



Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2024
C/O Town Clerk
10 Maple Avenue Beacon Falls, CT 06403
(Subject to Revision)

Members Present: Gerard Smith (**GS**), Peter Betkoski (**PB**), and Michael Krenesky (**MK**)

Members Absent: N/A

Others Present: 3 members of the public and 1 media member

1. **Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance:**
GS called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance
2. **Read and Approved Minutes from Previous Meetings:**
Motion to accept the 02/12/2024 Regular Meeting Minutes **MK/PB**. All ayes.
3. **Budget Transfers:**
GS reviewed the transfers as presented. Motion to approve the budget transfers as presented and forward them to the Board of Finance at its regular meeting. **PB/MK**. All ayes.
4. **Comments From the Public:** No comments.
5. **Report of the Resident Trooper/Police:** **MK** motioned to approve the report as presented. **PB** seconded the motion—all ayes.
6. **Report of the Wastewater Treatment Plant:** **PB** motioned to approve the report as presented. **MK** seconded the motion—all ayes.
7. **Report of Public Works:** **MK** motioned to approve the report as presented. **PB** seconded the motion – all ayes.
8. **Report of the Fire Department:** **MK** motioned to approve both reports as presented. **PB** seconded the motion – all ayes.
9. **Report of the Fire Marshal:** **MK** motioned to approve the January report as presented. **PB** seconded – all ayes.
10. **Report of the Finance Manager:** **MK** motioned to approve the report as presented and forward it to the BOF for their monthly meeting. **PB** seconded – all ayes.
11. **Report of the Town Clerk:** **MK** motioned to approve the report as presented and forward it to the Board of Finance for review at their regular monthly Meeting. **PB** seconded the motion—all ayes.
12. **Report of the Tax Collector:** **PB** motioned to approve the report as presented and forward it to the Board of Finance for review at their regular monthly meeting. **MK** seconded the motion—all ayes.
13. **Report of the Town Treasurer:** Motion to accept report. **MK/PB** All Ayes.
14. **Report of the Library:** **PB** motioned to approve the January reports as presented. **MK** seconded – all ayes.
15. **Report of the Custodian:** **MK** Motioned to accept the report. **PB** Seconded. All ayes.
16. **Other Departmental Reports:**
 - a. **Report from Economic Development:** **MK** motioned to accept the report. **PB** Seconded. All ayes.
 - b. **Report of the Animal Control Officer:** No report received.
 - c. **Report of the BOE:** **PB** Motioned to accept the report. **MK** Seconded. All ayes.



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d. Quarterly Report of the Town Nurse: No Report received.

17. **Reading of Correspondence & Payment of Bills:** **GS** Reads the following correspondence:

Thank you notes received from Laurel Ledge 2nd grade students.

We received a letter from 194 Beacon Valley Road, they are concerned that their field floods and they are OK with everyone parking on the road but they don't want any construction equipment from Dayton in their driveways, so we let Dayton know about that.

We have a Thank you note from Molly for helping with the POCD.

I talked to the Council of Governments because affordable housing is becoming a big issue, Pheobe gave us a draft resolution that we could adopt. At the end of the month next month, at our Land Use meeting, we are going to look at our regulations – a lot haven't been touched since the 70s so we are going to add Affordable Housing and have all Land Use employees and chairs.

The other thing we received was the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act - we identify nonprofit agencies in town (Lions Club, Churches, etc.) and they will get a tax credit for funding nonprofits in the town. I will set up a meeting with Jack to talk about it.

18. **Old Business:**

- a. Burton Road — LOTCIP Project L006-0002 Burton Road Reconstruction and Retaining Wall Replacement: **GS** I'm going to do two here - Burton Road and Traffic Authority. We are OK with the stop signs out here, the stop sign was met with a lot of grief from the engineer(s) and public works. Then we circled back to the engineer on the project, and he thinks there should be a stop sign going down the hill and going up the hill. We can put it back in the project as a contingency. I'm going to have everyone meet out there and discuss it on site. **MK** When I walked up to the intersection of South Circle and Highland there's a very large and bright yellow Crosswalk sign and we don't have one out here. Second, the lights flash in a white light, they should be yellow or red to get more attention. **GS** All of that will come up, so it's still developing.
- b. Haynes Development: **GS** No movement.
- c. Traffic Authority: Discussed under item 18a.
- d. Beacon Valley Road - LOTCIP Project L006-0001: **GS** They are starting construction out there next Wednesday, the traffic signs are all up.



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19. **New Business:**

a. **Appointments and Reappointments:**

i. **Planning & Zoning: 1 Vacancy**

Service Award Committee: **PB** motioned to Reappoint the following members to the Service Award Volunteer Fire/Ambulance Committee all to expire February 7th, 2026:

Douglas R. Bousquet

Jamie Linley Weid

Judy Wrenn

Michael Krenesky

Paul W. Brennan

MK Seconded. All ayes.

b. **Tax Refunds:** **MK** motioned to approve the January tax refunds totaling \$5,669.83 and forward them to the BOF at their monthly meeting. **PB** seconded – all ayes.

c. **Ordinance Update:** **GS** We planned on doing an ordinance update today but it is still between Legal, General Code, The Clerk, and some questions on the ordinance committee – we will bring it back around next month. If we can get it cleaned up prior we will schedule a special meeting.

20. **Executive Session:** Not needed.

21. **Adjournment:** **PB** made a Motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM. **MK** seconded. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Pastor
Sub-Clerk, Board of Selectmen