

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



BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monthly Meeting
November 8, 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: 6 members of the public

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

Motion made to approve Minutes from BOS Monthly Meeting held on 10.04.2021 and the Special Town Meeting held on 10.06.2021, MK/CB, all ayes.

3. **Budget Transfers** – GS – We have two. One I want clarification on and one that I will send to the BOF. The one I have a question on is a transfer in the amount of \$750.00 from Engineering and Consultants to the Service Award Committee. I just want to understand and clarify why we are doing that before we approve it. The one that I am prepared to move on is the transfer from Building Maintenance to the renovation for the Fire Marshalls Office at \$975.00 and from the Fire Marshalls expenses for the same renovations for \$1,850. **Motion to approve the transfer related to the fire renovations and send to BOF for review, MK/CB, all ayes.**

4. **Comments from the Public**

Peter Betkoski – 196 Blackberry Hill – I believe it is Selectman Bielik's last meeting and I just want to say thank you Chris for all your service to the Town of Beacon Falls and I am looking forward to serving with the Board of Selectmen.

Chris Bielik – 119 Rice Lane Ext. – I have been on this Board for 10 years now, so for 120 plus extra meetings I knew what my Mondays would be like. It was a privilege having the confidence of the voters to put me in this spot for those years. I am very pleased to turn over this spot to someone like Peter who has 6 years of experience on this Board himself. Good luck Peter and everyone. My thanks to everyone in town and the municipal staff for all the support over the years, I appreciate it.

5. **Resident Trooper/Police Report**

Motion to approve Resident Trooper report as presented - MK/CB – for discussion – the one robbery at Beacon Beer and Beverage, I assume that is still under investigation. GS – yes, that is ongoing and was caught on camera. **All ayes.**

6. **Wastewater Treatment Plant Report.**

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

GS – Tom is still out, and Steve is acting Superintended in his place.

7. **Report of Public Works**

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

MK – seems like a short list this month. GS – they are still measuring roads and winding down with paving projects.

8. Report of the Fire Marshal

Motion to approve the report for the Fire Marshal as presented – CB/MK, all ayes.

9. Report of the Finance Manager

Motion to approve and forward the report to the BOF for discussion at monthly meeting – CB/MK, all ayes.

10. Report of the Tax Collector

Motion to approve and forward report to BOF for discussion at monthly meeting – CB/MK, all ayes.

11. Report of the Town Treasurer

Motion to approve the Treasurer report and forward to the BOF for discussion at monthly meeting – CB/MK, all ayes.

12. Report of the Town Clerk

Motion to approve and forward report to BOF for discussion at monthly meeting – MK/CB, all ayes.

13. Report from Economic Development – No report provided.

14. Report of the Library

Motion to approve and forward report to BOF for discussion at monthly meeting – MK/CB, all ayes.

GS – as always, they seem to not have enough hours in the day for all they do. CB – congratulations to Kerri Vardon and braving the weather on Halloween night and manning the tent all by herself. She did great!

15. Report of the Fire Department

Motion to approve the report as presented, CB/MK, all ayes.

GS – good to see that there are only 6 mutual aid calls to Naugatuck this past month, same as previous report.

16. Any other reports

a. **Report of the Custodian – Motion to accept the reports for September and October as presented – MK/CB, all ayes.**

b. **Report of the Town Nurse – (Quarterly) No report provided**

c. **Report of the Animal Control Officer – GS – we still are not getting the detail we are asking for. CB – there is a little more of more location data in the October report. GS –motion to approve the reports for August, September and October as presented, MK/CB, all ayes.**

d. **BOE Report – No report provided.**

17. Reading of Correspondence & Payment of Invoices

a. GS – Thank you cards for sympathy flowers that were sent.

b. Thank you for \$100 donation from TEAM Toys 4 Kids

c. Letter from Jack Burns to continue service on P&Z Commission

d. Letter from Andrew Keane & Ruth Burritt to continue service on Conservation Commission.

e. WWTP Permit Renewal – we had our permit renewal that had to be done on time. SLR will be submitting our annual report to DEEP on our behalf. **Motion to approve SLR filing the Towns Annual Report with DEEP, CB/MK, all ayes.**

f. 2022 Meeting Schedule – **Motion to revise the meeting minutes to correct the typo from May 16 to May 9, MK/CB, all ayes.**

18. Old Business

a. None

19. New Business

a. **Appointments & Reappointments**

• **Brownfields Commission – Vacant**

- **Conservation Commission – Vacant**
- **Motion made to extend all expiring appointments for 30 days to the next regular scheduled BOS meeting, MK/CB, all ayes.**

b. Tax Refunds – Motion made to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$5,625.83, MK/CB, all ayes.

c. Hazard Mitigation Adoption – Victoria Vetre from SLR Consulting – we have been working with the NVCOG on the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is the first Regional Plan for Beacon Falls. You will still have a standalone town plan, but you will also be part of a regional plan as well. The plan has several actions and strategies. These are not mandates, just guiding principles. Ideally, the town will take note and update on an annual basis to identify progress on these actions and strategies. One key point for the Hazard Mitigation Plan is that any community that has one remains eligible for FEMA funding. A few key points of the plan itself are multi jurisdiction (Regional Plan), many appendices and fact sheets. If there are any questions, I am happy to answer those. This plan is in front of you tonight for adoption, other communities in the region are just starting the adoption process. It has been reviewed by FEMA, NVCOG Staff, municipal staff etc. The plan itself has gone through several reviews and edits. GS – so we are individual and regional? Victoria – yes, you have your own plan and the regional plan. GS – would be adopting into both? Victoria – you would be adopting into the regional plan and your annex is part of that plan. We are encouraging the adoption if the plan is up to standard. CB – have we had that local review by our appropriate agents. I know the checklist states that we met all the requirements. GS – yes, SLR reviewed it. Victoria - it does go through a rigorous review process. CB – that answered by question to make sure we are doing it in the correct order. MK – did we pass this around because I do not remember seeing this. GS – when does this need to be adopted by? Victoria – I do not have the specific date, but we are in the very beginning. GS – let's move this to next month's agenda under Old Business, this way Selectman Krenesky can review it and we can make an educated decision. I do remember that the COG reviewed it. Peter can also review it and we can act on this next month.

20. Executive Session – none needed

21. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:27 P.M. CB/MK, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry McAndrew

First Selectman's Office Administrator/Clerk