

**Beacon Falls Safety Committee**  
**10 Maple Avenue**  
**Beacon Falls, CT 06403**



**BEACON FALLS SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**July 14, 2021**  
**MINUTES**  
**(Subject to Revision)**

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

Selectman Krenesky called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

**Members Present:** Mike Krenesky (MK), Rob Pruzinsky (RP), Chris McInnis (CM), James Gracy (JG), Tom Carey (TC), Amy Enquist (AE), Erin Schwarz (ES), Pete Colon (PC)

**Members Absent:** Gerard Smith (GS), Chris Bielik (CB), Len Greene (LG), Susan Mis (SM), Robert Egan (RE)

**2. Read & Approval Minutes from Previous Meetings**

Minutes from January 13, 2021.

**Motion made to approve the minutes as presented. ES/AE, all ayes**

**There was not a meeting in April.**

**3. Comments from the Public**

None

**4. Reading of Correspondence**

MK – even though it is not in writing, the former chair has decided to step down and I thank him for his service. I am temporarily chairing because Gerry is not here. ES – are we going to nominate a new chair at some point? MK – yes, let's hold off until our next meeting when Gerry is here.

**5. Old Business**

a. OSHA Training – MK – Rob is this for the Public Works? RP – yes. MK - are we up to date, do we have things to do? RP – this was mainly for CDL and they do not govern our CDL. TC – treatment plant is good. ES – OSHA and CDL are different. ES – you all have your CDL and they are current. RP – we submit everything to the State and HR. ES – regarding the OSHA 10 I thought that if the State does not require it, neither do we. RP – correct.

b. CIRMA - Confined Space Plan – MK – did we take these tests? RP this is not a requirement for Public Works. TC – CIRMA was looking into this further. MK – ok, we will carry this forward.

c. COVID-19 – MK – any challenges we have out there? ES – the safety budget is reset, and we have \$6,300 for the new fiscal year. If anyone has any COVID 19 safety needs, we can look at that. We all have air purifiers that require refills, the library has

the Halo air sanitizer purifier. I feel these items are new standards, we are not taking these items away and we will have to provide refills from the safety budget unless we have more pressing needs. MK – with delta variant and I am not sure what HR is hearing. CM – they are watching the infection rate closely and I think it is important that we follow the CDC guidelines. We do have to watch this very carefully and we still have to wear masks if not vaccinated etc. This is not gone and will not be going away anytime soon. We are out of the pandemic situation, but I do not think it is the time to disband safety equipment. MK – is there something from an HR policy if the push goes for boosters? CM – right now they are saying we do not, but that may change by the end of the year. I think it is too early to tell. What we are trying to do is avoid where we were a few months ago. We have to be cautious; it is a tricky situation and I think masks if you are not vaccinated need to be enforced. ES – we are all pretty aware of each other's vaccination status but how do we enforce that for the public? CM – they have release HIPAA qualifications. You can ask for their vaccination card. AE – we see many people in the Library and I had a man come in and have a conversation with me who was not wearing a mask and said he was not getting a vaccine. Not everyone is doing the right thing. CM – if you know someone is not vaccinated, you can enforce the mask policy. People have the right to not be vaccinated but that does not mean they can enter without a mask. AE – when the signs came down, we have had a lot of people not wearing masks. ES – maybe we should put signs on the third floor. AE – I think that would be good. 75% of the time people come in in groups especially if there is a program. MK – we can get more signs from Amazon. ES – and the cleaning protocol stays.

## **6. New Business-**

MK – I understand we are putting up 20 MPH school signs up on Highland Avenue and near Woodland.

- a. MK – the Town is reviewing an ordinance regarding marijuana. There was a conversation about restricting retail sales, but that cannot happen so the ordinance we are putting together basically restricts the areas in which you cannot smoke. P&Z will be discussing regulations on retail sales. CM – so this is changing the way we do everything in HR especially drug testing. We are revamping some of those policies to allow recreational use except during working hours. A lot of clients are changing buildings to no smoking buildings. As it falls under the law now, if you say there is no smoking policy on town properties that includes marijuana. There will be more legislation. ES – so we would need more signage for no smoking. What about drivers for town vehicles or our fire volunteers? CM – we are doing random drug testing during work hours, and it is never acceptable to be under the influence during work hours. You can determine the percentage of how long it has been in your system. What you cannot do is terminate someone because it is in their system because it is legal. ES – but we do not test the volunteers.

MK – are there any changes to our policies that we need to review? CM – I think any change should just be to complete drug test during working hours. JG – didn't they change the rules for paid fire and police etc. RP – CDL's still have a zero tolerance. CM – I think you will see that change. They were working so hard to get it approved, they have not looked at the laws.

ES – we got our new insurance cards and we put together a package for the glove box so that all drivers know what to do in the event of an accident at the scene.

CM – always good practice to notify workers compensation of a potential claim. This way it makes the process smoother if you do seek treatment in the near future.

AE – we have mud wasps, but the exterminator came out. Hopefully, they are all gone but he will treat it ones a month. AE – the ceiling is leaking and there was water in the printer. ES – the roof is going to be replaced in the spring. AE – the tile needs to be replaced. It is brown and I am not sure if there is mold. PC – I will replace it.

MK – Wolfe Avenue property – BOS is solicitating comparable information to potentially list the property for sale. We received a blight complaint from P&Z, so we decided that we need to take steps. Not quiet a safety thing but you guys are over at the house, and I just wanted to make you aware.

**7. Adjournment**

**Motion made to adjourn at 10:49AM – AE/TC, all ayes**

Respectfully submitted,

*Kerry McAndrew*

First Selectman's Office Administrator/Clerk