



**Town of Beacon Falls  
Economic Development Commission  
Special Meeting Minutes  
10 Maple Avenue Beacon Falls, CT 06403  
C/O Town Clerk  
(Subject to Revision)**

**Members Present:** Jack Betkoski (**JB**), Dennis Phipps (**DP**), Edward Mulvihill (**EM**), David Pokras (**DAP**) and Robert Desrochers (**RD**)

**Members Absent:** Edward Korzon (**EK**) and Victor Lembo (**VL**)

**Others Present:** 1 member of the public, Joe Rodorigo (**JR**)

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

**JB** called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM and led the assembled in the pledge of allegiance.

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the 03/25/24 regular meeting as revised by **EM/DP**. All ayes.

**3. Comments from the Public:**

None

**4. Correspondence:**

None

**5. Old Business:**

- a. **Main Street Update:** Beacon Falls Market is in the process of getting up to code. Now that Beacon Falls Pizza Palace has closed, the question has risen as to what could thrive in the building.
- b. **Beacon Falls Outreach:** The board and **JR** discussed the pending open house. **JR** gave a brief historical overview of past events and mentioned that there are many roadblocks to economic advancement in Beacon Falls. **JB** mentioned that the goal would be to get businesses in the room and see what their plans are for the future. It could be a potentially great brainstorming event. The board, **JR**, and the clerk discussed the details of the event.
- c. **Website Development and Launch:** Beacon Falls Biz is extremely outdated. A video message plan and a monthly Beacon Falls Business Highlight were discussed. The clerk, **JR**, and **EM** will meet to discuss the website.

**6. New Business:**

- a. **Haynes Development:** **JB** updated the board on a potential project to move the train station. The board discussed the details. **DAP** made a motion to conceptually approve the plans as presented and forward them to the BOS, which was seconded by **DP**. All ayes.

**7. Grant News:**

None

**8. Payment of Bills:**

None

**9. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM **DP/RD**, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

**Lauren A. Fennell**  
Clerk, EDC