

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



**BEACON FALLS SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**October 13, 2021**  
**MINUTES**  
**(Subject to Revision)**

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

First Selectman Smith called the meeting to order at 10:26 A.M.

**Members Present:** Gerard Smith (GS), Mike Krenesky (MK), Rob Pruzinsky (RP), Chris McInnis (CM), James Gracy (JG), Amy Enquist (AE), Erin Schwarz (ES), Peter Colon (PC), Amy Jennings (AJ), Brian DeGeorge (BD), Art Daigle (AD), Len Greene (LG), Ryan Culbertson (RC), Steve Cherhoniak (SC)

**Members Absent:** Chris Bielik (CB), Susan Mis (SM), Tom Carey (TC), Rob Egan (RE)

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

**Motion made to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2021, meeting as presented. ES/AE all ayes**

**3. Comments from the Public**

None

**4. Reading of Correspondence**

GS - Carnival operations plan submitted by the Police Department. Burton Road will be temporarily open to pedestrian traffic closest to the wall.

**5. Old Business**

a. OSHA Training – GS – this and CIRMA are going to be combined. We are working with CIRMA and HR to create a training program specific for employees and departments. We have a meeting next week with CIRMA and training will be coordinated with my office, CIRMA and HR and tie everything together. This will ensure that everyone has the correct training.

b. CIRMA – combined with Training.

c. COVID-19 – GS – we have settled into a new normal and I have made the decision that we wear masks in municipal buildings for the foreseeable future. CM -There is talk about municipal employees having to be vaccinated but nothing has been decided yet. At this point, I am not overly concerned. GS – if this comes down, how will this affect my volunteer firefighters or commission members? CM – I think they will look at how that person interacts and how they are involved with the Town. There is still a lot of discussion about this in addition to booster shot criteria.

## **6. New Business-**

- a. 2022 Meeting Schedule – **motion made to approve the 2022 meeting schedule, AD/AE, all ayes.**
- b. Annual Training Requirements – GS – that goes back to old business where we will discuss that in January.
- c. Membership – GS – membership for the Safety Committee – I think everyone who needs to be here is now. ES – Can Lisa come in Jim's absence? GS – yes, that is good if she attends. ES – in the past we had Steve Pendel from CIRMA attend. GS – we will add him especially as we move forward with training.
- d. Other Department Updates-
  - Senior Center – AD – we had a surprised inspection by the Health Department for our kitchen and we received an A rating. We are in the process are recertifying all our kitchen staff. We received the PO to replace the awning on the building. The stairs coming up at the kitchen door a couple of the front pieces are falling out. GS – is it just concrete? JG – metal treads. ES – I was curious on the cost of the repairs because we had the project for bulkhead repair, cement work on the ramp and the awning. Once the awning is paid for, I can see how much is left in that project. GS – I think this could be something that Public Works could do.
  - Town Clerk Office – LG – we have issued 17 absentee ballots. The drop box is open and anyone that has one can drop it off. The Democrats did a mailing, I am not sure how many they sent out. There is about 2.5 weeks left before the election. ES – do you have to come down to get the application? LG – you can get it off the website.
  - Police – RC – we have the Carnival this weekend so all hands-on deck. We are trying to get some new hires in, and we are trying to move forward with the Police Accountability Bill to ensure we comply for that program. We already have body cameras. GS – the State lets us use their programming for the camera footage, right? RC – correct, we can use it for both body and dash. They upload to the same server, and we will have to pay to have the equipment to be installed. The mandate is dash and body cameras by July 1<sup>st</sup>. At the State, once you turn on any light both cameras come on. GS – we only have body cameras as of now. When do they turn on? RC – they must physically turn it on. GS – what if they forget? RC – there is some discretion in that. We will have to figure out how to upload the information. Right now, I go to the Troop to upload. GS – so our cars would have to go there too? RC – possibly. ES – how long are we grandfathered in to use the storage at the State? GS – 2023 when the contract for our Resident Trooper Program expires. ES – if we are buying new equipment in the 22/23 fiscal year and we can't upload to the State, when we do this project, we should consider storage. RC – we have that priced out too. It was around 80-90K and that would be a 5-year payment plan and the State equipment is around 40k.
- e. Budget – GS – we should add Budget on the agenda moving forward. ES we have a \$6,000 annual budget and we are \$1,000 into that budget. \$600 was spent on AED supplies, \$34 was spent on masks and if anyone has COVID related expenses to please let Finance know. We spent \$50 for Rob's Membership into the Highway Official program and Jamie took a couple of classes through CT Transportation Institute which cost about \$250. We will probably spend close to \$1,000 in COVID supplies but we stocked up staff well.

## **7. Adjournment**

**Motion made to adjourn at 10:47AM – MK/AD, all ayes**

Respectfully submitted,

*Kerry McAndrew*

First Selectman's Office Administrator/Clerk