



Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen
Special Town Meeting Minutes
10 Maple Avenue
Beacon Falls, CT 06403

Board of Selectmen-Special Town Meeting
April 21, 2022
MINUTES

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), Peter Betkoski (PB)

Members Absent: none

Others Present: 21 members of the public

GS entertained a motion for a temporary clerk. Nomination made for Lauren Fennell to be appointed as temporary clerk, MK/PB, all ayes.

Clerk entertained a motion for a moderator. Nomination made for Gerard Smith to be appointed as Moderator, T. Pratt/J. Betkoski, all ayes.

GS entertained a motion for method of voting by hand. Motion made by T. Pratt, seconded by H. Leeper, all ayes.

Clerk read the resolution as presented.

2. **To consider and act upon the proposed O&G Data Center:**

O&G Data center presentation was given.

a. **Questions and comments from the public:**

-G. Komorowski, Second St:

Q: Will there be a solution for a downed fuel cell?

A: There will be a connection to the grid. They will also be connected to a natural gas generator.

-B. Gilio, Bethany Rd.:

Q: Will any power generated be sold back to the grid? Or is it only serving the facility?

A: Their expectation is to serve the facility.

-E. Schwarz, Wolfe Ave:

Q: Timeline?

A: 1 ½ years of engineering and all phases would be complete in roughly 3 years.

-K. McDuffy, Bethany Rd:

Q: Volume of water needed to run fuel cell?

A: There are chillers needed to cool down the computers. There will be about half of the water needed to cool them. 32 megawatts roughly.

-M. Fernandes Sharon Dr:

Q: Is there any downside to this project for the residents?

A: Other than the original sale price, no.



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-J. Betkoski, Munson Rd:

Comment: "I have been the chair of the EDC. I have also known Bill Corvo for 20 years. I have seen his projects and they are unbelievable. He does his homework. And he has covered the 3 E's: Energy, Environment, and Economic Development. This is a win win for the town of Beacon Falls. This has gone through the BOS lead by First Selectman, Smith. They have done a wonderful job negotiating this, they weren't easy, but we they got it done. This is something we clearly need to approve tonight. I will make that motion once we are ready. I think this is great for the town."

J. Betkoski made to move this project forward Seconded by **Jim Carrol**. 21 ayes.

3. Budget Transfers:

a. Sludge Transfer:

Motion made to approve transfer as presented by **T. Pratt**, seconded by **J. Betkoski**. 19 ayes, 2 Abstained

b. Ambulance lease payoff:

Motion made to approve the transfer as presented by **J. Carroll**, seconded by **C. Brennan**; 21 ayes.

c. Bonded Deficit Project:

Motion made to approve the transfer as presented by **C. Brennan**, Seconded by **T. Pratt** 20 ayes, 1 Abstained

4. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 7:33 P.M. **S. Fiducia/W. Hopkinson**, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren A. Fennell
Appointed Clerk