

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



BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monthly Meeting
April 13, 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: Shawn Styfco, Citizens News

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

Minutes from BOS/BOF Workshop held on 3.4.2020

Motion made to approve the minutes as presented - CB/MK, all ayes

Minutes from BOS/BOF Workshop held on 3.5.2020

Motion made to approve the minutes as presented – MK/CB, all ayes

Minutes from BOS/BOF Workshop held on 4.7.2020

Motion made to approve the minutes as presented – MK/CB, all ayes

Minutes from BOS Regular Monthly Meeting held on 3.9.2020

Motion made to approve the minutes as presented – CB/MK, all ayes

Minutes from BOS Special Meeting held on 3.18.2020

Motion made to approve the minutes as presented – MK/CB, all ayes

Minutes from BOS Special Meeting held on 3.20.2020

Motion made to approve the minutes as presented – CB/MK, all ayes

3. **Comments from the Public**

No public comment was submitted for this meeting.

4. **Resident Trooper/Police Report**

Motion to approve Resident Trooper Report for March as presented – MK/CB, all ayes

5. **Wastewater Treatment Plant Report**

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

6. **Report of Public Works**

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

7. **Report of the Fire Marshal**

No report this month.

8. **Report of the Finance Manager**
Motion to approve and forward to BOF for discussion at monthly meeting – CB/MK, all ayes
9. **Report of the Tax Collector**
No report this month.
10. **Report of the Town Treasurer**
Motion to approve and forward to BOF for discussion at monthly meeting – CB/MK, all ayes
GS – There was some concern regarding the rate we were getting. Bank adjusted their rates which they can do.
11. **Report of the Town Clerk**
Motion to approve and forward to BOF for discussion at monthly meeting – MK/CB, all ayes
12. **Report from Economic Development**
No report provided.
13. **Report of the Library**
Motion to approve and forward to BOF for discussion at monthly meeting – CB/MK, all ayes
GS – doing a great job keeping everyone as active as they can during this time. A lot of online presentations, etc.
14. **Report of the Fire Department**
No report provided.
15. **Any other reports**
 - a. **Report of the Custodian**
Motion to approve the report as presented – CB/MK, all ayes
GS - he has been cleaning all over the place. We got some water in the building today from the storm and hopefully the damage will not be too bad. We are running low on cleaning supplies but were able to get some from the Fire Marshal.
 - b. **Report of the Town Nurse – (Quarterly)**
Will be next month
 - c. **Report of the Animal Control Officer**
Motion to approve the report as presented – MK/CB, all ayes
GS once return to normal operations, will see how other municipalities ACO reports look like. A lot of wildlife calls this past month.
 - d. **Community Media Center Building Committee (Previous Meeting Minutes) NONE – Mtg Canc.**
 - e. **Park Trails Report**
Motion to approve the report as presented – CB/MK, all ayes
GS a lot of activity and its not on this report but we did have to take down the basketball hoops. CDC did release guidelines for park & trail safety during COVID-19 which will be posted to the website. Volunteer clean up is postponed due to the pandemic.

16. Reading of Correspondence & Payment of Invoices

GS – Letter from Susan Keating for the Garden Club median flower beds. She will continue with the work as planned.

Received a letter of resignation from Stacey Betkoski from Planning & Zoning and Library Board of Trustees effective immediately.

Motion made to accept Stacey's resignation with regret – MK/CB, all ayes

17. Old Business

a. Town Sesquicentennial Celebration – Update

MK – did talk with Pete Betkoski, whether we will use Zoom or Free Conference Call to schedule a meeting this month. GS if you need the Zoom, talk to Kerry to set you up.

b. Budget Meeting Workshops with BOF – Update

GS talked with the BOF and had a conversation with the Attorney if we could appropriate fund should we move forward with the 90-day deferment can we transfer funds from capital projects & other line items to pay bills. Natasha spoke with the Auditor who had no issue with that, and the Attorney concurred because there is nothing against it in the State Statutes or Ordinance. The Attorney will be putting that in writing to us as well.

c. Beacon Valley Road – Update

GS very interesting is that they are doing the best they can with vendors who are working. Sewer line that runs over to Naugatuck is Naugatuck's sewer line. Prior to camera the lines, Rob found document from 1958 stating sewer line was owned by Borough, therefore they will be covering that service. We are doing Storm Water camera. Process is moving but slowed due to COVID-19

d. Ordinance Proposals – Update

GS quite a few put together and rather than send them to the attorney piecemeal we decided to review/send post COVID-19 pandemic.

e. Wolfe Avenue House – Update

GS we pretty much decided the best way to go is the burn it down. Eagle is working on the final number and recommendations on what we need to do. CB any expectation on turn around? GS I am guessing given the pandemic, it will be awhile. When we do burn it down it will bring a lot of firemen, media etc. from the area so we probably will not do this until the pandemic is over. CB, we do have funding for the disposal of that project in this fiscal year but because it is capital, we can roll it over. GS, yes, I do not see an issue.

18. New Business

a. Appointments & Reappointments

Planning & Zoning – filling Stacey Betkoski vacancy – Motion to appoint Don Moueller, MK/CB, all ayes

Library Trustees – filling Stacy Betkoski vacancy – Motion to appoint Jill Goodman, CB/MK, all ayes

Economic Development – Jack Betkoski exp. 5.1.20 & Ed Mulvihill exp. 5.1.20-

Motion to reappoint Jack Betkoski & Ed Mulvihill to another term CB/MK, all ayes

b. COVID-19 - Discussion & Action

GS, we did have several expenses so far for COVID-19. Setting up employees for remote work, cleaning supplies, etc.

c. Motion to approve Tax refunds in the amount of \$899.10; CB/MK, all ayes

d. Tax Deferment Plan – Discussion & Action

GS discussed with the BOF and OPM came out with a document for us to defer or loan payments. Recommendation is deferment which makes the most sense.

Motion made to enter tax deferment plan only MK/CB, all ayes

19. **Budget Transfer Requests (if needed)** – Transfer for COVID-19 expense from Contingency – Discussion & Action - **Motion made to transfer for COVID-19 expense from Contingency in the amount of \$19,999 and forward to BOF MK/CB, all ayes.**

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

21. **Comments from the Public**
none

22. **Adjournment**
Motion to adjourn at 7:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry McAndrew
First Selectman's Office Administrator/Clerk