

**TOWN OF BEACON FALLS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MONTHLY MINUTES  
C/O TOWN HALL  
10 MAPLE AVE.  
BEACON FALLS, CT. 06403  
12/9/19 (Subject to Revision)**

December 15, 2019

Town Clerk Leonard C. Greene  
c/o Town Hall 10 Maple Avenue  
Beacon Falls, CT 06403

Dear Mr. Greene:

Please be advised that the **Town of Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen** has scheduled a regular **Monthly Meeting** for **Monday, December 9, 2019**. The Meeting will begin at **7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Assembly Room, 10 Maple Ave., Beacon Falls, CT.**

**AGENDA**

**Board Members Present: First Selectman, Gerard Smith (GS), Mike Krenesky (MK), and Chris Bielik (CB)**  
**Public: Citizen News, Doug Bousquet, Larry Hutvagner**

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag- First Selectman Gerard Smith called the meeting to order at 7 pm, with the pledge of allegiance.

2. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings:

GS: As I was not here, I will leave this to the two of you.

Minutes from November 6, 2019, regular monthly meeting

**Motion to approve the minutes as presented**

MK/CB, one abstain

Minutes from November 7, 2019, special meeting

GS: You had a meeting and Michael you weren't even there.

MK: I was not there.

CB: This one was a little tricky; there was a special meeting that was called. We held that special meeting and the minutes are as they are presented. I believe that there is no prohibition from accepting, seconding or approving. Since Michael you were not there and Gerry wasn't part of that meeting, I will make a motion to approve these minutes as presented.

**Motion to approve the minutes as presented**

CB/MK, one abstain

Minutes from November 13, 2019, special meeting, same scenario

**Motion to approve the minutes as presented**

CB/MK, one abstain, motion carries

3. Comments from the Public

Larry Hutvagner, 1 Lady Slipper Dr.: I just want to say as part of this November election, when candidate for First Selectmen David Rybinski, commented that his road never gets plowed. Now that I'm retired, I get to sit home some days, the previous storm on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, the nice plow, came by our road 7pm, 10:30 pm and plowed the road perfectly. It came through during the night when I was sleeping and the plow driver was awake,

because the plow in my residential neighborhood makes a lot of noise, and wakes me up but no I'm not complaining. The next day, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the plow came by at 7am and 7:30 am plowed the road completely. I think the town street department does an excellent job on snow removal and they should be complimented instead of always being bashed. Thank you.

GS: Any other comments from the public.

Doug Bousquet, 20 Cedar Circle,: I have original ordinance history, I asked Mike and I talked to you about this. No tax payer in the town of Beacon Falls, will be issued a permit from any town agency, building inspector, planning and zoning, etc, if any outstanding taxes are owed by them to the town of Beacon Falls, whether it be real estate, personal property, individual or company name. This is what it used to be. The town held meetings on May 7<sup>th</sup>, June 18<sup>th</sup>, and it was posted in the paper June 25, 2007. The ordinance became effective July 2007. So now it was redone in Feb. 2008. The ordinance in place now should be changed back to the original one. The one we have in place now, says no tax payer in the town of Beacon Falls will be issued a building, septic, or water hook up, which is changed dramatically, if any outstanding taxes are owed whether it be real estate, personal property, individual or company name. I know you can't comment on public comment. I think it should go back to what it used to be. Right now, we have a lot of people that owe some taxes and they are trying to sell a lot of property. I don't know if the town has a lien on properties but a lot of people agree with me. I'll leave it here, that is what it was now and that it was it was used to be. A copy was given to the Board.

GS: Any other comments from public, any comments from the public, any comments from the public.

4. Resident Trooper/Police Report

**Motion to approve Resident Trooper October and November as presented**

CB/MK, all ayes

5. Wastewater Treatment Plant Report

**Motion to approve Waste Water Treatment Plant**

GS: They took a picture of the roof, where the water is. I think it is just a matter of getting someone to do a power washing. I think it was attached as FYI.

MK/CB, all ayes

6. Report of Public Works

**Motion to accept Public Works as presented**

MK/CB, all ayes

7. Report of the Fire Marshal-none presented

8. Report of the Finance Manager-

**Motion to accept and forward to the Board of Finance for discussion tomorrow night**

MK/CB, all ayes

CB: Just as an FYI, I will not be attending tomorrow night

9. Report of the Tax Collector

**Motion to accept and forward to the Board of Finance for discussion tomorrow night**

CB/MK, all ayes

10. Report of the Town Treasurer

**Motion to accept and forward to the Board of Finance for discussion tomorrow night**

CB/MK, all ayes

11. Report of the Town Clerk

**Motion to accept and forward to the Board of Finance for discussion tomorrow night**

CB/MK, all ayes

12. Report from Economic Development

**Motion to accept and forward to the Board of Finance for discussion tomorrow night**

MK/ CB, all ayes

13. Report of the Library

**Motion to accept and forward to the Board of Finance for discussion tomorrow night**

MK/CB, all ayes

14. Report of the Fire Department

**Motion to accept and forward to the Board of Finance for discussion tomorrow night**

CB/MK, all ayes

15. Any other Reports

- a. Report of the Custodian

**Motion to accept report as presented**

MK/CB, all ayes

- b. Report of the Town Nurse - (Quarterly)-none presented, due in January

- c. Report of the Animal Control Officer-

Sept, Oct, Nov,

**Motion to accept all reports as presented**

MK/CB, all ayes

- d. Community Media Center Building Committee (Previous Meeting Minutes) NONE - Mtg Canc.

MK: There is an update. We had Eagle Environmental come in and do an environmental study on the Wolfe and Carriage House. Not sure how soon we will hear back from them due to the holiday.

CB: I would be skeptical to hear back before the first of the year.

