

**Beacon Falls Board of Finance  
10 Maple Avenue  
Beacon Falls, CT 06403**



**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF FINANCE  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Budget Workshop with Board of Selectmen  
April 12, 2022, MINUTES  
(Subject to Revision)**

1. **Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance:** J. Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM and led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: T. Pratt (TP), W. Hopkinson (WH), K. Brennan (KB), J. Carroll (JC), D. Fennell (DF)

Members Absent: S. West

Public Present: Finance Manager N. Nau, Selectman M. Krenesky, First Selectman G. Smith, Deputy Fire Marshal C. Brennan, Andreas from the Republican American, Fire Marshal/Fire Chief Brian DeGeorge (7:15 PM), Selectman P. Betkoski (7:20 PM) 3 members of the public.

2. **Comments from the Public:** None at this time.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** WH made a motion to approve March 15, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. TP seconded the motion. All ayes.
4. **Correspondence:** There were 2 responses from members of the public from the Town website – FY2023 Public Input form. J. Carroll noted he could read all the Q&A or acknowledge who sent in questions and attach the responses to the minutes as part of the public record. K. Brennan read the thorough responses from the Finance office and was in favor of attaching them for the record. Maureen Carroll of 90 Burton Road and Alan Careddu of 32 Lasky Road sent in questions and the Finance Office responses are attached to the minutes and made part of the public record.
5. **Reporting:**
  - a. Tax Collector Report – No comments or concerns.
  - b. Treasurers Report – No comments or concerns.
  - c. Town Clerk Report – No comments or concerns.
  - d. Region 16 Report – No questions or concerns.
  - e. Ambulance Report – No questions or concerns.
6. First Selectman's Report:
  - a. G. Smith wished to begin the **Budget Workshop discussion.**
    - i. Fire Marshal response: The Boards had some questions for the Fire Marshal on their revenue and C. Brennan was present to answer these questions. G. Smith asked why the revenue was so light. C. Brennan explained that the Fire Marshal office began with a small number of records on previous inspections. There was a tremendous lack of data from prior years. It has taken the Fire Marshal 3 years to correct the process from what they were handed. An example, in 2013, there were a total of 8 inspections done. There are 88-90 buildings which should be inspected by the Fire Marshal. They continue to build the list of properties as they become aware of them; with recent additions of a new warehouse and Knapp Container which is currently going under renovation. There were 10 Town buildings inspected this year, and

these are not billable. They have compiled a list of inspectable properties and when the inspections are due to be completed. They have been dealing with a major backlog of inspections. They have had the State join them on multiple inspections for long neglected properties.

- ii. As the officials now responsible for the process, C. Brennan's time has been devoted to the old industrial buildings, which have severe code violations which need to be addressed. C. Brennan asked if the Town should charge non-profits and the schools for inspections? They have not been charged to date, but they can begin charging them. Blasting and fireworks are overseen by Brian DeGeorge. In addition, the Fire Marshal has some community outreach programs, such as installing smoke detectors and CO meters for residents which are part of the unmeasurable benefits of the office. The Fire Marshal is requesting more hours to allow time to correct some of the problems with larger buildings, such as the Bronson Building. C. Brennan has been in every apartment that he was able to inspect, now that the Covid restrictions have been lifted. CT General Statutes require significant homework with code books, which is a time-consuming process. Several buildings have been brought up to code. C. Brennan asked how often he should bill when he is returning multiple times to the properties? There are fines in the statutes, but the FM office has not billed any fines. They see a lot of cooperation and do not want to instill fines when the owners are working with them. An example is 2 North Main Street, which will be an issue for the next year. The Fire Marshal office now has a lot of documentation on these properties and their records are more complete.

P. Betkoski entered the meeting (7:20 PM)

- iii. JC asked are we billing for each inspection? B. DeGeorge noted that they are billed on the initial annual inspection. They are not billed for return visits. TP asked about reinspection fees. Is it feasible to send a reinspection bill when you are issuing a compliance certificate for a property? N. Nau asked that whatever the office determines, they should be consistent with billing. GS stated that the FM office has answered why we saw such little revenue. We recognize they are cleaning up a department which needed a lot of help. GS thinks it is fair to bill for the initial inspection and then if compliance is an issue, and repairs are completed, there should be no rebilling. However, if the buildings do not comply after several attempts, then they should be charged for reinspection. Regarding liability, C. Brennan noted that while the State has been on several projects, which are well-documented, the State will never take over a project. When provisions are needed for some of these properties, the State is involved. The FM is addressing life safety issues foremost.
- iv. GS supports the extra hours after hearing what we have heard. GS would like to meet with the Fire Marshal quarterly to determine where the large-scale projects are. If these actions are documented, does it impact the town's liability? B DeGeorge stated the FM office is in a much better position than we have ever been, in protecting the Town and the residents.
- v. C. Brennan also stated that the Fire Marshal and Building Office need to work on internal communications and need to close the gap. The Fire Marshal needs to see plans when renovations and property transfers are occurring, or when permits are issued that should involve them. Communication between FM and Building inspector needs to improve.

