

**Regular Meeting**

These minutes are for the regular meeting of the Beacon City Council, held in the Municipal Center at One Municipal Plaza on June 3, 2019. Please note that the video recording of this meeting is available at <https://vimeo.com/340117797>

**Council Members Present:**

Lee Kyriacou, At Large  
George Mansfield, At Large  
Terry Nelson, Ward One  
Jodi McCredo, Ward Three  
Amber Grant, Ward Four  
Randy Casale, Mayor

**Council Members Absent:**

John Rembert, Ward Two

**Also Present:**

Anthony Ruggiero, City Administrator  
Nick Ward Willis, City Attorney

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*A moment of silence was observed for those who serve and have served in the US military.*

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**First Opportunity for Public Comments:** Each speaker may have one opportunity to speak up to three minutes on any subject matter other than those which are the topic of a public hearing tonight.

**Speakers:**

Theresa Kraft

Public hearings and resolutions shouldn't be held on the same night for the same topic, this does not allow enough time to consider the public's comments. If new zoning guidelines become law, that law should be followed by all of the city's boards. Furthermore, special permits and variances should not be given on a whim. The new developments are not compatible with the existing city streetscapes.

Dennis Pavelock

Property taxes are too high. The city can save money by avoiding hiring consultants.

Stosh Yankowski

Mr. Yankowski clarified his comments from a previous meeting, stating that he is speaking out against 5G technology in order to keep everyone safe, particularly children. Hundreds of studies exist showing that 3G and 4G technology have negative biological effects. The World Health Organization has declared electromagnetic radiation from cell phones to be a possible carcinogen. Additionally, in a school in California seven people developed cancer; after a negotiation with Sprint, a nearby cell phone tower was removed.

**Community Segment:****Independence Day Events Presentation:**

Dennis Pavelock presented on the upcoming Declaration of Independence Reading event on Independence Day at City Hall. He stated that the number of guests at the event has steadily increased since the event began in 2011. The event will appeal to people of all ages. It will be at 11 am on July 4<sup>th</sup> at City Hall.

**Rock Out for Mental Health Presentation:**

Reuben Simmons and Brooke Simmons gave a report on the Rock Out for Mental Health event held on June 1, 2019 at Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park. The event was highly successful, service providers, musicians and local businesses all helped make the event a success. The service providers spanned everything from children, to wellness, to intervention services. They wanted to connect people to services faster and they provided free walk up Narcan training. They trained and equipped over one hundred people in the use of Narcan. She thanked the City of Beacon for their support. Other municipalities have reached out to her to bring the event to their hometowns.

Reuben Simmons thanked every organization that helped organize and sponsor the event, he particularly wanted to thank their title sponsor The Roundhouse.

**Public Hearings:****No. 1:****Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law to Amend Chapter 134 Delete Chapter 183 and Amend Chapter 223 Sections 15 and 63 of the Code of the City of Beacon Concerning the Sign Law**

John Clarke

Several changes have been made since the last time this was discussed based upon comments from the Dutchess County Planning and Development Department. Mr. Clarke took the Council through some of the changes.

Jason Hughes

The new sign law is being used as a weapon to come after him. If the city is going to make a law to come after him, they should get a better lawyer. The City is wasting money on attorney fees.

Theresa Kraft

Ms. Kraft requested that the sign law not be approved by the Council. Due to the revisions the signs will be too large and too tall. This will cause light pollution and will be comparable to Route 17 in New Jersey.

Council person Mansfield suggested that off-premises sandwich boards should be clearly prohibited.

Motion to close the Public Hearing

- Motion by Council person Mansfield
- Second by Council person McCredo
- Motion passes 6-0

**No. 2:**

**Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Local Law to Create Chapter 106, Article III of the Code of the City of Beacon Concerning Energize New York**

Theresa Kraft

Ms. Kraft commended the Mayor for working to save the residents money and provide greener energy.

Motion to close the Public Hearing

- Motion by Council person Nelson
- Second by Council person Grant
- Motion passes 5-0

**Council Member Reports:**

Amber Grant:

Ms. Grant addressed the Community Choice Aggregation program. If anyone has any questions regarding the program, please call the organizers at 845 859 9099. The Dutchess County Household Waste Disposal event will be on June 22.

