



Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2022
(Subject to Revision)
C/O Town Clerk
10 Maple Avenue Beacon Falls, CT 06403

Members Present:

G. Smith (GS), P. Betkoski (PB), M. Krenesky (MK)

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Roughly 38 members of the public (including Fire Chief, DeGeorge (BD)) and 1 member of the media.

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance:

GS called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to move item 19. D to Item 1. A. **MK/PB**. All ayes.

- a. Discussion opened about the River's Edge Mobile Park. **GS** discussed the water issue with the residents present. **GS** mentioned the town's attorney's advisement on how to proceed with the commission. Once the petition is received at the Town Clerk's office, the commission will need to go to a town wide vote before being established. It will need to have between 7-9 members of the public. **GS** provided some resources in the meantime for the residents. **PB** asked C. Dana – Representative for the River's Edge Mobile Park. – if they have reached out to consumer protection. C. Dana has reached out and informed the BOS that they are in the process of sending out paperwork to them this week. 35 members of the public exited the meeting at 7:13 PM. 3 members of the public remained with 1 member of the media.

2. Read and Approved Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Motion to approve the 8/8/22, 8/8/22 Special Meeting, and the 8/25/22 Special meeting minutes made by **MK**, seconded by **PB**. All ayes.

3. **Budget Transfer Requests:** **GS** reviewed the budget transfers. **MK** made a motion to approve the budget transfers as presented and forward them to the Board of Finance for review tomorrow evening. **PB** seconded the motion. All ayes.



FY23
TRANSFERS FOR 9/12 BOS & 9/13/2022 BOF MEETINGS
FY2022-2023 BUDGET

09/13/2022

TRANSFER FROM:			TRANSFER TO:			
Amount	Line	Description	Line	Description	Amount	Explanation
1 \$ (6,230.00)	10.90.83.1170	Contingency	10.90.57.1656	Safety Committee	\$ 6,230.00	Fees from OSHA Inspection
2 \$ (2,200.00)	10.90.83.1171	Contingency	10.90.13.1595	PW Clothing Allowance	\$ 2,200.00	Public Works Contract Settlement
3 \$ (1,000.00)	10.90.83.1172	Contingency	10.90.13.1047	Payment in Lieu of Medical Insurance	\$ 1,000.00	Public Works Contract Settlement
	10.90.59.1012	NAME CHANGE - Mechanic/Maintainer		CREW LEADER		Changes in personnel positions
4 \$ (5,682.28)	10.90.83.1170	Contingency	10.90.44.1472	Fire - Vehicle Repairs	\$ 5,682.28	Increase Vehicle Repair budget to accommodate Insurance Claim for Ladder truck repair. On Revenue side you will see Insurance Claim Revenue
5 \$ (12,500.00)	10.90.11.1025	Wages ZEO	10.90.11.1023	Wages - Land Use Admin	\$ 12,500.00	Change in personnel/additional hours and pay given to Land Use Admin.
\$ (27,612.28)					\$ 27,612.28	

FY2021-2022 BUDGET

TRANSFER FROM:			TRANSFER TO:			
Amount	Line	Description	Line	Description	Amount	Explanation
1 \$ (425.00)	10.90.11.1020	Building Misc.	10.90.11.1020	Building Inspector	\$ 425.00	1/6/2022 Payroll Journal not recorded properly
2 \$ (240.85)	10.90.11.1021	Land Use Admin	10.90.11.1022	Land Use Admin OT	\$ 240.85	Overtime is overbudget/Employee has 3 expenses lines.
\$ (665.85)					\$ 665.85	



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4. **Comments From the Public:**

- a. M. Carroll – Burton Rd. – asked for more information on the proposed community center. GS disclosed that the community center is intended to be a meeting center and double as the new senior center. It will potentially leave the current senior center open for the Fire Department to use for office space.

M. Carroll asked for more information on the Rimmon School house property. GS explained that the property is privately owned, and the town does not own it. The town's planning and zoning commission has been working with the property owner to review it. At this time, the schoolhouse is in the land use process.

M. Carroll asked if there were plans to do anything with the Mathies house on the pond. GS responded that a grant is currently being pursued for the entire park. GS explained that there is a lot that would need to be done, to completely restore the property. It is currently secured.