- vi. KB would be against reinspection fees when owners comply. However, if you go back 4-5 times, then billing on the final inspection makes sense. We have to find a way to get funds when they are not complying. KB stated that he saw firsthand that the basement of 2 North Main is very dangerous and hazardous. WH noted that regarding inspections for schools, we should be in line with Prospect. It should be the same practice in 2 towns. DF – How many inspections have you done this fiscal year? C. Brennan noted that he had completed 30 inspections to date, including town buildings. 15 or so have been billed. Some of his visits are not full inspections, but checking in. JC thanked the Fire Marshals for their time, the explanation and for all you do to keep this town safe.
- vii. WWTP Dewatering Project: DF had asked about the dewatering project for the sludge. N. Nau provided a response from both the Wastewater Superintendent and the engineer that estimated the project between \$1M and \$1.5M. The project has not been scoped out. Pumps would need to switch out. The benefits would be less sludge hauling and the goal would be to take the 2021 solids average at 1.87% to dewatering the sludge to 4-5%. The new mixer does not impact the dewatering of the sludge. SLR put together some steps for the dewatering project and the project is extensive. It is a sizable project which involves investing \$1.5M and recouping those costs over 10+ years in sludge hauling expenses. GS would favor this project as part of a larger \$12-\$15M overall building if the Town moves that way. If the Haynes project becomes an option, then sending the sewage to Seymour becomes an option. JC would not want to piecemeal this type of project at the plant. GS added this would only make sense if the infrastructure of the current plant stays in place. The electrical investment is worthwhile because electricity will be needed to run the pumps no matter what path the town chooses.
- viii. Revenue - N. Nau noted that today the Assessor provided us with prorations and BOAA reductions. The BOAA reductions reduced the Grand List by \$240,100 and prorations increased the Grand List by \$2.7M. The net is a \$2.5M increase to the Grand list. These changes will be reflected in the next draft of the budget.
- ix. The legislation on the State MV Cap of 29 mills is still pending, with a couple of proposals on the table for the State to consider.
- x. Expenditures: N. Nau reviewed some items on the expense side which are tentative. The IT budget is still being developed for next year. Medical Insurance figures can be finalized in the coming weeks when the premiums are officially issued. Pension expenses have increased from the State MERS program. The O&G legal and engineering costs will stay in the Legal and Engineering expense lines and the Finance Office will track separately on a side schedule. We used a 10% increase for refuse/recycling collection and GS is working to align the contracts which expired at different times and the current refuse company is putting together a proposal to extend our contract and include bulky waste.
- xi. N. Nau noted that we are locked in with all types of fuel for 7/1/2022, but the fuel lines are going overbudget at present, as we have hit our gallon allotments for FY2022. The Finance Office hopes to move the library laptop project to this fiscal year under this year's IT line and take it out of FY2023 budget.
- xii. Capital Projects: N. Nau noted that she is finalizing road project numbers on the capital side of the budget. The Town is hoping to incorporate the Burton

Road traffic light into the LOTCIP project. GS noted that if the light stalls the project in any way, he will take the traffic light out of the project. There is a stretch of Sewer piping to replace on Burton Road which will be completed with the project, using ARPA funds. The Main Street Connectivity project budget will be finalized to add to the \$600,000, and there is an additional \$224,000 included in the budget for this project. GS is piecing together which section of the road makes the most sense to complete, with a \$300,000 maximum contribution from the Town.

