



Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 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).

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 7:00 PM and led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion to accept the 02/13/23 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 budget transfers of the \$6,000 from the fire marshal vehicle purchase to the UTV trailer and skid pumps in the amount of \$6,000. \$10,000 from contingency to the vehicle fuel for the Fire Department. \$3,000 from training to vehicle repairs. \$3,000 from new turn-out gear to vehicle repair to cover the repairs of the springs on truck 6 and forward them to the Board of Finance for review. MK seconded. All ayes.

4. **Comments From the Public:**

None

5. **Report of the Resident Trooper/Police:** MK motioned to approve the report, as presented. PB seconded the motion. All ayes. MK opened the discussion – inquired about the bid of mischief of Lancaster Dr. Was not very transparent. PB – asked for the PD to go around at night some more. GS – mentioned that he would like the PD to see what the number of mileage is logged for a complete 8-hour shift. The Lancaster Dr. car rally issue was discussed.

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:** No report was presented.

8. **Report of the Fire Marshal:** PB motioned to approve the report as presented. MK seconded the motion. All ayes. MK commented on the numerous complaints about blasting. A blasting permit has been issued to the business in question. GS - gave an update on the blasting. It was approved for a plan to build two large buildings on that site. Approval was for 10 years. 3 extensions were given. The expected date of completion is in 3 years. The meeting minutes from the P&Z meeting of February detail the matter.

9. **Report of the Finance Manager:** 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.

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 monthly meeting. 4.71% increase in interest was noted on the STIF account.

12. **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. GS mentioned very light numbers for the month.

13. **Report from Economic Development:** MK motioned to approve the report as presented. PB seconded. All ayes. Clerk gave an update.



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14. **Report of the Library:** **MK** motioned to approve the report as presented. **PB** seconded the motion. All ayes. Discussion opened about how well the Library does on its programs.
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:** **PB** motioned to approve the report as presented. Seconded by **MK**. All ayes.
 - 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. None
18. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Burton Road — LOTCIP Project L006-0002 Burton Road Reconstruction and Retaining Wall Replacement:** **GS** gave an update on the new change order for the project. The change order is for the wall. The amount will be less going forward. The expected date of completion for this wall will be 2 weeks.
 - b. **O&G Data Center:** **GS**, there is no update.
 - c. **Haynes Development:** **GS**, there is no update.
19. **New Business:**
 - a. **Appointments and Reappointments:**
 - I. Planning & Zoning Appointment: There is one vacancy.
 - b. **Tax abatement ordinance update – Discussion & Action:** Clerk to send tax abatement updates to the town council.
 - c. **Fire House Sign ZBA Application Update – Discussion & Action:** Motion to waive the ZBA application fee in the amount of \$370 for the Fire House Sign to be constructed in front of Beacon Hose Co. 1. Made by **MK**, seconded by **PB** All ayes.
 - d. **18 Westview – Discussion & Action:** Motion to approve the transfer of the property owned by MWP liability company, AKA 18 West View Road to transfer it from the LLC to the Town of Beacon Falls to the Mirandas under the guidance of the town attorney with the proper language and recording. All expenses to be bore by the property owners, “the Mirandas,” made by **MK**, seconded by **PB**. All ayes.
 - e. **Opioid – Discussion & Action:** Motion to agree to move forward with plans to engage in and procure funds for various opioid drug-related prevention programs with non-profits, including region 16, for the community of Prospect and Beacon Falls made by **PB**. seconded by **MK**. All ayes
 - f. **Tax Refunds:** Motion to approve tax refunds totaling \$5,746.66 as presented by **MK**, seconded by **PB**. All ayes.

Motion to add 23-1 Rehabilitation of Beacon Valley Road Bridge Award to item 19g made by **MK**. Seconded by **PB**. All ayes.

g. **23-1 Rehabilitation of Beacon Valley Road Bridge Award:** Motion to approve an award to NJR Construction LLC for the rehabilitation of Beacon Valley Road Bridge in the amount of \$307,240. Contingent upon the State's authorization made by **MK**. Seconded by **PB**. All ayes.

MK mentioned that a draft of the Region 16 FY24 Budget was received and noted a 2.75% overall increase. BOS noted that it was a very high number. **MK** encouraged BOE to take a closer look at the Beacon Falls numbers to ensure accuracy.



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20. **Executive Session:** None needed.
21. **Adjournment:** **PB** motioned to adjourn the Board of Selectman meeting at 7:41 PM. **MK** seconded the motion. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren A. Fennell
Clerk, Board of Selectmen