



Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting Minutes  
May 08, 2023  
C/O Town Clerk  
10 Maple Avenue Beacon Falls, CT 06403  
(Subject to Revision)

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** 2 members of the public and 1 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.

Motion to add Budget Transfers to the agenda as item 3 a., Speed enforcement to old business as item 17 d., and old business 17 e. Beacon Valley Bridge Project. Made by MK and seconded by PB. All ayes.

Motion to add Beacon Valley

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

Motion to accept the 04/11/23 and 4/12/23 meeting minutes as presented by MK, seconded by PB. All ayes.

3. **Budget Transfers:**

a. Motion to approve the budget transfers as presented and forward them to the BOF at their monthly meeting made by MK, seconded by PB. All ayes.

4. **Comments From the Public:**

a. Maureen Carroll – Burton Road – Spoke with the board to go over the details of the opening night of the Top-Notch softball league. Maureen also asked whom to speak with at Town Hall regarding adding an accessory dwelling on her property. GS directed her to the Land Use Department, and Planning & Zoning Commission.

5. **Report of the Resident Trooper/Police:** None

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:** PB motioned to approve the report as presented. MK seconded the motion. All ayes. Details on the Highway Maintainer position were discussed.

8. **Report of the Fire Marshal:** None

9. **Report of the Fire Department:** Motion to approve the report as presented made by MK, seconded by PB. All ayes.

10. **Report of the Finance Manager:** PB motioned to approve and forward the presented report to the Board of Finance for review at their regular monthly meeting. MK seconded the motion. 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. GS mentioned requesting a condensed version of the report going forward.

13. **Report of the Town Treasurer:** MK motioned to approve the presented report and forward it to the Board of Finance for review at their monthly meeting. PB seconded. All ayes.

14. **Report from Economic Development:** MK motioned to approve the report as presented. PB seconded—all ayes. GS gave an update on the Lancaster Dr. Lot matter. The First Selectman's office will be pursuing through the CT Governors' office to have the lots be released back to the town.



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15. **Report of the Library:** MK motioned to approve the report as presented. PB seconded the motion. All ayes.
16. **Report of the Fire Department:** MK motioned to approve the report as presented. GS seconded the motion. All ayes.
17. **Other Departmental Reports:**
  - a. **Report of the Custodian:** None
  - 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:** Not Applicable
18. **Reading of Correspondence & Payment of Bills:**
  - a. GS read from a letter of correspondence from Beacon Hose Co. 1 regarding the newly appointed officials of the Fire House. See Exhibit A.
  - b. GS read from a letter of correspondence from The American Legion inviting the BOS to an event.
  - c. GS mentioned an email from Diane Betkoski.
19. **Old Business:**
  - a. **Burton Road — LOTCIP Project L006-0002 Burton Road Reconstruction and Retaining Wall Replacement:** GS gave an update on the project. There have been some delays due to the weather with the utility poles installation. Now that the weather is better, the installation should resume.
  - b. **O&G Data Center:** GS gave a brief update from Bill Corvo that the current climate for this industry has slowed down and is hurting this project.
  - c. **Haynes Development:** GS, there is no update.
  - d. **Speed Enforcement:** GS read an email from Diane Betkoski regarding Blackberry Hill. She has requested that a speed bump be installed on Blackberry Hill. GS asked Maureen Carroll how she felt about the speed humps. She mentioned that speed humps on Highland would be very beneficial. She mentioned that now that they have been installed, she likes them. GS mentioned the areas that could benefit from having speed bumps installed. The board discussed the police and their presence. GS to step up speed enforcement. The board let Andreas from Citizens News know to contact Corporal Piccirillo to aid in gathering information for a Beacon Falls Police Blotter. Clerk to contact Paul Destefano of SLR to review the hill section of Beacon Falls for Speed Bumps. Clerk to email Rob Pruzinsky (Road Foreman) to inquire about school zone signs at Laurel Ledge and Woodland.
  - e. **Beacon Valley Bridge Project:** GS gave an update on the project. The project will begin on May 22, 2023. The bridge will be down to one lane. Clerk to email blast the start of project notice.
20. **New Business:**
  - a. **Appointments and Reappointments:**
    - I. Planning & Zoning Appointment: There is 1 vacancy.
  - b. MK mentioned there have been many complaints regarding the advertisement for the BOE budget meeting. The clerk went over her methods of advertisement for the Beacon Falls budget town meeting.
  - c. **Tax Refunds:** None received.
21. **Executive Session:** None needed.
22. **Adjournment:** PB motioned to adjourn the Board of Selectman meeting at 7:43 PM. MK seconded the motion. All ayes.



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Respectfully submitted,

Lauren A. Fennell  
Clerk, Board of Selectmen



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Exhibit A.



May 1, 2023

Gerard Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman  
Town of Beacon Falls  
10 Maple Avenue  
Beacon Falls, CT 06403

Dear 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Smith,

Beacon Hose Company No. 1 is pleased to announce its newly elected slate of Line Officers.

Fire Chief Brian DeGeorge  
Assistant Fire Chief Cody Brennan  
Captain Timothy Hanks  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Kevin O'Connell  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Mark Pinto  
EMS Captain Jeremy Rodorigo  
EMS 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Peter Monti  
EMS 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant *Vacant*  
Fire Police Captain William McCasland  
Fire Police Lieutenant *Vacant*  
Treasurer Thomas Pratt  
Assistant Treasurer Victor Santos  
Secretary Steven Marinaro  
Assistant Secretary Matthew DeGeorge

We thank you for the support that you have given us in the past and look forward to continuing our service to the Town of Beacon Falls.

Sincerely,

Brian DeGeorge, Fire Chief