

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



BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monthly Meeting  
September 13, 2021  
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:** 2 members of the public

**GS – moment of silence in honor of September 11, 2021.**

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

Motion made to approve Minutes from BOS Monthly Meeting held on 07.12.2021 and the BOS Special Meeting held on 8.25.2021 MK/CB, all ayes.

3. **Budget Transfers** – GS – There is only one transfer for the Town Planner in the amount of \$6,029.91 from Contingency. I engaged him in addition work with IWWC and P&Z. **Motion made to approve the transfer and forward to the BOF for their review & approval, MK/CB, all ayes.**

4. **Comments from the Public**

none

5. **Resident Trooper/Police Report**

**Motion to approve Resident Trooper Reports for August and September as presented MK/CB, all ayes.**

6. **Wastewater Treatment Plant Report.**

**Motion to approve Wastewater Treatment Plant reports for August & September as presented – CB/MK, all ayes.**

7. **Report of Public Works**

**Motion to approve Public Works reports for August & September as presented, MK/CB, all ayes.**

MK – we had no issues with the storms? GS – nothing critical for either storm.

8. **Report of the Fire Marshal**

**Motion to approve the July & August reports for the Fire Marshal as presented – CB/MK, all ayes.**

CB – I know that both months H.I. Stone has had blasting permits. Have we received any complaints from the public? GS – not many, just feedback regarding blasting in general. The blasting permit is part of the site plan. GS – we do stay in compliance. MK – I was at Pond Spring last month for their coffee hour and the blasting did come up with a stray

comment but nothing deeper than that comment. They are within the compliance of the permits.

**9. Report of the Finance Manager**

**Motion to approve and forward reports for August & September to BOF for discussion at monthly meeting – MK/CB, all ayes.**

**10. Report of the Tax Collector**

**Motion to approve and forward July, August, & September reports to BOF for discussion at monthly meeting – MK/CB, all ayes.**

CB – just to note, halfway through the year and we have collected more than half of the projected taxes which means we are starting from a good place.

**11. Report of the Town Treasurer**

**Motion to approve and forward to BOF July & August reports for discussion at monthly meeting – CB/MK, all ayes.**

**12. Report of the Town Clerk**

**Motion to approve and forward to BOF July & August reports for discussion at monthly meeting – CB/MK, all ayes.**

**13. Report from Economic Development – GS – no report.**

**14. Report of the Library**

**Motion to approve and forward reports for July & August to BOF for discussion at monthly meeting – CB/MK, all ayes.**

GS – they have been busy, and they are also working with the YMCA.

**15. Report of the Fire Department**

**Motion to approve the June, July & August reports, MK/CB, all ayes.**

GS – good to hear that Naugatuck EMS is getting better and we will not have issues with mutual aid going forward. The unfortunate thing is that Gretchen resigned in the changeover, but we will move forward.

**16. Any other reports**

- a. **Report of the Custodian – Motion to accept the report of the custodian for the month of July & August - CB/MK, all ayes.** MK - Are there any plans to secure the building to prevent flooding in the clerk's office again? GS – I have not heard anything and Len did not mention anything. How much damage was there? MK – the rug was wet. I believe it comes in near the emergency stairwell. GS - Kerry will follow up with custodian to have him and/or public works work on a solution.
- b. **Report of the Town Nurse – (Quarterly) – none**
- c. **Report of the Animal Control Officer – Motion to accept the reports for June and July, MK/CB, all ayes.** CB – just a suggestion, the level of detail has improved but can we have him provide the date of when incidents take place. GS – Kerry will follow up with him regarding that date request.
- d. **Park Trails Report – Motion made to accept the August report as presented, CB/MK, all ayes.**
- e. **BOE Report – Motion to approve and forward to the BOF for discussion at the monthly meeting – MK/CB, all ayes.**

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

- a. GS – our Town Council asked us to provide comments as the traffic commission on the newly proposed development. **I entertain a motion to add Traffic Commission Discussion as item g under new business. CB/MK, all ayes.**
- b. Letter from a family in town letting us know about their outstanding experience in the library.
- c. Letter from Lou Santoro and Ivana Potje – they have both resigned from the Conservation Commission. **Motion to accept resignation with regret, MK/CB, all ayes.**

- d. Letter to ZEO from the Rimmon Hill Road community. GS – read the letter in its entirety. We should have ZEO follow up with this and present it to Planning & Zoning for blight compliance. CB – we should also contact the health department to confirm if there are no utilities or running water.
- e. Letter from NVHD on update regarding the complaint for a property on Munson Road due to smell of animal feces due to Goats, Ducks & Birds. The complaint was closed, and the homeowner was provided instructions on proper disposal of animal waste.
- f. Invitation for the BOS to attend the BHC Carnival and Parade on October 16, 2021, 4:00PM.
- g. Letter from Julian Thomas interested in Conservation Commission.

