

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



BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monthly Meeting  
February 10, 2020  
MINUTES  
(Subject to Revision)

1. **Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

Selectman Gerard Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Members Present:** Gerard Smith (GS), Mike Krenesky (MK), Chris Bielik (CB)

**Others Present:** Citizens News, Shawn Styfco, Brian DeGeorge, Mike Brennan, Steve Moffat, Allan Banyacsky, Mary Ellen Fernandes

2. **Read & Approval Minutes from Previous Meetings**

Minutes from January 21, 2020 & January 30, 2020 special meetings.

**Motion made to approve the minutes as presented**

MK/CB, all ayes

3. **Comments from the Public**

NONE

4. **Resident Trooper/Police Report**

**Motion to approve Resident Trooper Report for December as presented**

CB/MK, all ayes

5. **Wastewater Treatment Plant Report**

**Motion to approve Wastewater Treatment Plant report as presented - MK/CB, all ayes**

GS noted that at the bottom of the page, under ongoing, unsure what happened but something got into the plant and it is causing foaming. CB did we do a chemical analysis? GS stated Tom is working on a resolution and they think it could just be adding nitrogen to make the situation under control.

6. **Report of Public Works**

**Motion to approve Public Works report as presented – MK/CB, all ayes**

GS Public Works noted picked up trash on roads – received a call from resident on Beacon Valley Road and will be sending crews out there to remove trash. CB noted the catch basins on Oak Drive, just want to make sure they are still documenting with photos etc. of catch basin work being completed.

7. **Report of the Fire Marshal**

**Motion to approve Fire Marshal reports for as presented** – No report submitted. Board will get two reports next month.

**8. Report of the Finance Manager**

**Motion to approve and forward to BOF for discussion at monthly meeting**

MK/CB, all ayes

**9. Report of the Tax Collector**

**Motion to approve and forward to BOF for discussion at monthly meeting** – No report provided.

**10. Report of the Town Treasurer**

**Motion to approve and forward to BOF for discussion at monthly meeting**

CB/MK, all ayes

GS 2.4 rate was higher than it should have been, and Liberty did not catch that it was higher. Will drop slowly .5 points a month.

**11. Report of the Town Clerk**

**Motion to approve and forward to BOF for discussion at monthly meeting**

CB/MK, all ayes

**12. Report from Economic Development**

**Motion to approve Economic Development report as presented**

CB/MK, all ayes

GS mentioned he will be working with McInnis to get an EDC person to collaborate with CERC.

**13. Report of the Library**

**Motion to approve and forward to BOF for discussion at monthly meeting**

MK/CB, all ayes

**14. Report of the Fire Department**

**Motion to approve and forward to BOF for discussion at monthly meeting**

CB/MK, all ayes

**15. Any other reports**

**a. Report of the Custodian**

**Motion to approve the report as presented**

MK/CB, all ayes

**b. Report of the Town Nurse – (Quarterly)**

**Motion to approve the previous quarter report as presented – NONE**

**c. Report of the Animal Control Officer**

**Motion to approve the report as presented and with recommendations noted**

CB/MK, all ayes

GS questioned last report due to lack of detail. This month there was little detail written on the back, however not written on the front of the report. Need to get more clarification/narrative. Front of the form should be filled out and/or attach detailed information.

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

GS no action but received report from Eagle Environmental. MK roof shingles are blowing off the front of the house from the peak of the roof on the church side. The

shingles being removed will start exposing the interior of the house to the weather and we need to move quickly with Eagle.

**e. Park Trails Report**

**Motion to approve the report as presented**

CB/MK, all ayes

GS A lot of good things have been happening and glad to have Al aboard. He has been an asset and working diligently with Public Works as well as Park & Rec.

