

Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen
10 Maple Avenue
Beacon Falls, CT 06403



BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monthly Meeting
June 8, 2020
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

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

Selectman Gerard Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

Members Present: Gerard Smith (GS), Mike Krenesky (MK), Chris Bielik (CB)

Others Present: Citizens News, Gary Komarowsky, Mary Ellen Fernandes, Al Banyacsy, Shawn Styfco, Ken Lavoie

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

Minutes from BOS Monthly Meeting held on 5.11.2020

Motion made to approve the minutes as presented – CB/MK, all ayes

Minutes from BOS Special Meeting held on 5.14.2020

Motion made to approve the minutes as presented – MK/CB, all ayes;

3. **Comments from the Public**

See attached.

4. **Resident Trooper/Police Report**

Motion to approve Resident Trooper Report for April as presented – MK/CB, all ayes

5. **Wastewater Treatment Plant Report**

Motion to approve Wastewater Treatment Plant report as presented – MK/CB, all ayes

6. **Report of Public Works**

Motion to approve Public Works report as presented – CB/MK, all ayes

GS- Chip sealing went well and should be finishing up this week. CB – being on the receiving end, I am very happy with how it turned out.

7. **Report of the Fire Marshal**

Motion to approve report for the Fire Marshall as presented – MK/CB, all ayes

CB – do we have projected ribbon cutting for Dunkin Donuts? GS tentative is June 20, 2020.

8. **Report of the Finance Manager**

Motion to approve and forward to BOF for discussion at monthly meeting – MK/CB, all ayes

9. **Report of the Tax Collector**

Motion to approve and forward to BOF for discussion at monthly meeting – MK/CB, all ayes

10. Report of the Town Treasurer

Motion to approve and forward to BOF for discussion at monthly meeting – CB/MK, all ayes
GS – we did have another rate reduction from Liberty Bank.

11. Report of the Town Clerk

Motion to approve and forward to BOF for discussion at monthly meeting – CB/MK, all ayes

12. Report from Economic Development

No report provided.

13. Report of the Library

Motion to approve and forward to BOF for discussion at monthly meeting & the \$200 in material for the Children's Program – MK/CB, all ayes

MK – is this a revised report? I spoke with Amy this morning about a \$200 fee for supplies. They normally do work with the nursery school to put together a summer packet and her concern was that the accounts were frozen. I told her I would bring it forward tonight, because she needs time to put it together. GS- I think this is something that we can allow them to move forward with. CB- I absolutely agree.

14. Report of the Fire Department

No report provided.

15. Any other reports

a. Report of the Custodian

Motion to approve the report as presented – MK/CB, all ayes

GS – he will be on vacation 6/16-6/24 so we will have temporary staff in place. CB- same company we have used in the past? GS-yes and the same individual. CB- recommend bringing in temp day before Pete goes on vacation to review duties.

b. Report of the Town Nurse – (Quarterly) - none

c. Report of the Animal Control Officer

Motion to NOT approve the report as presented – MK/CB, all ayes

GS- Board would like to have additional details regarding the incidents and resubmit this next month.

d. Community Media Center Building Committee (Previous Meeting Minutes) – NONE

e. Park Trails Report

Motion to approve the report as presented – CB/MK, all ayes

GS – Al anything that you would like to add on your report?

Al – I sent additional rules that should be posted to the Park & Recreation Commission especially regarding inflatables on the pond etc. We need to post more regulations especially on the town website. Once Park & Rec. meeting is completed, I will work with Kerry to post information on the website and I will work on the notices in the parks. Riverbend is unique because you need a Salmon and Trout stamp, so I am just checking and enforcing that. Once we put up the new message centers, it will provide better visibility about the do's and don't of our Parks & Trails.

16. Reading of Correspondence & Payment of Invoices

a. GS - Letter regarding FOI complaints. It is a lengthy letter and I will make it a matter of the public record, attaching it to the minutes.

17. Old Business

a. Town Sesquicentennial Celebration – Update; MK-we have not set up another meeting yet and hopefully will be able to in the next few weeks. We will be using

Zoom to set that up. Fundraiser bricks are on hold due to COVID, as the company is in PA.

- b. **Beacon Valley Road– Update** GS- final plans should be coming in the latter part of this week for final design. The bridge is part of the road and they were able to do a reconstruction/refurbish and the cost will be split with Naugatuck and with Bonding. It will be about \$50-60,000 versus half a million.
- c. **Ordinance Proposals – Update** GS – still sitting in my office and we will resume when normal operations resume.
- d. **Wolfe Avenue House – Update** GS- RFP put together and we should be getting an update soon. That will be moving forward. MK – legal notice was getting publish and that kicks us off and we have a tentative pre-bid meeting set onsite for June 15th. Not sure of the time.
- e. **COVID-19 – Update** GS – MK I will let you speak on this, as your heading that committee. MK – really the kudos go to Kerry, Erin & Natasha as they have been doing the bulk of the work. Jeff Keane has installed the plexiglass protection and did a great job, especially in the Library. Right now, we are looking at the 22nd for a soft opening, by appointment only. MK some conversation must be had regarding phone numbers that people should call during that time. Offices are more staffed now. Biggest challenge right now is the Registrars space and the Senior Center Minibus. If we run the bus for just one passenger, it is not fuel efficient. GS- the Senior Center is a challenge because they are the most at risk population. We discussed cleaning the bus, one rider at a time etc. There have not been many requests for the bus during the pandemic.
- f. **Petty Cash Policy – Update** GS – this is still being worked on and there is not a finalized policy yet, to review and drill down. CB-we also must review Public Works and Library. GS – what works for one does not work for all and that is the biggest challenge.

18. New Business

- a. **Appointments & Reappointments – Steven Ruhl – Land Use & Park & Recreation** GS – Entertain a motion to reappoint Steven Ruhl for Land Use & Park and Recreation – CB/MK, all ayes. MK is the Land Use board that satellite board from the Commission and isn't it up to that chair? CB – we have had that discussion in the past and spoke with the Town Clerk about it and he is adamant that the BOS appoint the members. CB – Point of Order – one additional reappointment to be discussed tonight for Regional Water Authority. GS, yes, thank you – I entertain a motion to extend Peter Betkoski for one more month, (while there are others that have entertained interest in that board) then to address next month - CB/MK, all ayes.
- b. **Tax Refunds –** GS – Total \$612.05, Entertain a motion to approve these tax refunds – MK/CB, all ayes
- c. **Suspense Listing from Tax Collector –** GS – It will be sent to BOF for their review. CB – It is their action and they will take action based on our recommendation. Motion made to accept and sent to BOF for their review and approval – CB/MK, all ayes.
- d. **Police LT. Retirement –** GS read letter of retirement from Police Lt. Edgar Rodriguez. GS – motion to regretfully accept letter of retirement, CB – I will make that motion, he has been a fixture in this town for a long period of time. The town will miss him, but we wish him the best in the future. MK – I regretfully second that motion, and he is retiring in a beautiful part of Oregon and I wish him a lot of luck. **CB/MK, all ayes**

19. Budget Transfer Requests – not reviewed

20. Executive Session (if needed)

none needed

21. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:56 P.M.

CB/MK, all ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry McAndrew
First Selectman's Office Administrator/Clerk