MK: He did take a few hours to go through the house and Carriage house. Based on the number of houses he has done on, he did not feel there was much asbestos. He did say for every door jam and window sill, he did feel there was lead paint.

- e. Park Trails Report-

**Motion to accept report as presented**

CB/MK, all ayes

16. Reading of Correspondence

**Motion to change the agenda to reflect to add Payment of Bills to Reading of Correspondence**

CB/MK, all ayes

16. A. Reading of Correspondence/Payment of Bills

Under new business to adopt the resolution item B. Adopt the resolution

**Motion to adopt the resolution**

MK/CB, all ayes

MK: Under new business, should adopt a blank resolution for the First Selectman to sign all documents for the Town of Beacon Falls.

**Motion to add Item C: under new business to adopt a Blank resolution for the First Selectman**

MK/CB, all ayes

**Motion to accept the invoices for the minutes of the two meetings**

CB/MK, all ayes

D. Correspondence:

GS: Ct. Economic Resource Center that Sadie works for, will not be funded. Sadie won't be onsite. She won't be here daily. She is going to work for multiple towns, but She is confused, but we will still have her services.

CB: I think she has the same thing going on with Seymour.

GS: Sadie expects to keep her towns, but not sure how it will work

CB: Can I get a copy of that?

GS: Also, the Tax Collector is letting us know that there is a bounced check fee, of \$20.00.

GS: South Central Regional Water District has appointed Suzanne Sack as a member of the water authority

Letter for Brian DeGeorge: certified as Open Burn Official with his certification good until January 31, 2021

Letter from Frederick Bowes interested in open position in Planning and Zoning commission.

Letter from Legion regarding their funding account and the amount in the account with concern of how it will be handled, whether it is in the General fund because the intent of the fund sources were donations as the original intentions.

CB: In paragraph 3, I'm wondering what the amount is actually. Is it \$1,065?

GS: It is \$1,065. It is a conversation on how the money is being booked, will be a discussion with the Finance Manager.

CB: Question from the Finance Manager, the Finance Manager was looking to consolidate smaller accounts.

GS: From what I heard, the biggest push back, those funds will be lost in the general fund. This can be brought up to the Board of Finance tomorrow night.

CB: Natasha has said that we can see in the software, has a way of established sub lines, to serve the purpose would allow for tracking. It would keep it separate but I think the Legion was uncomfortable with it

GS: If it is an easy fix, let's have the conversation.

MK: The town of Beacon Falls cannot accept donations, this was the same issue we had with the Sesquicentennial, and why the Historical Society has it. This account needs to be in the Legion, Can it remain in the town, or a 5013c?

GS: Are they a 5013c? A conversation I'll have with Bruce, is it us that have to have a separate fund, or flowing to the general fund, not sure what the issue is on what they are looking for, I'll have with Bruce and Rich. Rich might have a better idea on what the conversation is.

Refund: Tax Collector:

**Motion for the Tax Collector to refund \$5,537.93 to the names stipulated on the 12/9/19 report- attached**

MK/CB, all ayes

#### 17. Old Business

##### a. Town Sesquicentennial Celebration - Update

MK: We met in November, we decided that the next meeting would be after the holiday. Pete and I are Co-Chairs. At our next meeting, we should be setting up our sub committees, so that we will be after the holidays in January.

##### b. Rimmon Hill Water Issue – Update-

GS: No update, except that there is an issue with water pressure and water on the hill. This is an ongoing issue, that will stay on the agenda as on-going.

#### 18. New Business

##### a. Appointments & Reappointments

##### 1. Library Board of Trustees – Open Position & Replacement

Donna Taylor, stepped down.

GS: Mary MacEachern, to replace Donna Taylor continued unexpired term.

**Motion to accept appointment to replace Donna Taylor**

MK/CB, all ayes

David Dlugos

**Motion to accept appointment for the full six year term, Dave Dlugos**

MK/CB, all ayes

##### 2. ZBA reappointments

Reappointment Nancy King as an alternate

**Motion to accept Nancy King as an alternate**

MK/CB, all ayes

##### 3. Blanket 30 day extension, a lot of reappointments and reach out to see if they are still interested

**Motion to extend any Boards appointments for any expiring positions for the next 30 days**

MK/CB, all ayes

CB: We did have an open position when Mr. Opuszynski left the position, and I have a contact that is interested in filling the position for Inland and Wetlands. I can forward the email

GS: We will put that on the agenda for next month.

Agenda Item for appointment-letter for next month's agenda.

4. Chris Hotchkiss Negotiations from Town Union vote to ratify and approve to file within the time frame, needs to be accepted by the town. We have the ability to approve because we have two administratives from the previous board are here. We can approve that.

GS: I will call Chris Hotchkiss and we will set up a special board meeting to add as an agenda item

b. Resolution

Mr. Gerard Smith read into the resolution Section C: Homeland Security, which will be provided to the Town Clerk, we are adopting the resolution, to hereby certified on this date 12/9/19, the resolution has not been modified rescinded or revoked.

Motion to accept and adopt the resolution, Gerard Smith, Board of Selectmen, is authorized and directed to execute on which deems all necessary to carry on all documents, Gerard Smith, now holds office 11/18/19.

**Motion to adopt the resolution as presented**

CB/MK, all ayes

c. Blank Resolution

**Motion to authorize all documents by the Board of Selectmen and approved by the Board of Selectmen to be signed by Gerard Smith as the First selectman**

CB/MK, all ayes

19. Budget Transfer Requests (if needed)-none
20. Executive Session (if needed)
21. Comments from the Public
22. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn 7:35pm**

CB/MK, all ayes

Respectfully submitted,

*Angela Moffat*  
*Meeting Clerk*