



Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 02, 2023
C/O Town Clerk
10 Maple Avenue Beacon Falls, CT 06403
(Subject to Revision)

Members Present:

Gerard Smith (GS) and Michael Krenesky (MK)

Members Absent:

Peter Betkoski (PB)

Others Present:

1 Member of the public

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.

A moment of silence was held for Beacon Hose member Thomas O'Connell to recognize his passing.

2. **Read and Approved Minutes from Previous Meetings:**

Motion to accept the 9/11/23 and the 9/20/23 Special Meeting MK/GS. All ayes.

3. **Budget Transfers:**

GS reviewed the transfers as presented. Motion to approve the budget transfers as presented and forward them to the BOF at its regular meeting. MK/GS. All ayes. See *Exhibit A*.

4. **Comments From the Public:**

Joann Delenick – Bethany Rd – Voiced support for the potential new compost program. The clerk will forward any updates via email to Joann.

5. **Report of the Resident Trooper/Police:** MK motioned to approve the report as presented.

GS seconded the motion—all ayes.

6. **Report of the Wastewater Treatment Plant:** MK motioned to approve the report as presented. GS seconded the motion—all ayes. GS mentioned his displeasure with the work done on the manhole covers by O&G.

7. **Report of Public Works:** MK motioned to approve the report as presented. GS seconded the motion—all ayes. GS mentioned that the crosswalk planned to go onto Century would not be ADA-compliant due to the raised curb.

8. **Report of the Fire Department:** MK motioned to approve the August report as presented. GS seconded – all ayes. Mutual aid was briefly discussed.

9. **Report of the Fire Marshal:** MK motioned to approve the August report as presented. GS seconded – all ayes.

10. **Report of the Finance Manager:** None

11. **Report of the Town Clerk:** MK motioned to approve the report as presented and forward it to the Board of Finance for review at their regular monthly Meeting. GS seconded the motion—all ayes.

12. **Report of the Tax Collector:** MK motioned to approve the report as presented and forward it to the Board of Finance for review at their regular monthly meeting. GS seconded the motion—all ayes.

13. **Report of the Town Treasurer:** None

14. **Report of the Library:** MK motioned to approve the August and September reports as presented. GS seconded – all ayes.

15. **Report of the Custodian:** Not accepted. GS to discuss the report with the Custodian.

16. **Report from Economic Development:** MK motioned to approve the report as presented. GS seconded the motion—all ayes.

17. **Other Departmental Reports:**

- a. **Report of the Animal Control Officer:** MK motioned to approve the August report as presented. GS seconded – all ayes.



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- b. Report of the BOE: **MK motioned** to approve the report as presented and forward it to the finance board for their monthly meeting. **GS** seconded—all ayes.
 - c. Quarterly Report of the Town Nurse: **MK** motioned to approve the quarterly report of the Town Nurse as presented. **GS** seconded – all ayes.
18. **Reading of Correspondence & Payment of Bills:**
- a. **GS** read correspondence from CT DEEP awarding Beacon Hose Co. 1 the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant for \$2,500.
 - b. **GS** read correspondence from NVCOG regarding a speed options study.
 - c. **GS** read correspondence from Ellie McAdam, tendering her letter of resignation from the Conservation Commission. **MK** motioned to accept her letter of resignation regretfully. **GS** seconded – all ayes.
 - d. **GS** read correspondence from John Beutel inquiring about the timing of the traffic light at the bottom of Burton Rd.
19. **Old Business:**
- a. Burton Road — LOTCIP Project L006-0002 Burton Road Reconstruction and Retaining Wall Replacement: The road has been boxed out in preparation for paving. Fencing has been installed on the retaining wall. The work is ahead of schedule.
 - b. Haynes Development: Funds from DECD are still being sought out.
 - c. Traffic Authority: **GS** outlined the traffic study completed for Church St. It was noted that the current speed is 30 Mph. It is recommended that the speed be reduced to 20 Mph. **MK** motioned to reduce the speed limit of Church St. from 30 Mph to 20 Mph. **GS** seconded – all ayes.
20. **New Business:**
- a. Appointments and Reappointments:
 - I. Conservation Commission: 1 vacancy
 - II. Board of Finance: 1 vacancy
 - b. Rehabilitation of Church St. – Speed Limit Reduction: Discussed under item 19. C.
 - c. Compost Program: **MK** outlined the interest in starting a pilot program—clerk to contact NVCOG personnel that manages compost and recycling outreach. **MK** to spearhead the project.
 - d. Tax Refunds: **MK motioned** to approve the tax refunds totaling \$1,100 and forward them to the BOF at their monthly meeting. **GS** seconded – all ayes.
21. **Executive Session:** None
22. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 7:34 PM. **MK/GS** – all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren A. Fennell
Clerk, Board of Selectmen



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Exhibit A:



TOWN OF BEACON FALLS
FY2024
TRANSFERS FOR 10/2 BOS & 10/10/23 BOF MEETINGS

10/2/2023

FY2023-2024 BUDGET

TRANSFER FROM:			TRANSFER TO:			Explanation
Amount	Line	Description	Line	Description	Amount	
\$ (2,160.00)	10.90.83.1170	Contingency	10.90.03.1600	Alarm System Monitoring	\$ 2,160.00	9 months of monitoring for the new Town Hall alarm system (capital project funded by NR Cap Fund)
\$ (49.60)	10.90.15.1495	Education - Assessor	10.90.15.1060	Computer Support Assessor	\$ 49.60	Shortfall in line
\$ (9,500.00)	10.90.83.1170	Contingency	10.90.44.1435	Fire- Building Maintenance	\$ 9,500.00	New gutters, downspouts and flashing needed due to resolve flat roof leaks. 3 informal quotes were solicited. All roof work was completed at no cost under warranty. These original gutters were residential grade when they should have been commercial and cause water pooling on flat roof. This will correct the issue.
		WWTP Vehicle Fuel & Maintenance				Vehicle Cost - \$47,150 Budget was \$46,500; additional costs for the plow and body will be requested in the FY25 budget. This is being presented as a budget transfer, rather than an additional appropriation like the Public Works truck below because the WWTP Superintendent budgeted extra in the CF for the body this FY, but not enough for the whole cost.
\$ (1,150.00)	10.90.67.1470		16.90.67.1000	WWTP Ford-250	\$ 1,150.00	
\$ (12,859.60)					\$ 12,859.60	
New Appropriations						
\$ (500.00)		Appropriation from Police Private Duty Fund	12.90.53.1007	K9 Vehicle	\$ 500.00	from the Town of Ashville, MA for the Town's new K9 unit. General Fund cannot support - more appropriate to come out of capital fund due to useful life spanning multiple years.
\$ (2,725.00)		Additional Appropriation from Vehicle Replacement Fund	16.90.59.1000	Public Works Plow Truck Replacement	\$ 2,725.00	Vehicle contains equipment. The State Contract issued a price increase allowance supplement for this contract from the time we quoted it for the budget in January/February to now.
\$ (2,415.60)		Additional Appropriation - State LOCIP Grant Monies	70.90.79.1004	Senior Center - Concrete Work	\$ 1,768.60	Use of the balance of the existing LOCIP Funds to finalize these projects which are running overbudget, due to the age of the
			70.90.79.1005	Senior Center - Windows and Flooring	\$ 647.00	original quotes (solicited back in January for budget).
\$ (5,640.60)					\$ 5,640.60	