#### 18. Old Business

- a. **Town Sesquicentennial Celebration Update** MK – remaining event is two weeks away. I have seen the computer animation of the show and it is very good. They are working with JRod Radio to broadcast the soundtrack to the show. Everything is basically all set. We have published all the information on the website and social media with the details of the event. Lee and Olga Nemeth have graciously opened their parking lot for people. You should be able to see the show from Wolfe Ave as well. Thank you to the Lion's for offering to help park cars, have water and ice cream as well. We do have to hire police for the event, and I just want to know where would they get paid from? We do have funds in the 150<sup>th</sup> account and the historical society account but where would the police fee come from? GS – it probably should come from the 150<sup>th</sup> account. MK – perfect, thank you.
- b. **Ordinance Committee** – GS – nothing new to report.
- c. **Burton Road Update** – GS – received a commitment to fund and we are in design and hopefully will have approved from the State without touching the wall on the left or widening the road. Things are coming along nicely.
- d. **Rimmon School House** – MK – three weeks ago we had a group of resident's clear brush and trees. We had permission from the property owner to do a clean-up and it gave us the opportunity to review the structure of the building. I will do a follow up with the property owner on his timeline. I do not even think he has put together his plan for the project. We must get a tarp on the top of the building. We will need to do it with a bucket truck as the roof will not support the weight of anyone. There are now two holes in the roof. The State of CT has reviewed the North Main Street site and they are putting together their report. The report will be tied to right of ways. We should consider an alternative site on Town property just encase the State has too many stipulations. GS – does it have to be that structure? What if it is a newly reconstructed structure? MK – there are parts of the building that can be reutilized but again, we must decide if we want to take the building and move from there.
- e. **Sidewalk Ordinance Review** – GS – we finally got something back from the Attorney. We requested this because we had many opinions regarding responsibility and of liability. Basically, the letter says we can have residents clear snow and ice but when it comes to repair, it is ultimately the Town's responsibility. The only time the resident is responsible for sidewalk damage is if they had done something intentionally that caused the damage.
- f. **Safety Committee** – tabled.

#### 19. New Business

- a. **Appointments & Reappointments**
  - **Brownfields Commission** – Still vacant
  - **Conservation Commission** – **Motion made to appoint Julian Thomas to fulfill the remaining term of Lou Santora MK/CB, all ayes.**

- b. **Police Private Duty A/R - Bad Debt Write Off - GS** –the total is \$6,920 across two accounts. In 2019, we wrote of \$10,455 over 4 accounts. **Motion made to write off \$6,920 MK/CB, all ayes.**
  - c. **Local Transportation Capital Improvements Program (LOTICIP) Project No. L006-0002 Burton Road Rehab Award Acceptance – GS** – We did get the commitment to fund. The total award is for \$2,990,400. MK – do we have a start date? GS – right now it is in the design phase. I spoke with Paul, and he said the good news is the road is closed. It will be closed through winter and if we have a light winter, they may be able to begin some work. It would probably be open early summer. **Motion to approve and accept the award letter for the Burton Road Rehab, MK/CB, all ayes.**
  - d. **20-9R – “Milling, Reclamation, Paving, Grading & Curbing” Contract Renewal- GS** – this is the original contract that we had so we are renewing this agreement from last year with Cocchiola. **Motion to approve the contract renewal for 2021-2023 with Cocchiola Paving, CB/MK, all ayes.**
  - e. **2022 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule – Motion made to approve the BOS meeting schedule for the 2022 calendar year, MK/CB, all ayes.**
  - f. **Tax Refunds – Motion made to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$657.31, MK/CB, all ayes.**
  - g. **Traffic Commission Discussion – GS** –we are the traffic authority, but we do employ our attorneys and resident trooper for recommendations. The study goes into great depth about some of the concerns for the proposed subdivision. This also addresses some of the challenges regarding sidewalks and road widths, the thru traffic, etc. This is to be presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission. **Motion to forward the report to Planning & Zoning Commission as written, MK/CB, all ayes.**
  - h. **Motion made to make an offer of employment to the candidate for the Highway Maintainer I position, CB/MK, all ayes.**
20. **Executive Session** – Motion to enter executive session at 7:45p for discussion of the vacant position in Public Works. The Board exited executive session at 7:50p.  
**Motion to add item H under New Business – Highway Maintainer I position, CB/MK, all ayes.**
21. **Adjournment**  
**Motion to adjourn at 7:51 P.M. CB/MK, all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry McAndrew  
First Selectman's Office Administrator/Clerk