



Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2023  
C/O Town Clerk  
10 Maple Avenue Beacon Falls, CT 06403  
(Subject to Revision)

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

None

**Others Present:**

Two Members of the public and one member of the media.

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

GS called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion to accept the 12/12/22 meeting minutes as presented made by MK, seconded by PB. All ayes.

3. **Budget Transfer Requests:** GS reviewed the budget transfers. MK motioned to approve the presented budget transfers and forward them to the Board of Finance for review. PB seconded the motion. All ayes. The discussion opened regarding the need for the tractor.

	TRANSFER FROM	TRANSFER TO	AMOUNT OF TRANSFER
1.	Dump Trailer	JD Compact Utility Tractor	
	<i>Account Name</i>	<i>Account Name</i>	
	45.90.59.1003	NEW	\$ 9,500.01
	<i>Account Number</i>	<i>Account Number</i>	
2.	Parks Grounds Maintenance	JD Compact Utility Tractor	
	<i>Account Name</i>	<i>Account Name</i>	
	10.90.59.1788	NEW	\$ 7,873.00
	<i>Account Number</i>	<i>Account Number</i>	
3.	Appropriation from Fund Balance	JD Compact Utility Tractor	
	<i>Account Name</i>	<i>Account Name</i>	
		NEW	\$ 19,999
	<i>Account Number</i>	<i>Account Number</i>	

**Brief Explanation of the Purpose of the Transfer:**

1. Total Price of this Tractor is \$37,372.01. Current tractor is broken beyond repair. Sourcewell pricing from G&H Equipment/John Deere dealer

4. **Comments From the Public:**

C. Muth – Burton Rd. – What will be done with the existing tractor? GS – It is to be determined.

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 Marshal:** MK motioned to approve the report as presented. PB seconded the motion. All ayes.



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9. **Report of the Finance Manager:** **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.
10. **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.
11. **Report of the Town Treasurer:** **PB** motioned to approve the presented report and forward it to the Board of Finance for review at their regular monthly meeting. **MK** seconded the motion. All ayes. **MK**, is there a benefit to moving the Melbourne Trust to the STIF account? **GS** – Clerk to ask the treasurer.
12. **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. **PB** seconded the motion. All ayes.
13. **Report from Economic Development:** None
14. **Report of the Library:** **MK** motioned to approve the report as presented. **PB** seconded the motion. All ayes.
15. **Report of the Fire Department:** **MK** motioned to approve the report as presented. **PB** seconded the motion. All ayes.
16. **Other Departmental Reports:**
  - a. **Report of the Custodian:** None
  - b. **Report of the Animal Control Officer:** None
  - c. **Report of the BOE:** **PB** motioned to approve the report as presented. **MK** seconded. All ayes. **MK** attended the Football booster club meeting. The booster club will attend the BOE meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, to present the proposal on the football field.
  - d. **Quarterly Report of the Town Nurse:** **MK** motioned to approve the report as presented. **PB** seconded. All ayes.
17. **Reading of Correspondence & Payment of Bills:**
  - a. **GS** discussed a flyer received by the Servants of Christ event at Beacon Hose Co. 1. Motion to approve the Bike night at the fire department made by **MK**, seconded by **PB**. All ayes.
  - b. **GS** read from an email from Jeremy Rodorigo regarding an event invite.
  - c. **GS** read from an email from the previous park ranger, Allan Banyacsky. Motion to add Park Ranger discussion to Agenda item 19. D made by **PB**, seconded by **MK**. All ayes.**Old Business:**
  - a. **Burton Road — LOTCIP Project L006-0002 Burton Road Reconstruction and Retaining Wall Replacement:** **GS** gave an update. Dayton Construction has begun the project.
  - b. **O&G Data Center:** **GS**, there is no update.
  - c. **Haynes Development:** **GS**, there is no update.
  - d. **Service Award Proposal:** **GS** reviewed the proposal and confirmed that the BOS would follow its decision at the 12/12/22 regular meeting. **MK**, does this change go into effect on July 1, 2023? **GS** – Yes.
18. **New Business:**
  - a. **Appointments and Reappointments:**
    - I. Planning & Zoning Appointment: There are two vacancies.
  - b. **Aquarion Water Discussion:** **GS** reviewed the most recent incident on 01/01/23. **GS** – Expressed that code red should be used for catastrophes such as fires and natural disasters. Aquarion has a notification system to reach its customers. **GS** will be meeting with Aquarion executives this week (01/09/23).
  - c. **Tax Refunds:** Motion to approve tax refunds totaling \$1,036.28 as presented by **MK**, seconded by **PB**. All ayes.
  - d. **Park Ranger Discussion:** **GS** reviewed the history of this position. Discussion opened. Board feels that the Park and Recreation Commission could be brought in to address concerns that the previous Park Ranger voiced. **MK** is to attend Park and Recreation meeting on 01/16/23 to voice



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BOS concerns. **MK** - should the Park and Recreation Commission feel they need to reinstate this position, that would be up to their discretion.

19. **Executive Session:** None needed
20. **Adjournment:** **MK** motioned to adjourn the Board of Selectman meeting at 7:42 PM. **PB** seconded the motion. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren A. Fennell  
Clerk, Board of Selectmen