



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

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Others Present: Three Members of the public and one 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 01/09/23 meeting minutes as presented made by MK, seconded by PB. All ayes.

3. **Budget Transfer Requests:** GS reviewed the budget transfers. PB motioned to approve the tree work transfers and forward them to the Board of Finance for review. MK seconded. All ayes.

All fire transfers have been tabled for further review.



TOWN OF BEACON FALLS
FY23
2/13/23 BOS & 2/14/2023 BOF MEETINGS

02/09/2023

FY23 TRANSFERS

TRANSFER FROM:			TRANSFER TO:				
#	Amount	Line	Description	Line	Description	Amount	Explanation
1	\$ (2,000.00)	10.90.59.1787	Parks - Building Maintenance	10.90.59.1713	Treework	\$ 2,000.00	Tree Work for Matthies Park Playground area. 2-3 days of Tree Work
2	\$ (5,000.00)	10.90.59.1789	Parks - Court Maintenance	10.90.59.1713	Treework	\$ 5,000.00	
3	\$ (1,200.00)	10.90.59.1555	Equipment Rental	10.90.59.1713	Treework	\$ 1,200.00	
4	\$ (1,500.00)	10.90.44.1486	EMS Training	10.90.44.1060	Fire Dept - IT & Software	\$ 1,500.00	ESO Mobile Rover Invoice. This is the 2nd transfer into IT this year.
5	\$ (6,000.00)	45.90.44.1013	FM Vehicle	45.90.44.1020	UTV, Trailer & Skid Pumps Project	\$ 6,000.00	Dealer fees were left off the initial transfer request
6	\$ (10,000.00)	10.90.83.1170	Contingency	10.90.44.1470	Fire - Vehicle Fuel	\$ 10,000.00	Line is currently overbudget for FY23
7	\$ (2,200.00)	10.90.45.1495	Fire Marshal - Continuing Education	10.90.45.1167	Fire Marshal - Vehicle Expense	\$ 2,200.00	2007 Chevy Colorado Repairs - see quotes
8	\$ (805.00)	10.90.45.11515	Fire Code Subscription	10.90.45.1167	Fire Marshal - Vehicle Expense	\$ 805.00	
We also have a PO revision for \$3198 for the older Knox Box project, which is being presented by Fire Dept., moving \$3198 from Fire Marshal Vehicle Expense to Fire Dept Vehicle Repairs.							
\$ (28,705.00)			\$ 28,705.00				

4. **Comments From the Public:**

Dino Virelli – Kaileys Way – Endorsed the most recent speed mitigation updates. (Speed humps and stop signs).

DV also questioned why there are so many parent pick-ups at Laurel Ledge. Questioned if BOE has conducted a Parking Feasibility Study.

Maureen Carroll – Burton Road – Noted that the current bus situation is terrible. The buses seem to be chronically late.



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5. **Report of the Resident Trooper/Police:** MK motioned to approve the report, as presented. PB seconded the motion. All ayes. GS Recognized how well the PD handled the impromptu car show and recent car break-ins.
6. **Report of the Wastewater Treatment Plant:** MK motioned to approve the report as presented. PB seconded the motion. All ayes. PB, is the generator upgrade part of the ongoing project? GS, yes, that is part of the upgrade.
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:** PB motioned to approve the report as presented. MK seconded the motion. All ayes. Complaint about the blasting
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. GS questioned STIF account with \$3 million. Money has been moved.
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:** MK motioned to approve the report as presented. PB seconded. All ayes.
14. **Report of the Library:** PB motioned to approve the report as presented. MK 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. GS noted that the mutual aid has come down. Noted that the
16. **Other Departmental Reports:**
 - a. **Report of the Custodian:** PB motioned to approve the report as presented. Seconded by MK. All ayes. **With the uptick in COVID-19 exposures, MK is pleased with the amount of times the building was sanitized.**
 - b. **Report of the Animal Control Officer:** None
 - c. **Report of the BOE:** MK motioned to approve the report as presented. PB seconded. All ayes.
 - d. **Quarterly Report of the Town Nurse:** N/A
17. **Reading of Correspondence & Payment of Bills:**
 - a. GS read from a letter stating that Mathies Park could be opened to the public. MK has forwarded said correspondence to the park and Recreation Chair. PB, has the park ranger matter been discussed further? M. Carroll, Park, and Rec member confirmed it had not been discussed.
 - b. GS read from P&Z correspondence stating that the commission has completed their annual training.
18. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Burton Road — LOTCIP Project L006-0002 Burton Road Reconstruction and Retaining Wall Replacement:** GS gave an update on the pile-on. The concrete is expected to be poured next week. They are a week ahead of schedule.
 - b. **O&G Data Center:** GS, there is no update.
 - c. **Haynes Development:** GS, there is no update.



