



Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen
C/O Town Clerk
10 Maple Avenue
Beacon Falls, CT 06403
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2022
(Subject to Revision)

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

5 members of the public

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 Meeting:**

Motion to approve the 05/09/2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended to include the correspondence from M. Carrol in Exhibit A. made by **MK**, seconded by **PB**. All ayes. Motion to approve the 05/17/2022 Joint BOF/BOS meeting minutes as amended to reflect that TC should be TP for Tom Pratt instead of Tom Carey made by **PB**, seconded by **MK**. All ayes. Motion to approve the 06/01/2022 special meeting minutes as presented made by **MK** seconded by **PB**. All ayes. Motion to approve the 06/06/2022 special meeting minutes as presented made by **MK**, seconded by **PB**. All ayes.

3. **Budget Transfer Requests:** GS reviewed the budget transfers. **PB** made a motion to approve the budget transfers as presented and forward them to the Board of Finance for review tomorrow evening. **MK** seconded the motion. All ayes.



FY22
TRANSFERS FOR 6/13 BOS & 6/14/2022 BOF MEETINGS

6/9/2022

#	Transfer From	Transfer To	Amount	Description
1	10.90.83.1170 Contingency	10.90.03.1070 Board & Commission Clerks	\$ 2,000.00	Additional meeting this FY; currently \$640 over budget with 15 more meetings for June.
2	10.90.37.1410 Property & Casualty Insurance	10.90.13.1256 Fire - Life and AD&D Insurance	\$ 6.75	Annual bill came in slightly higher
3	10.90.44.1436 Building Equipment & Repairs	10.90.44.1435 Building Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00	Transfers would cover pending purchases needed to close out FY22
4	10.90.44.1486 EMS Training	10.90.44.1485 Personal Protective Equipment	\$ 4,000.00	
5	10.90.44.1553 Dept Supplies - EMS	10.90.44.1552 Dept Supplies - Fire	\$ 4,000.00	
6	10.90.59.1710 Highway Materials	10.90.59.1670 Street Sweeping	\$ 3,245.00	Late addition to Transfer list.
Total			\$ 14,751.75	

4. **Resident Trooper/Police Report:** **MK** made a motion to approve the report, as presented. **PB** seconded the motion. All ayes

5. **Wastewater Treatment Plant Report:** **PB** made a motion to approve the report as presented. **MK** seconded the motion. All ayes.



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6. **Report of Public Works:** **MK** made a motion to approve the report as presented. **PB** seconded the motion. All ayes.
7. **Report of the Fire Marshal:** None
8. **Report of the Finance Manager:** **PB** made a motion to approve the report, as presented and forward it to the Board of Finance for review at their regular June meeting. **MK** seconded the motion. All ayes.
9. **Report of the Tax Collector:** **MK** made a motion to approve the report, as presented and forward it to the Board of Finance for review at their regular June meeting. **PB** seconded the motion. All ayes. Discussion followed regarding the Melbourne Scholarship. **GS** made motion to speak with Tax Collector about adding an option on the towns tax bills to donate to the trust fund for Beacon Falls region 16 students. Seconded by **MK**. All ayes.
10. **Report of the Town Treasurer:** **PB** made a motion to approve the report as presented and forward it to the Board of Finance for review at their regular June Meeting. **MK** seconded the motion. All ayes.
11. **Report of the Town Clerk:** **MK** made a motion to approve the report as presented and forward it to the Board of Finance for review at their regular June Meeting. **PB** seconded the motion. All ayes.
12. **Report from Economic Development:** None
13. **Report of the Library:** **MK** made a motion to approve the report as presented. **PB** seconded the motion. All ayes.
14. **Report of the Fire Department:** **MK** made a motion to approve the report as presented. **PB** seconded the motion. All ayes.
15. **Other Departmental Reports:**
 - a. **Report of the custodian:** Report was submitted. Unable to present it due to computer mishap.
 - b. **Report of the animal control officer:** Motion to approve report as presented made by **MK**, seconded by **PB**. All ayes.
 - c. **Report of the BOE:** None
16. **Comments From the Public:**