- xiii. Budget Transfer for Fire Generator: N. Nau noted that the Fire Generator project now has an add-on for a new transfer switch, which can be addressed as a \$9,000 transfer before year-end or a new project in the FY2023 budget. B. DeGeorge noted that the generator company was going to utilize the old transfer switch versus installing a new one, but it makes sense to install a new one. BOS and BOF agreed to add the \$9000 for the new transfer switch to the list of Non-Recurring Capital Project in the FY2023 budget.
- xiv. Fire Marshal Hours: Turning back to the budget for Fire Marshal wages, there is an agreement to give the hours to the department to cover an additional 10 hours per week. The Deputy is budgeted for 10 hours per week, so this request will double the Deputy Fire Marshal's budget. What budget are we seeking for Fire Marshal's hours? What about the second deputy? The BOF members agreed to an overall \$20,000 increase between the Fire Marshal and his deputy. B. DeGeorge noted that Fire Marshal salary increase brings the salary up to wages of equal sized towns. His starting salary was low to start. The Boards agreed to add 10 hours to the Deputy Fire Marshal salary to accommodate more inspection hours and approve the requested increase to the Fire Marshal stipend.
- xv. Assistant Director of Public Works position – P. Betkoski wanted it on record that he is against hiring the Public Works Assistant Director. He does not think we need an Assistant Director of Public Works, and he is offering his expertise as a liaison to the department. PB thinks we can save the taxpayers \$90,000 and he would be able to help the town in that role. We have a Foreman, we are advertising for a new Assistant Foreman, and he does not think that we need the Assistant Director of Public Works. DF stated that he appreciates the position, but as an elected official, he does not have the permanence of a 40 hour per week employee. PB noted that the First Selectman is the Director of Public Works and that is an elected position. He asked that they consider making him the liaison to save the monies and restated that he is totally against hiring for the position. DF stated that a hired position is not a waste of money, but a step towards developing the future of Beacon Falls. M. Krenesky stated that he is in full support of the Assistant Director position, and this is the direction the town needs to move towards. While PB respects everyone's opinion, he noted he is against this position and believes he can save the town money as an intermediary with Public Works.
- xvi. WH asked about funding the Assistant Director position with savings from another Wage line in Public Works. GS explained that he had not intended to fill the Assistant Road Foreman position, but the Union pushed back. He is no longer going to eliminate the Assistant Road Foreman. There is interest in that position from within the Union, so we will most likely end up promoting from within and then hiring a new maintainer. TP supports the Assistant Public Works Director position, sees the value, and believes there will be a return to the town with that hire. KB is split on this position, because he does not like spending money on management positions but agrees as long as there is

accountability for the Assistant Director of Public Works. He noted the salary is significant and the person we are looking to hire should have good experience and be held accountable.

- xvii. Budget Schedule Moving Forward: JC turned the conversation to upcoming meetings. The Boards agreed to cancel the Budget Workshop for Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup>. Region 16 budget vote on May 2. There was discussion of holding a Public Hearing prior to Region 16 vote, which has been done in the past. The Boards agreed to meet May 3<sup>rd</sup> for the next Budget Workshop with the hope of moving the budget forward to a Public Hearing on May 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center. Then, the Town Meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible following the Public Hearing.

- b. Budget Transfers: There are 4 transfers totaling \$26,675 which were approved by the BOS.

<u>Transfer From</u>		<u>Transfer To</u>		<u>Amount</u>
10.90.44.1030	Fire Telephone	10.90.44.1122	Fire Heating Fuel	\$ 1,500.00
10.90.83.1170	Contingency	10.90.44.1122	Fire Heating Fuel	\$ 2,000.00
10.90.83.1170	Contingency	45.90.61.1000	Garage Generator	\$ 17,500.00
45.90.79.1001	Senior Center-Bulkhead &Awning	NEW	Senior Center Faucet & Countertops	\$ 1,505.00
10.90.83.1170	Contingency	NEW	Senior Center Faucet & Countertops	\$ 170.00
10.90.44.1486	EMS Training	10.90.44.1435	Building Maintenance	\$ 4,000.00
				<b>\$ 26,675.00</b>

**KB made a motion to approve all 4 transfers, as proposed. TP seconded the motion. All ayes.**

- c. G. Smith confirmed there will be a Town Meeting on April 21 at the Senior Center to approve the O&G MOU and the budget transfers and appropriations which were voted for the sludge processing, ambulance payoff and bonded projects fund.
- d. Burton Road – The Project is with 3<sup>rd</sup> party review with the latest hang up being telephone poles, but it is moving forward.
- e. Beacon Valley Road: The first half should be completed and paved in the next 30 days. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half, which is the LOTCIP portion is close to the river, so there have been some challenges with 3<sup>rd</sup> party review. The town is now foreclosing on a piece of property by the river which has been in tax default since 1995. The whole project will be done by the end of the year.
- f. Station 2 – Nothing new from the State.
- g. GS noted that the Wolfe Avenue demolition is done, aside from some topsoil and grading for the lot.

