



Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2023  
C/O Town Clerk  
10 Maple Avenue Beacon Falls, CT 06403  
(Subject to Revision)

**Members Present:**

Gerard Smith (GS), Peter Betkoski (PB), and Michael Krenesky (MK) Via TEAMS

**Members Absent:**

None

**Others Present:**

2 public members, Town Admin - Lauren Fennell (LF) Via TEAMS, and 1 media member.

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.

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

Motion to accept the 10/02/23 Regular Meeting PB/MK. 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. PB/MK. All ayes. See *Exhibit A*.

4. **Comments From the Public:**

a. **Marlene Sandel, 135 Beacon Valley Rd. Beacon Falls – MS** On October 25<sup>th</sup> many of the trees on Beacon Valley Rd. were taken down without any notice from the town that was coming. We didn't have any notification that was happening, and I want to know if there is any discussion of restitution being made for what we lost. My front lawn is damaged from the machines that were there and we are in the dark about this ongoing project on Beacon Valley Rd. Utility poles have been put along the road, we don't know when that will be commencing, and we would like to have some more notification from the town when these events are going to be occurring so we can be prepared.

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

MK seconded the motion—all ayes.

6. **Report of the Wastewater Treatment Plant:**

MK motioned to approve the report as presented. PB seconded the motion—all ayes.

7. **Report of Public Works:** MK motioned to approve the report as presented. PB seconded the motion – all ayes.

8. **Report of the Fire Department:** No Report

9. **Report of the Fire Marshal:** MK motioned to approve the September and October report as presented. PB seconded – all ayes. PB I see the blasting, is that Hi-Stone? GS Yes.

10. **Report of the Finance Manager:** PB motioned to approve the report as presented and forward it to the BOF for their monthly meeting. MK seconded – all ayes.

11. **Report of the Town Clerk:** PB motioned 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.

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. PB seconded the motion—all ayes.

13. **Report of the Town Treasurer:** Motion to accept October and do September next month. PB/MK, All Ayes.

14. **Report of the Library:** MK motioned to approve the October reports as presented. PB seconded – all ayes.

15. **Report of the Custodian:** PB motioned to approve the report as presented. MK seconded – all ayes.

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



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17. **Other Departmental Reports:**

- a. **Report of the Animal Control Officer:** **MK** motioned to approve the September report as presented. **PB** seconded – all ayes.
- b. **Report of the BOE:** **PB** motioned to approve the report as presented and forward it to the finance board for their monthly meeting. **MK** seconded—all ayes.
- c. **Quarterly Report of the Town Nurse:** N/A

18. **Reading of Correspondence & Payment of Bills:**

- a. **GS** read correspondence from Ann Walsh: I'd like to see the summer park camp open 2 or 3 in the afternoon, and I would like to see the Town Dump open more than one Saturday a month.
- b. **GS** read Correspondence from Marlene Sandel, 135 Beacon Valley Rd.: As residents of Beacon Valley Rd., we oppose the proposed changes. I feel our property value will be degraded.
- c. **GS** read correspondence from Robert Mut resigning from the Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion to regretfully accept Commissioner Robert Mut's resignation - **PB/MK**, all ayes.
- d. **GS** read correspondence from Maureen Carroll resigning from her Parks and Recreation Commission position. Motion to accept Commissioner Maureen Carroll's resignation with regret - **PB/MK**, all ayes.
- e. **GS** read correspondence from Morgan Betti expressing interest in joining the Park and Rec Commission.
- f. **GS** read correspondence from Kristina Muth expressing interest in joining the Ethics Board.
- g. **GS** read correspondence from Kathleen Lembo expressing interest in joining the Board of Finance.