D. Verrelli - Keleas Way, plans to start a nonprofit called Region 16 Legal Fund. This nonprofit will aid families in the Prospect/Beacon Falls area in funding legal action against Region 16 in regards to children that have special needs.
17. **Reading of Correspondence & Payment of Bills:** None
18. Motion to move agenda item number 18 e. up in discussion made by **MK**, seconded by **PB**, all ayes. **GS** recused himself from the discussion. Discussion followed regarding Edwards Estate Land Swap between **MK** and **PB**. No decision was made. Conversation was tabled until Land Use attorney was spoken with. Special meeting between **MK** and **PB** to follow for decision.
19. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Burton Road — LOTCIP Project L006-0002 Burton Road Reconstruction and Retaining Wall Replacement:** Motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the municipal certification application made by **MK**, seconded by **PB**. All ayes.
 - b. **O&G Data Center:** Awaiting sign off from the DECD.
 - c. **Speed Humps:** **GS** discussed about reviewing the stop signs where Wolfe, South Circle, and North Circle converge. **GS** mentioned having the police and DPW review this area again.
 - d. **Haynes Development:** A grant for the road has been applied for. There are currently no updates.
 - e. **Lopus Rd. Fee Schedule Change:** **GS** is waiting for clear direction from town assessor, June on how that will be assessed.
 - f. **Public Works Discussion:** Discussion followed.



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20. **New Business:**
- a. **BHC EMS Accounts at Liberty – Agreement:** Motion to approve the request as presented made by **PB**, seconded by **MK**. All ayes
 - b. **Appointments and Reappointments:** Discussion followed about the current openings in the boards.
 - c. **Tax Refunds:** Motion to approve tax refunds totaling 2,797.01 as presented made by **MK**, seconded by **PB**. All ayes.
21. **Executive Session:** None needed
22. **Adjournment:** **PB** made a motion 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



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Exhibit A:

Hi all,

I unfortunately can not attend tonight's meeting - but had some questions: (Maureen Carroll, 90 Burton Rd)

•I noticed the speed humps on the agenda. I would suggest consider doing temporary speed bumps for now. They are substantially less expensive and it'll allow us to see if they actually work/make a difference before installing permanent ones. Locations I believe we should install them are highland Ave and surrounding streets that are in close proximity of the school/school zone; woodland driveway and school zone areas; as well as the driveway for the rec.

•In regards to our animal control department: Looking back on a couple of the most recent reports, it shows multiple complaints but zero information. What was investigated? What were the outcomes? Why is there such a lack of info? More info/detailed reports would be beneficial to all residents for numerous reasons: so we know issues aren't taken lightly, so we know if there's a vicious dog nearby, so we know if there's a dog nearby that has bitten, etc.

•In regards to our Building Department: do they do a report at all? Monthly? Quarterly? If so, where can this be found? If not, why not?

•In regards to our police department: Their monthly reports tend to show more warnings given than tickets - why is that? Perhaps that's one of the reasons why speeding continues to occur.

Also, their monthly reports lack info. More info I believe should be given - what type of infractions were given, the locations, traffic stops, patrol checks, etc. This detailed info would be extremely beneficial to all residents and the police themselves as it would keep track of the troubled areas.

They also list community engagement activity but never detail what exactly this entails. What is it that they do? Can this info be added as well? It'll open residents' eyes to what our police do (or don't do) within our community.

The police clerk: what are their hours? What happens, and why is the clerk not there when they are supposed to be? I ask this, because multiple times people have went to go to the station and doors locked and no one there. If the clerk has a time

In and a time out - this needs to be monitored because it appears to the public that this position is getting taken advantage of. Also, why is there such an attitude given when the clerk is there? It's as if the public is bothering them. Unacceptable and needs to change.

Thank you so much!

Maureen Carroll

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