- h. GS noted that he is revisiting the idea of speed humps in town. BOS/Town Engineer/Public Works/Resident Trooper will meet to determine the feasibility of speed tables and placement of them. They are prevalent in other towns in the State. There is a challenge with plowing and drainage.
7. Finance Manager's Report
- a. Financial Accounting Software: N. Nau highlighted the start of the asset tagging project. There will be stickers and metal plates with QR codes for all our equipment. She is currently tagging AEDs as a start. With the QR codes and the app, we will be able to upload the maintenance data to our asset tracking software.
  - b. Projects: We have completed a Statement of Work for the Emergency Lighting project to make Town Hall and the Firehouse compliant with the Fire code.
  - c. Revenue: March was an excellent month for Building Permits with a lot of revenue coming in.
  - d. Expenditures: We have several lines to monitor for BOF review and there are 2 wages lines already in the red: Custodian Overtime and Inland Wetland Officer wage lines.
  - e. Capital Projects: The Digester at WWTP is moving forward slowly with work underway from the end of spring to the middle of summer.
  - f. Town Hall Roof - Finance also hopes to move this project forward shortly, and a project manager is needed.
6. **Old Business:**
- a. BHC Service Award – VFIS – J. Carroll has asked the auditors about the administration of the LOSAP program for BHC. The auditors responded that common sense would say that the entity paying for the program should be responsible for administering the funds. The Finance Office is working with HR to gain access to the accounts and ensure the beneficiaries and program is administered properly.
  - b. Master Fee Schedule: On hold
7. **New Business: None** at this time.
8. **Executive Session:** NA
9. **Comments from the Public:** None at this time.
10. **Adjournment:** TP made a motion to adjourn at 8:59 PM. WH seconded the motion. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin A. Schwarz

Finance Office

## Re: Form submission from: 2023 Budget - Public Input Webform

Natasha Nau &lt;nnau@beaconfallsct.org&gt;

Fri 4/8/2022 12:42 PM

To: Maureen Carroll &lt;maureencarroll720@gmail.com&gt;

Hello Maureen,

Please see below for answers to your follow-up questions:

- Q: My question regarding the clerk was specifically for the police department clerk. Wondering what hours they are there? Are they considered part time or full time?
- A: The Police Clerk works a 30-hour week. This comprises 8-hour days with 1/2 hour lunch M-Th 8:30am - 3:30pm
  
- Q: Also, regards to the full time and part time police officers - what is their schedule, as in how many officers on during the day, and how many at night at any given time?
- A: As stated previously, "The FT officer's schedules are as follows: 9-hour shifts; 5 days on, 3 days off. One officer works Day shift, one evening shift, and one midnight shift. The PT officer's schedules are as follows: PT officers fill all the shifts not filled by FT officers. They work 8-hour shifts, as least 24 hours over 2 week period."
  - In following up on this for you with our Corporal, he confirmed that there are actually 2 officers on the day shift, 2 on the evening shift, and 1 on the midnight shift. The State Trooper is counted as an officer in the day shift quantity. Therefore, day shift is covered by the Trooper and 1 FT Officer, while evening is covered by 2 PT officers, and midnight is covered by 1 PT officer.
  
- Q: Also, with us paying for all of the resident state trooper - and then having to pay for all the officers and clerk - what is the advantage to having a resident state trooper? Why do we need him?
- A: In addition to the benefits already provided ("The state trooper provides the following services: supervises and directs law enforcement operations, making patrol and special activity assignments, leading investigations, reporting and recordkeeping, and other administrative duties. The Town also receives other benefits via its state trooper contract such as body/dash camera cloud storage, policymaking resources, fingerprinting services, access to holding cells, Troop I coverage 24/7 as needed, dispatch service, etc."), he acts as 2<sup>nd</sup> officer in command and performs patrol throughout Town Monday-Friday on the day shift.
  