Lee Kyriacou:

Nothing to report.

George Mansfield:

Nothing to report.

Jodi McCredo:

Ms. McCredo thanked those who are working on the Greenway Trail. The Rock Out for Mental Health event was great, she thanked the organizer. She suggested that people talk to their neighbors to create a more welcoming community. She stated that the city needs to be more bikeable. Please park close to the curb. Ms. McCredo would like to discuss a building moratorium.

Terry Nelson:

Nothing to report.

Mayor Casale:

Mayor Casale reported that the City will be accepting applications for Municipal I. D's. in the Clerk's Office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 am -12:30 pm and 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm. English application forms can be found at this link

[http://www.cityofbeacon.org/Pdf/Municipal\\_ID\\_English.pdf](http://www.cityofbeacon.org/Pdf/Municipal_ID_English.pdf)

Spanish applications can be found at this link

[http://www.cityofbeacon.org/Pdf/Municipal\\_ID\\_Spanish.pdf](http://www.cityofbeacon.org/Pdf/Municipal_ID_Spanish.pdf)

The Mayor reported that the Dutchess County Office for the Aging will be hosting a free senior picnic for seniors over 65 and their guests, on Wednesday July 17 at noon at Memorial Park. Please call 866 486 2555 to RSVP by July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Casale spoke about Hudson Valley Community Choice Aggregate. The program is designed to save residents money and provide greener energy. Residents may opt out at any time. If anyone has any questions please call Hudson Valley Community Power at (845) 859-9099.

If residents receive a letter from anyone other than Central Hudson, the City of Beacon or Hudson Valley Community Choice regarding community solar power options, please be aware it may not be legitimate, please call Hudson Valley Community Power at 845 839 9099 with any questions.

Mase Hook and Ladder will be holding an open house on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 1 -3 pm. All are welcome to attend. There will be fire demonstrations.

The Mayor read a proclamation proclaiming Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Beacon.

The Mayor thanked Zoe Markwalter and Air Nonken for their service to the Conservation Advisory Committee.

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Local Laws:****1. A Resolution to Appoint Sam Adels to the City of Beacon Conservation Advisory Committee**

- Motion by Council person Grant
- Second by Council person Nelson
- Resolution passes 6-0

**2. A Resolution to Appoint Erik Breitenbach to the City of Beacon Conservation Advisory Committee**

- Motion by Council person Grant
- Second by Council person McCredo
- Resolution passes 6-0

**3. A Resolution to Adopt Proposed Local Law to Amend Chapter 134 Delete Chapter 183 and Amend Chapter 223 Sections 15 and 63 of the Code of the City of Beacon Concerning the Sign Law**

- Motion to table until a later date by Council person Grant
- Second by Council person Nelson
- Resolution Passes 6-0

**4. A Resolution Adopting Local Law to Create Chapter 106 Article III of the Code of the City of Beacon Concerning Energize New York**

- Motion by Council person Nelson
- Second by Council person Grant
- Resolution passes 5-0 (Council person Mansfield recused himself)

**5. A Resolution Approving a Municipal Agreement Between Energy Improvement Corporation and the City of Beacon Relating to Energize NY**

- Motion by Council person Nelson
- Second by Council person McCredo
- Resolution passes 6-0

**6. A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Anna Russell as the City of Beacon Climate Smart Communities Coordinator**

- Motion by Council person Grant
- Second by Council person McCredo
- Resolution passes 6 - 0

**7. A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of the City of Beacon Conservation Advisory Committee as the City of Beacon Climate Smart Communities Task Force**

- Motion by Council person Nelson
- Second by Council person McCredo
- Resolution passes 6-0

**8. Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials**

- Motion by Council person Grant
- Second by Council person Mansfield
- Resolution passes 6-0

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve council minutes from April 15, 2019

- Motion by Council person Grant
- Second by Council person Mansfield
- Motion passes 6-0

**Second Opportunity for Public Comments:** Each speaker may have one opportunity to speak for up to three minutes on any subject matter on which the Council can take action.

**Speakers:**

No speakers

**Adjournment:**

- Motion by Council person McCredo
- Second by Council person Nelson
- Motion passes 6-0

Next Workshop: June 10, 2019

Next Meeting: January 17, 2019