**16. Reading of Correspondence & Payment of Invoices**

- FOI regarding NEJs planning & zoning
- CT Energy Source decided to terminate their plans to bring fuel cells to Beacon Falls.
- Sue Keating wants to plan to do garden beds again this year, she will be doing work when it gets warmer and will have members of the garden club assisting.
- Registrar of voters changed hours. Joyce Krenesky resigned, and Jessica Krenesky was appointed/sworn in. Deputy Registrar has not yet been appointed.
- Region 16 changed gymnasium hours.
- Community renewal team – veteran services information should go to American Legion. CB Bruce Carlson is the Post Commander and designated municipal representative and is the person to pass information to.
- CCM Annual Report
- MK went to CIRMA event regarding Cyber Security. There was a lot of discussion regarding cybercrime activity and reminding everyone that they should be looking out with email etc.

**17. Old Business**

- a. Town Sesquicentennial Celebration – Update** MK we have not met, and Peter was going to contact the Sr. Center to schedule a meeting. MK also spoke to Lisa Daigle about talking to Millie at the Sr. Center to schedule meeting space.
- b. Rimmon Hill Water Issue – Update** GS met with Dan and said that getting water up there will be an expensive and monumental task. When we give them a list of roads we are targeting to repair, they will participate with survey, repair pipes and then we will complete necessary road repairs. They participate in the cost of survey.
- c. BOF/BOS Budget -** dates are set for March. Calendar Invites and Agendas will be distributed soon.
- d. Beacon Valley Road –** GS still working on getting information from Nafis and Young. STEAP Grant notification confirming that it was moved. Milone & MacBroom is waiting on additional information from Nafis and Young.

**18. New Business**

**a. Appointments & Reappointments**

**Service Award Volunteer Committee-** GS Entertain a motion to replace Peter with Michael as BOS representative and approve reappointment of everyone else. CB/GS all ayes

- b. Park Ranger –** GS- Al has put together a job description of his duties and I would like to do two things tonight.

1. Adopt Park Rangers' duties etc. He would report to me directly and the Director of Public Works secondary.

2. Formally appoint Al Banyacsky as the Official Park Ranger (appear under Land Use) to a two-year term effective 2/10/2020 and expiring 2/10/2022.

**GS entertain a motion to formally appoint Al as the Official Park Ranger with the terms noted above.**

CB/MK all ayes

- c. **Ordinance Presented by Shawn Styfco** – GS we need clarification on the procedure for proposed ordinances. The way it is read and presented, we are to review the proposed ordinance and then forward it to the town attorney to review and prepare proper verbiage. MK the language that is in that process specifies that the BOS is to review and then implies the BOS directly turn it over to town attorney. Does BOS have right to reject an ordinance? Town attorney would have to codify so we are not in jeopardy of violating State Statutes. GS we should have two motions, one motion to review and a second motion to forward to the town attorney. CB putting aside my opinion, I am not in favor of anything written in the proposed ordinance, it infringes on the democratic process. GS motion should be to have the procedure for proposed ordinances reviewed by town attorney and then next month we would have clarification on process. CB entertained a motion to refer ordinance review process to the town attorney to clarify item # 2 in the process. MK/GS all ayes
- d. **Service Award Ordinance** – GS asked Mike Brennan, Chair of the Service Award Committee to join us tonight and hopefully, CB can provide information on this ordinance. CB about a year ago, there were recommendations that Mike brought to the BOS and we held a public hearing on proposal of a new streamlined process. Public hearing had concerns about that process and it did not go any further based on objections in the crowd. The Fire Chief and Award Board Chair met to clear up any confusion and I can look in my files to see if I have any updates from the town attorney, but I believe it has been stagnant since then. MB had two meetings with town attorney and never received a reply. GS is having the new town attorney reach out to previous attorney for documentation regarding the proposed changes. Then we can sit down and review all the documents and move forward in the ordinance process. MB there is an age clause, so timing is of the essence.

19. **Budget Transfer Requests (if needed)** None needed

20. **Executive Session (if needed)** None needed

21. **Comments from the Public** None

**GS will be out of town until Friday and MK will be contact in his absence.**

22. **Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn at 7:46 P.M.**

MK/CB all ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry McAndrew

First Selectman's Office Administrator/Clerk