19. **Old Business:**

- a. **Burton Road — LOTCIP Project L006-0002 Burton Road Reconstruction and Retaining Wall Replacement:** Burton Road Final inspection – Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am with Dayton, Ed Schoval, Paul DeStefano, Rob Pruzinsky, Gerry Smith, Karen (NVCOG), Kevin (DOT). Then we will talk about the lights on the bottom which is the traffic lights down the bottom that we got included in the project to bring the lights to ADA Compliant on Main St.
- b. **Haynes Development:** No updates
- c. **Traffic Authority:** No updates

**PB** made a motion to add to agenda **MK** Seconded. All ayes.

- d. **Beacon Valley Road - LOTCIP Project, Discussion & Action** –**GS** The project was advertised, there was a public hearing – residents of Beacon Valley Road showed up and asked questions. It was advertised and posted. Any trees that were removed were in the 10 foot right away which is the town's right to grade and improve projects, as with all projects. This is an ongoing project, it started construction in Fall of 2023 and will be completed in the Spring of 2024. Residents need to be aware there will be construction for the next 6 months. It's a road that needs to be improved. There were numerous public and town meetings, public hearings. It's a project that's moving forward. **MS** What about putting speed bumps. **GS** They are on the agenda – they may go out, but I don't think so.



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20. **New Business:**

a. **Appointments and Reappointments:**

**MK** motioned to extend the terms of all boards and commissions that are expiring within the next 30 days to be approved at the next BOS meeting, except for Park and Rec. **PB** seconded – all ayes.

I. **Parks & Recreation:** **MK** motioned to appoint Morgan Betti to the Parks & Recreation Commission. **PB** seconded – all ayes.

II. **Planning & Zoning:** 1 Vacancy

b. **CT DECD CIF Round 4 Grant Application:** **MK** motioned to Accept and Approve the application for the Municipal Certified Resolution for the Community, Senior, Library Center Round 4 in the same amount. **PB** seconded—all ayes.

We need an informational meeting for the public before Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – separate from the BOS meeting. Set informational meetings for boards, commissions, and the public to review the CT DECD CIF Round 4 Grant Application for the community, senior, and library center Q&A on Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center.

c. **2024 Meeting Schedule:** Motion to accept the 2024 Meeting Schedule as proposed. **PB/MK**, all ayes

d. **Board and Commission Interest Application:** **PB** made motion to adopt Boards and Commission Interest Application **MK** seconded, All ayes.

e. **250<sup>th</sup> Celebration of America's Independence:** Motion to appoint **PB** to lead the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration of America's Independence Committee, **GS/MK**, All ayes.

f. **FY 2022 EMPG Application Resolution:** Motion to Adopt the 2022 EMPG Application in the amount of \$5,000 and request payment in the same Resolution. **PB/MK**, all ayes

g. **Rabbi Shmaya Hecht:** Requested we allow him to put up a Menorah at Town Hall, then he came and asked for Veterans Park. **GS**, my preference is for us to keep it at Town Ball. **PB** My thoughts are the same. **GS** They will do the lighting and their ceremony. We are invited. They will put the Menorah up and take it down, it will be up for the whole Holiday. **MK** motioned to allow Menorah to be placed at Town Hall on Dec 12<sup>th</sup>. **PB** seconded, All ayes.

h. **Tax Refunds:** **PB** motioned to approve the September revised tax refunds totaling \$1,180.23 and the October refunds totaling \$8,853.63 and forward them to the BOF at their monthly meeting. **MK** seconded – all ayes.

21. **Executive Session:** None

22. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 7:43 PM. **PB/MK** – all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Pastor  
Sub-Clerk, Board of Selectmen



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Exhibit A:



TOWN OF BEACON FALLS  
FY2024  
TRANSFERS FOR 11/13 BOS & 11/14/23 BOF MEETINGS

11/8/2023

**FY2023-2024 BUDGET**

| TRANSFER FROM: |               |                           | TRANSFER TO:                        |             |   |  |
|----------------|---------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|---|--|
| #              | Amount        | Line Description          | Line Description                    | Amount      | Explanation   |  |
| 1              | \$ (1,500.00) | 10.90.83.1170 Contingency | 10.90.13.1045 Longevity             | \$ 1,500.00 | Due to increased amounts negotiated in the Town Hall Contract renewal, after budget was approved. |  |
| 2              | \$ (4,000.00) | 10.90.83.1170 Contingency | 10.90.03.1140 Town Hall Maintenance | \$ 6,000.00 | New sign for Town Hall grounds & elevator repairs   |  |
|                | \$ (5,500.00) |                           |                                     | \$ 7,500.00 |   |  |