- Q: Why do we not just make our own police station? It seems like an awful lot of money and a lot of people/employees for a very small station and a town with very little crime.
- A: The Town does not create its own self-sufficient police department for the following two reasons:\
  - 1) Cost - if the Town were to create its own police department, it would cost much more than the amount of the State Trooper (\$191k). We would have significant investment requirements from the General Fund and Capital Fund. We would need to create a rank structure: i.e. hiring a Police Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, etc. Almost all officers are currently the same rank. We would also need to hire our own dispatchers. Currently, dispatch is handled by the State. We would need to expand the police station to add a holding cell and evidence room. These services are currently provided by the State. We would also need to invest in our own computer and software system. These services are currently provided by the State. We also might have retention issues with the current officers who only take the job because it is PT. We would probably need to shift to more FT officers, which would require a re-negotiation from a union perspective, which would most likely mean a wage increase and benefits increase. This is an ESTIMATE, but based on what I know from a budgeting perspective with these types of items, we would be looking at adding at least \$800K onto the Police base budget (without Trooper) to be able to transition to being a self-sufficient police station.
  - 2) Crime rate - we don't have a crime rate high enough to warrant becoming a stand-alone entity.

Thank you for your additional questions and input. I will share this with the Boards Tuesday evening.

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**From:** Maureen Carroll <maureencarroll720@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 6, 2022 3:58 PM  
**To:** Natasha Nau <nnau@beaconfallsct.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Form submission from: 2023 Budget - Public Input Webform

Hi Natasha,

Thank you for your quick reply. I do have some follow up questions.

My question regarding the clerk was specifically for the police department clerk. Wondering what hours they are there? Are they considered part time or full time?

Also, regards to the full time and part time police officers - what is their schedule, as in how many officers on during the day, and how many at night at any given time?

Also, with us paying for all of the resident state trooper - and then having to pay for all the officers and clerk - what is the advantage to having a resident state trooper? Why do we need him?

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It seems like an awful lot of money and a lot of people/employees for a very small station and a town with very little crime.

Thank you for your time!

Maureen

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 6, 2022, at 1:26 PM, Natasha Nau &lt;nnau@beaconfallsct.org&gt; wrote:

Dear Ms. Carroll,

Thank you for your questions and input. Our responses are below. Please let us know if you have any further questions!

This Q&A will be read aloud at the next in-person workshop, which is set for 7pm 4/12/22, as a part of the regular BOF monthly meeting.

- Q: Our expense for the resident state trooper is half of its total cost? And Bethany is paying the other half? What is the total cost? What are the services they provide?
  - A: No, the Town of Beacon Falls' expense for the resident state trooper is not half of its total cost. The proposed \$191,211 is the total annual cost of the resident state trooper. Please refer to the bottom of Page 12 on the Budget Detail document. The split 50/50 cost agreement with Bethany occurred in FY21 but was discontinued in FY22. Beacon Falls now has its assigned trooper 100% of the time that the trooper is not fulfilling state duties. Bethany has its own full-time trooper now too. Our old resident state trooper was promoted to sergeant and is no longer assigned to us; he had been at the top state pay step due to years of service completed. The new trooper assigned to us has been on the force for a much shorter time and is therefore at a lower state pay step. The state trooper provides the following services: supervises and directs law enforcement operations, making patrol and special activity assignments, leading investigations, reporting and recordkeeping, and other administrative duties. The Town also receives other benefits via its state trooper contract such as body/dash camera cloud storage, policymaking resources, fingerprinting services, access to holding cells, Troop I coverage 24/7 as needed, dispatch service, etc.
- Q: Also, how many full-time officers are there? How many part time? What are their hours?
  - A: The Town of Beacon Falls currently employs 3 full-time officers and 10 part-time officers. Please refer to Page 8 of the Budget Narrative document. The FT officer's schedules are as follows: 9-hour shifts; 5 days on, 3 days off. One officer works Day shift, one evening shift, and one midnight shift. The PT officer's schedules are as follows: PT officers fill all the shifts not filled by FT officers. They work 8-hour shifts, as least 24 hours over 2 week period. As little as 24 hours or as many as 60 hours in 2-week shift. The FT officers are unionized while the PT officers are not.
- Q: Also, the clerk - is that part time or full time? What are their hours?
  - A: The Town Clerk is a full-time position and works up to 35 hours per week and follows Town Hall Hours of Operation. Please see here: <https://www.beaconfalls-ct.org/beacon-falls-town-hall/pages/hours-operation>. One Assistant Town Clerk is part-time and works 20 hours per week on average, Monday-Friday 9am to 1pm. The other Assistant Town Clerk is full-time at 35 hours and also follows the Town Hall Hours of Operations (please see link above).
- Q: Also, the estimated over time - what exactly is that for?
  - A: We assume you are inquiring about the Police overtime? The proposed Police overtime budget of \$66,625 (\$35,875 for FT + \$30,750 for PT) is appropriated for shift coverage due to Paid Time Off (PTO). Every time an officer takes his/her allotted PTO, this creates a vacancy for that shift that must be "backfilled" per the union contract. Other overtime instances can be created if an officer is assigned to a private duty shift, appearance in court, etc. All holidays must be covered and all officers receive OT when they work holidays. Other examples of OT occurrences are for hours worked beyond the regular 8 or 9-hour shifts. Often officers are involved in an incident they work beyond their shift.

