



Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 08, 2024
C/O Town Clerk
10 Maple Avenue Beacon Falls, CT 06403
(Subject to Revision)

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

1 Member of the public and 1 member of the media.

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 03/11/24 regular meeting minutes made by **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 BOF at its regular meeting. **PB/MK**. All ayes. See *Exhibit A*.

4. **Comments From the Public:**

Joann Delenick – Bethany Rd – Mentioned that she would like a copy of the Oakridge trash contract.

Mentioned that she feels the meeting minutes from the previous conservation commission meeting did not accurately depict the nature of the meeting.

5. **Report of the Resident Trooper/Police:** **MK motioned** to approve the report as presented.

PB seconded the motion—all ayes. **GS** mentioned that the cameras will go through a 90–day trial.

6. **Report of the Wastewater Treatment Plant:** **MK motioned** to approve the report as presented. **PB**

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:** No Report Presented

9. **Report of the Fire Marshal:** **MK** motioned to approve the August report as presented. **PB** seconded – all ayes.

10. **Report of the Finance Manager:** No Report Presented

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:** **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.

13. **Report of the Town Treasurer:** No Report Presented

14. **Report of the Library:** **MK** motioned to approve the report as presented. **PB** seconded – all ayes. **GS** noted that attendance seems to be dropping.

15. **Report of the Custodian:** No Report Presented

16. **Report from Economic Development:** **MK motioned** to approve the report as presented. **PB** seconded the motion—all ayes. The clerk will confirm the details of the event with the EDC Chair.

17. **Other Departmental Reports:**

a. **Report of the Animal Control Officer:** No Report Presented

b. **Report of the BOE:** **PB motioned** to approve the report as presented and forward it to the finance board for their monthly meeting. **MK** seconded—all ayes.

c. **Quarterly Report of the Town Nurse:** **MK** motioned to approve the quarterly report of the Town Nurse as presented. **PB** seconded – all ayes.



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18. **Reading of Correspondence & Payment of Bills:**
- a. **GS** mentioned that a proposed draft of the BOE budget was received.
 - b. **GS** mentioned that a Naugatuck Valley Health packet was received. The clerk will reach out to Naugatuck Valley Health to coordinate an informational flyer.
 - c. **GS** read correspondence from Larry Wissink, tendering his letter of resignation from the Conservation Commission. **MK** motioned to accept with regret. **PB** seconded all ayes.
 - d. **GS** read correspondence from Christine Sedita, tendering her letter of resignation from the Town Clerk's Office. **MK** motioned to accept her resignation with regret and congratulated her. **PB** seconded. All ayes.
 - e. **GS** read correspondence from Wojciech Wasilewski, letting the BOS know that the dojo has been doing very well, which has shined a bright light on Beacon Falls.
19. **Old Business:**
- a. Burton Road — LOTCIP Project L006-0002 Burton Road Reconstruction and Retaining Wall Replacement: Finishing touches are underway.
 - b. Haynes Development: No updates
 - c. Traffic Authority: No updates
 - d. Beacon Valley Road: The project is ahead of schedule. The east side through the other end has been worked on.
- MK** motioned to add the item *Public Works* to new business F, and **PB** seconded. All ayes.
MK motioned to add the item *Sustainable CT Resolution* to new business G, and **PB** seconded. All ayes.
PB motioned to add item *Litter* to new business H, and **MK** seconded. All ayes.
20. **New Business:**
- a. Appointments and Reappointments:
 - I. Conservation Commission: 2 vacancies
 - II. Planning & Zoning: 1 Vacancy
 - b. Registrar's Communication: The Clerk and First Selectman to work with the Town Clerk's office to streamline communication.
 - c. Town-Wide Tag Sale: The Clerk will research and organize tag sale events.
 - d. Foster Care Program: The Clerk will inquire about inviting the Foster Care program contact to next month's meeting.
 - e. Tax Refunds: **MK motioned** to approve the tax refunds totaling \$5,262.53 and forward them to the BOF at their monthly meeting. **PB** seconded – all ayes.



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f. Public Works: **GS** mentioned that personnel matters were to be discussed during BOS meetings, not BOF meetings. **MK** mentioned that his original thoughts were that we should follow the paid report, stating that a supervisor should be hired rather than a seventh member. **MK** also mentioned that he now feels it would be important to hire a seventh maintainer to allow for other plans for part-time members. **PB** stated his agreement. **PB** mentioned that the performance of the group post-hire would be important.

g. Sustainable CT Resolution: **GS** briefly updated this potential project, which the NVCOG will spearhead. It was tabled and will be discussed and acted upon at next month's meeting.

h. Litter: **PB** mentioned that he does not like litter. He would like a litter committee to go around clearing the litter. The board will reach out to the Cub Scouts, Fire, and Lions to assemble a team.

20. Executive Session: None
21. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:54 PM. **PB/MK** – all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren A. Fennell
Clerk, Board of Selectmen



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Exhibit A:



TOWN OF BEACON FALLS

FY2024

TRANSFERS FOR 4/8 BOS & 4/9/24 BOF MEETINGS

04/08/2024

**FY2023-2024 BUDGET
 REVISED**

	<u>TRANSFER FROM:</u>			<u>TRANSFER TO:</u>			
#	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
1	\$ (843.90)	10.90.69.1060	Computer	10.90.69.1170	Department Supplies	\$ 843.90	Library request
2	\$ (2,531.25)	10.90.83.1170	Contingency	10.90.03.1105	IT	\$ 2,531.25	Security Software/Inky Email Filtering
3	\$ (1,595.00)	10.90.83.1170	Contingency	10.90.79.1943	Senior Center Building Maintenance	\$ 1,595.00	Fire Suppression Extinguisher
5	\$ (4,970.15)					\$ 4,970.15	