



Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2024
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: N/A

Others Present: 2 members of the public and 1 media member.

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

GS called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion to accept the 12/11/2024 and 12/21/2023 Meeting Minutes **MK/PB**. 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.

4. **Comments From the Public:**

Joann Delenick (**JD**) – 243 Bethany Rd: Today I simply caution you regarding the disconnect between your ongoing prioritization of town development plans focused on a single private business firm located in the neighboring town of Seymour, namely Haynes Development, and the ongoing growth and development needs of the entire town of Beacon Falls.

Gary Komarowsky (**GK**) - 15 Second St: Is there any current status to the Katherine Mattheis Scholarship funds for Beacon Falls residents?

Motion to add, for discussion, to the Agenda under New Business: Ordinance to establish the ability to donate to the Scholarship Fund. **MK/PB**. All ayes

5. **Report of the Resident Trooper/Police:** **MK** motioned to approve the report as presented. **PB** 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:** **MK** motioned to approve the September, October and November reports as presented. **PB** Seconded. All ayes.

9. **Report of the Fire Marshal:** **MK** motioned to approve the December report as presented. **PB** seconded – all ayes.

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:** **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.

12. **Report of the Tax Collector:** **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.



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13. **Report of the Town Treasurer:** Motion to accept report. **MK/PB** All Ayes.
14. **Report of the Library:** **PB** motioned to approve the December reports as presented. **MK** seconded – all ayes.
15. **Report of the Custodian:** No Report.
16. **Other Departmental Reports:**
 - a. **Report from Economic Development:** No Report
 - b. **Report of the Animal Control Officer:** No Report
 - c. **Report of the BOE:** **MK** Motioned to accept the report. **PB** Seconded. All ayes.
 - d. **Quarterly Report of the Town Nurse:** **PB** Motioned to accept report. **MK** Seconded.
17. **Reading of Correspondence & Payment of Bills:**
 - a. **GS** read a letter from a resident questioning an ordinance permitting private snow plow drivers from pushing snow and debris into neighboring yards.
 - b. **GS** read correspondence from Kerry McAndrew expressing her interest in becoming a member on the Ethics Board.
 - c. **GS** read correspondence from Kathy Grace informing the selectman of her intent to retire from her position as Registrar of Voters as of February 1st 2024. **PB** motioned to accept with regret and thank Kathy for her many years of service. **MK** Seconded. All ayes.
 - d. **GS** reads correspondence from Sue Mis informing the selectman she will be retiring from her position of Town Nurse as of July 1st, 2024. **MK** motioned to accept with regret and thank Sue for her many years of service. **PB** Seconded. All ayes
18. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Burton Road — LOTCIP Project L006-0002 Burton Road Reconstruction and Retaining Wall Replacement:** **GS** The project is winding down, there's a few items left.
 - b. **Haynes Development:** **GS** No updates.
 - c. **Traffic Authority:** **GS** We got a request from Corporal Piccirillo to add a stop sign at the corner of Wolfe Avenue and Burton Road because of the sight lines when people are trying to cross. We will invite him to the next BOS meeting to see where exactly he would like the sign(s).
 - d. **Beacon Valley Road - LOTCIP Project L006-0001:** **GS** It's on winter shut down – they are working through the winter, the poles are removed. As soon as they are comfortable getting back to work the project will start in the spring.



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19. **New Business:**

- a. Appointments and Reappointments:
- I. Planning & Zoning: 1 Vacancy
 - II. Code of Ethics Board:
Motion to Appoint Kristina Muth to Code and Ethics Board. **MK/PB.**
All ayes
Motion to Appoint Kerry McAndrew to Code and Ethics. **MK/PB.** All
ayes
Motion to Reappoint Eva Newell to Code and Ethics. **MK/PB.** All
ayes
Motion to Reappoint Chris Kopjanski to Code and Ethics. **MK/PB.** All
ayes
Motion to Reappoint Donato Rubino to Code and Ethics. **MK/PB.** All
ayes
 - III. WPCA: Motion to Reappoint Cody Muth to Water Pollution and
Control Authority. **PB/MK.** All ayes
- b. Motion to Approve Revised Ambulance Resolution: **MK** Motioned to
approve the Revised Ambulance Resolution. **PB** Seconded. All ayes
- c. Tax Refunds: **MK** motioned to approve the December tax refunds totaling
\$935.94 and forward them to the BOF at their monthly meeting. **PB** seconded – all
ayes.
- d. FY 23 Audit: Motion to accept Auditors Report report **PB/MK.** All ayes
- e. Motion to create an Ordinance to establish the ability to donate to the
Scholarship Fund: **GS** We have a proposed Tax Bill showing how it would look – it's
on the bottom of the tax bill, it would say "Voluntary Beacon Falls Scholarship Fund"
with a dollar amount, minimum of one dollar. We need an Ordinance to do this. **MK**
Motioned to request the Town Attorney to prepare, review, and submit back an
Ordinance that will allow us to collect money for the Melbourne Trust Scholarship via
our Tax System then we will forward it to the public for a Public Hearing and Town
Meeting.

20. **Executive Session:** None

21. **Adjournment:** **PB** made a Motion to adjourn at 7:32 PM. **MK** seconded. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Pastor
Clerk, Board of Selectmen