Prospect, CT by the Regional School District No. 16 of Education to the Town of Prospect. Motion 2nd by D. Sorrentino.

Discussion:

-C. Bielik opened the floor to discussion with Town Attorney F. Stanek and those members of the Board of Finance who were present.

-Attorney Stanek advised he and his firm are researching statutes and case law to determine the best course of action.

-J. Rodorigo provided background on the likely process to be used by the Board of Education and Prospect to complete the sale.

-B. Ploss stated he had attended Wednesday's Board of Education meeting and that Mayor Chatfield stated he wants to expedite the process.

-J. Dowdell asked what the first steps should be.

-Attorney Stanek stated first would be determining grounds to file an FOI Complaint, then determining the proper timing and grounds to file an injunction to stop the transition from proceeding.

-P. Betkoski asked if we might lose and what would it cost?-

C. Bielik stated it is up to the Board of Selectmen to decide if the potential cost is worth it to the Town.

-B. Ploss said it is time to hold people accountable and he believed doing so is worth the cost.

C. Bielik called a vote on the motion: **All voted aye.**

D. Sorrentino made motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 P.M.d2nd by P. Betkoski. All aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher J. Bielik

First Selectman