

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



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monthly Meeting  
January 21, 2020  
MINUTES  
(Subject to Revision)**

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

Selectman Gerard Smith called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

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

**Others Present:** Citizens News, Mary Ellen & Josh Fernandez, Shawn Styfco, Michael J. Rupsis

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

Minutes from December 9, 2019 regular monthly meeting.

**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**

MK/CB, all ayes

**5. Wastewater Treatment Plant Report**

**Motion to approve Wastewater Treatment Plant report as presented**

MK/CB, all ayes

CB: congratulations to Ryan Tarnowicz on the birth of his second daughter.

**6. Report of Public Works**

GS: just an FYI, mid-way down the report regarding dumping liter, brush debris. First Selectman's office has received two calls over the weekend and we may need to take further action in the future. CB: Issues in the past, in other locations around town as well. Recommended to increase patrols in those isolated areas prone to dumping.

**Motion to approve Public Works report as presented**

CB/MK, all ayes

**7. Report of the Fire Marshal**

**Motion to approve Fire Marshal reports for Oct/Nov/Dec as presented**

MK/CB, all ayes

**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**

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

MK/CB, all ayes

**Motion to approve Tax refunds in the amount of \$5,146.79**

CB/MK, all ayes

**10. Report of the Town Treasurer**

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

MK/CB, all ayes

**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**

**No report provided.** GS: Sadie is in influx since CERC program changed and working with EDC regarding communication of duties.

**13. Report of the Library**

GS: Notary services up 110%. CB: Kerry working on obtaining Notary.

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

CB/MK, all ayes

**14. Report of the Fire Department**

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

MK/CB, 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**

CB/MK, all ayes

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

GS: 43 complaints investigated and 1 dog bite, however no additional follow up detail or information. GS: Would like to obtain additional information from ACO. BOS not accepting ACO report as presented.

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

GS: Is the committee meeting? MK: Committee does not meet. I stepped down; named current members. CB: Doug Bousquet is Vice Chair and should be responsible for scheduling meetings.

**e. Park Trails Report**

GS: I will be scheduling a meeting with Allan Banyacsy to discuss further information on the trails. MK: The signs for the Matthies Park Project will be completed soon.

**Motion to approve the report as presented**

MK/CB, all ayes

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

- Letter from Sue Mis stepping down from NVHD Board effective immediately.
- Richard Minnick, Land Stewart, submitted information regarding trail/park suggestions.
- Comcast sent the government contact information in case of severe weather.
- Griffin Health will be holding their annual meeting at their new facility at Quarry Walk on January 28, 2020.
- Received the Regional Profile brochure from NVCOG.
- Letter from Dom Setaro resigning from Planning & Zoning due to relocating out of town
- **Motion to approve BOS Clerk invoice for a total of \$102.50, MK/CB, all ayes**

**17. Old Business**

**a. Town Sesquicentennial Celebration – Update**

MK: No meetings since November. There are informal subcommittees involved with for assisting with the event. Next meeting TBD. CB: Peter Betkoski has not been around due to minor surgery. MK: Will reach out to Peter to schedule a meeting for the new year.

**b. Rimmon Hill Water Issue – Update**

GS: Met with George Logan and went through scenarios and will be having a meeting with Dan Lawrence, the Lead Engineer at Aquarian. There would need to be a pump station and water tower, which would require 2-3 acres of land from the Town, with an approximate cost of \$5 million not including road improvements. CB: I met with Dan Lawrence from Aquarian at the end of October and the two scenarios were bringing water up through Seymour or bringing it through Route 42, which is longer. GS: George Logan stated that Seymour most likely will not let Beacon Falls tear up the road and the pipe structure in Beacon is greater. Main would come up Route 42 and then there would be lateral lines to the appropriate side roads. CB: The town would have to take the lead on the project, but the cost would be the burden of the homeowner. Portion of the concern came from residents on Hillside. GS: I will be meeting with Dan in the coming weeks.

**18. New Business**

**a. Appointments & Reappointments**

- **Code of Ethics** – motion to approve reappointment of Rod Farrell as Chair, Eva Newell & Lars Edgren as members, CB/MK, all ayes;
- **Energy Improvement District** – GS: Annette Bosley-Boyce & Bob Bradley declined reappointment. Motion to approve reappointment of David Rybinski as Chair, Bruce Angeloszek & Jeffrey Burkitt as members, CB/MK, all ayes;
- **Homeland Security** – Motion to approve reappointment of Lt. Edgar Rodriquez as Director, Brian DeGeorge & Jeremy Rodorigo as members, MK/CB, all ayes
- **Inland Wetlands** – Motion to approve Richard Minnick to complete Michael Opuszynski expiring term, MK/CB, all ayes. Motion to approve Fred Bowes to replace Walter Opuszynski, MK/CB, all ayes
- **Northwestern Regional Mental Health** – Motion to approve reappointment of Susan McDuffie, CB/MK, all ayes
- **Park & Recreation** – Motion to approve appointment of Laura Minnick-DeGeorge, MK/CB, all ayes

- **Planning & Zoning** – Motion to approve appointment of Michael J. Rupsis to complete Dom Setaro's expiring term, CB/MK, all ayes. Motion to approve appointment of Tom Bunosso, who will replace Doug Bousquet expiring term, CB: Point of Order, unsure if vacancy is accurate, thought reappointment happened at November meeting. MK/GS, CB opposed. Motion will carry unless documentation from previous meeting minutes prove otherwise.
  - **Board of Finance** – Motion to approve appointment of Dalton Fennell, replacing Marc Bronn, MK/CB, all ayes
- b. Professional Services – New Attorney/Engineer Information**  
 GS: replaced Nafis & Young with Milone & MacBroom. Town Counsel is now Attorney Stephen Studer from Berchem Moses, and Land Use Counsel is Attorney Vincent Marino of Cohen & Wolf.
- c. Beacon Valley Road**  
 GS: Forward this to BOF for further discussion to determine next steps, already on agenda. GS to CB Nafis & Young was doing some work at the same time as DeCarlo and Doll, town received two bills for similar engineering work on the road. GS: DeCarlo and Doll have been asked to stop further work.  
 GS: Received a call from Francisco at State regarding Bridge Grant Program. They have been reaching out to the Town for a while regarding culvert bridge and bridge on Beacon Valley Road. Town was approved for funds years ago and they are expiring, wanted to know what we will be doing with the funds awarded. Naugatuck is willing to split costs of bridge repair. CB: My understanding was that Program was far less robust versus Lotcip program. GS: My understanding from talking to NVCOG and Bridge Program is that the Lotcip is only for roadways, drainage, etc., not bridges. CB: maybe we can use both programs in conjunction.  
**Budget Meeting Workshop Dates with BOF (Feb., Mar., Apr., May)**  
 GS: will discuss at BOF meeting later this evening

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

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

**21. Comments from the Public**

Mary Ellen Fernandez, 5 Sharon Drive, Park & Rec previously talked about alternates and having ordinances revamped and updated. MK: no movement that I am aware of. CB: This issue went to a Public Hearing and was not approved because the need of alternates did not seem valid, but if Park & Rec proposed again, I feel it would be worth exploring.

**22. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn at 6:39 P.M.**

CB/MK, all ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry McAndrew  
 First Selectman's Office Administrator/Clerk