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**From:** Beacon Falls CT via Beacon Falls CT <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 3:42 PM  
**To:** Natasha Nau <nnau@beaconfallsct.org>  
**Subject:** Form submission from: 2023 Budget - Public Input Webform

Submitted on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 - 3:42pm  
 Submitted by anonymous user: 2601:192:7f:8379:d06d:27d3:1d63:185e  
 Submitted values are:  
 Name: Maureen Carroll  
 Address: 90 Burton Road  
 Email: [maureencarroll720@gmail.com](mailto:maureencarroll720@gmail.com)

Comments on Budget Issues:

My concerns are related to the police department. Our expense for the resident state trooper is half of its total cost? And Bethany is paying the other half? What is the total cost? What are the services they provide?  
 Also, how many full time officers are there? How many part time? What are their hours?  
 Also, the clerk - is that part time or full time? What are their hours?  
 Also, the estimated over time - what exactly is that for?  
 Our police department seems to come with a hefty price tag, while the services provided are slim. I am looking to get as much information as possible as to what we pay and exactly what is provided to us.  
 Thanks so much!

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.beaconfalls-ct.org/node/25546/submission/4911>

## Re: Form submission from: 2023 Budget - Public Input Webform

Natasha Nau <nnau@beaconfallsct.org>

Fri 4/8/2022 12:54 PM

To: acareddu@aol.com <acareddu@aol.com>

Dear Mr. Careddu,

Thank you for your questions and input. Our responses are below (for both of your input forms). Please let us know if you have any further questions!

This Q&A will be read aloud at the next in-person workshop, which is set for 7pm 4/12/22, as a part of the regular BOF monthly meeting.

Q: So with a mill rate change of only 13% downwards, how does that cover a 53% evacuation (*revaluation(?)*) increase change. Once again the mill rate needs to be lower than what you are currently trying to approve or setting. More to come as we try to understand the lack of details supporting our new budget as listed.

A: We are unsure how you are calculating your percentages. The mill rate change is actually 15.47% downward  $((5.40 / 34.90) \times 10)$ . The mill rate is calculated as follows: Adjusted Tax Levy (with an assumed collection rate) / (Taxable Net Assessment/1000). Please refer to Page 2 of the Budget Detail. The mill rate needs to be high enough to support the proposed expenditures. The revaluation increase of \$113,303,638 (from \$503,847,474 to \$617,151,112) equates to a 22.48% increase. Please refer to Page 31 of the Budget Narrative. While the mill rate and revaluation changes are absolutely inter-related, they are not directly correlated.

Q: Is there a list of the 154 businesses in Town? And where can we gather it?

A: There is a list of the 154 businesses in Town. Those with a website, can be found here: <https://www.beaconfalls-ct.org/community/pages/local-business-services>. Any businesses who do not have a website but rather, only a phone number, are not on this list. I have reached out to the Assessor to request the exhaustive list and will provide it to you upon receipt.

Q: Also what is the payroll of the 10 PT police employee's and the hours of employment on each?

A: The Town of Beacon Falls currently employs 3 full-time officers and 10 part-time officers. The PT officer's schedules are as follows: PT officers fill all the shifts not filled by FT officers. They work 8-hour shifts, as least 24 hours over 2-week period. As little as 24 hours or as many as 60 hours in 2-week shift. Typically, PT officers only fill the evening shifts and the midnight shifts. There are typically 2 PT officers on the evening shift and 1 PT officer on the midnight shift. Day shifts are typically covered by the FT officers and the Trooper. The annual wages of all 10 PT officers is: \$180,000. Please refer to Acct # 10.90.53.1041 on Page 12 of the Budget Detail. The annual OT for all 10 PT officers is: \$30,750. Please refer to Acct # 10.90.53.1053 on Page 12 of the Budget Detail. These two payroll figures listed above does NOT include FICA, which is included in Dept 13 – Employee Benefits on Page 9 of the Budget Detail.

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Submitted on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 - 7:17pm

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