J. Delenick – Bethany Rd. – Inquired on the best way to obtain extra material from the board and commission meetings.

GS recommended reaching out to the Town Clerks office or writing a formal letter to the BOS.

5. **Report of the Resident Trooper/Police:** MK made a motion to approve the report, as presented. PB seconded the motion. All ayes
6. **Report of the Wastewater Treatment Plant:** MK made a motion to approve the report as presented. PB seconded the motion. All ayes.
7. **Report of Public Works:** None
8. **Report of the Fire Marshal:** MK made motion to approve the report as presented. PB seconded the motion. All ayes. BD talked about upcoming events and correspondence for clerk to disperse.
9. **Report of the Finance Manager:** MK made a motion to approve the report, as presented and forward it to the Board of Finance for review at their regular monthly meeting. PB seconded the motion. All ayes.
10. **Report of the Tax Collector:** MK made motion to approve the July and August reports as presented and forward to the Board of Finance for review at their regular monthly meeting. PB seconded the motion. All ayes.
11. **Report of the Town Treasurer:** MK made a motion to approve the report as presented and forward it to the Board of Finance for review at their regular monthly Meeting. PB seconded the motion. All ayes.
12. **Report of the Town Clerk:** PB made a motion to approve the report as presented and forward it to the Board of Finance for review at their regular monthly Meeting. MK seconded the motion. All ayes.
13. **Report from Economic Development:** None
14. **Report of the Library:** MK made a motion to approve the report as presented. PB seconded the motion. All ayes.
15. **Report of the Fire Department:** PB made a motion to approve the report as presented. MK seconded the motion. All ayes. BD talked on the mutual aid calls.
16. **Other Departmental Reports:**
- a. **Report of the Custodian:** MK made motion to approve the report as presented. PB seconded. All ayes.
- b. **Report of the Animal Control Officer:** None
- c. **Report of the BOE:** MK made motion to approve the report as presented. PB seconded. All ayes.
- d. **Quarterly Report of the Town Nurse:** None
17. **Reading of Correspondence & Payment of Bills:**
- a. GS read from an email recognizing Officer Gallo for his excellent service. PB recommended inviting Officer Gallo to an official proclamation at the next BOS meeting.



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- b. **GS** read from an email of interest from J. Gumbs in the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- c. **GS** read from an email of interest from M. Carroll in the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- d. **GS** read from an email of interest from L. Winisk in the Conservation Commission.

18. **Old Business:**

- a. **Burton Road — LOTCIP Project L006-0002 Burton Road Reconstruction and Retaining Wall Replacement:** Motion to authorize the signing of the final authorization to receive the grant funds made by **MK**, seconded by **PB**. All ayes.
- b. **O&G Data Center:** No Updates.
- c. **Haynes Development:** No Updates
- d. **Fire/EMS:** Chief DeGeorge discussed the vehicle replacement fund. Motion to approve the proposal as presented and forward it to the BOF for their regular monthly meeting made by **MK**, seconded by **PB**. All ayes.
BD discussed the highway reimbursement funds and where to allocate them. Motion to approve the proposal as presented and forward it to the BOF for their regular monthly meeting made by **PB**, seconded by **MK**. All ayes.

19. Motion to add STIF discussion and action to agenda item 19. F. **MK/PB**. All ayes.

20. **New Business:**

- a. **Appointments and Reappointments:**
 - i. **PB** made motion to table the discussion, seconded by **MK**. All ayes.
- b. **CT DEEP ZEV:** MK opened discussion about potentially applying for a grant to update the existing EV station and installing a second station. Discussion was tabled. More information is to be obtained.
- c. **Burton Rd. Rehab:** No Updates
- d. **Fair Rent:** Item was moved up in the agenda and discussed earlier.
- e. **Tax Refunds:** Motion to approve tax refunds totaling \$1,631.76 as presented made by **MK**, seconded by **PB**. All ayes.
- f. **STIF Discussion & Action:** Motion in support of the STIF account made by **MK**, seconded by **PB**. All ayes.

21. **Executive Session:** None needed

22. **Adjournment:** **PB** made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectman meeting at 8:20 PM. **MK** seconded the motion. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren A. Fennell
Clerk, Board of Selectmen