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19. **New Business:**

a. **Appointments and Reappointments:**

I. Planning & Zoning Appointment: There is one vacancy

b. **Region 16 – Discussion:** **GS** read the email correspondence from Superintendent Yamin. (Exhibit

a) A recommendation to potentially park in the upper lot was given. Mentioned that it was not a directive. **GS** gave an update on the reasoning for restricting parking. It had begun with the teachers parking in the town hall lot. **GS** addressed this matter with Yamin, and it was rectified. However, parents then began to park in the parking lot. All empty spaces were taken, and all employee spaces were taken as well. The wait for pick up has been running as long as 30 minutes. The spots were so filled that residents were unable to pay their taxes. **GS** reached out to Regina (Principal of Laurel Ledge) well before the lot was restricted. Information was sent to Superintendent Yamin. An adequate response was not given. Parents have been parking in front of other homes on Highland.

Blocking residents from leaving their homes. The town of Beacon Falls has done everything possible to attempt to get adequate and safe parking for Laurel Ledge's parents. **PB** would like to do some more research on the best options. **MK** stated that he found the Superintendent's response of not wanting to inconvenience his teachers, dissatisfactory. This decision was not made to prohibit parents from attending Library programs. M. Carroll feels that the lot next to the playground should be open. Lisa Mariano - Wilson Court – Is there room in the back? Is this a union issue? Dino Virelli – Had a question for **PB**. Could it be possible to add additional parking behind the school? How much would it cost? **PB** around 150k. DV, are we paying for the cop in the morning? **GS**, we are paying for half of the cost. The police presence was for the first day, not meant to be ongoing.

Joann Delenick – Bethany Road – There should not be so much confusion over parking.

c. **10-Year Plan of Conservation and Development and CGS 8-30j Affordable Housing Plan Services (22-4R):** **MK** motioned to move forward with the 10-Year Plan of Conservation and Development and CGS 8-30j Affordable Housing Plan Services (22-4R) and award the contract to SLR corporation international. Seconded by **PB**. All ayes.

d. **Tax Refunds:** Motion to approve tax refunds totaling \$2,122.59 as presented by **MK**, seconded by **PB**. All ayes.

20. **Executive Session:** None needed.

21. **Adjournment:** **PB** motioned to adjourn the Board of Selectman meeting at 7:53 PM. **MK** seconded the motion. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren A. Fennell
Clerk, Board of Selectmen



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Exhibit a

From: [Gerard Smith](#)
To: [Michael Krenesky](#); [Peter Betkoski](#)
Cc: [Lauren Fennell](#)
Subject: FW: Parking Consideration
Date: Thursday, February 9, 2023 1:46:54 PM

Gerard F. Smith
First Selectman
Town of Beacon Falls
10 Maple Avenue
Beacon Falls, CT 06403
W. 203-729-4340
C. 203-909-0612

From: Michael Yamin <myamin@region16ct.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2023 12:30 PM
To: Gerard Smith <gsmith@beaconfallsct.org>; Ben Catanzaro <bcatanzaro@region16ct.org>; Tiffany Burkitt <tiffanyburkitt@gmail.com>; Regina Murzak <rmurzak@region16ct.org>
Subject: Fwd: Parking Consideration

I hope this helps.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Regina Murzak <rmurzak@region16ct.org>
Date: February 9, 2023 at 12:17:59 PM EST
To: Michael Yamin <myamin@region16ct.org>
Subject: Fwd: Parking Consideration

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Regina Murzak** <rmurzak@region16ct.org>
Date: Thu, Feb 9, 2023 at 12:17 PM
Subject: Parking Consideration
To: LLES Certified Staff <laurelcertifiedmail@region16ct.org>, LLES Non Certified Staff <llesnoncertifiedmail@region16ct.org>

Good Afternoon,

I was speaking with the Superintendent and he shared the thought that in an attempt to support parents at dismissal with parking if possible, please consider parking up in the upper lot (playground). This may relieve some tension with parking at Town Hall.



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This is just something we wanted to throw out as a consideration and is not a directive by any means.

Please do not hesitate to see me with any questions or concerns.

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