



CITY OF BEACON, NEW YORK  
ONE MUNICIPAL PLAZA  
BEACON, NY 12508

Councilmember Terry Nelson, Ward 1  
Councilmember Air Rhodes, Ward 2  
Councilmember George Mansfield, At Large  
Councilmember Jodi M. McCredo, Ward 3  
Councilmember Amber J. Grant, At Large  
Councilmember Dan Aymar-Blair, Ward 4  
City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero  
Mayor Lee Kyriacou

April 6, 2020  
7:00 PM  
City Council Agenda

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Public Comment:**

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. Please sign in at the podium. This segment will last no longer than thirty minutes, with speakers recognized in the order they appear on the sign-in sheet. A second public comment opportunity will be provided later in the meeting for those who do not get to speak during this first segment.

**Presentations:**

- April 6, 2020 Virtual Meeting Announcement

**Reports:**

- Council Member Terry Nelson
- Council Member Air Rhodes
- Council Member George Mansfield
- Council Member Jodi M. McCredo
- Council Member Amber J. Grant
- Council Member Dan Aymar-Blair
- City Administrator, Anthony Ruggiero
- County Legislators
- Mayor Lee Kyriacou

**Local Laws and Resolutions - Consent Agenda:**

1. Resolution Accepting Ferry Landing Easements Regarding Drainage and Sight Distance
2. Resolution Awarding a Contract to Pettinelli Recreation, Inc for the Green Street Playground Project
3. Resolution to Authorize the Receipt of Bids and Offers in Electronic Format

**Local Laws and Resolutions:**

1. Resolution Approving the Appointment of Samantha Milani as a City of Beacon Police Officer

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from March 2, 2020
- Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from March 16, 2020

**2nd 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. This segment will last no longer than thirty minutes. Those who spoke at the first public comment segment are not permitted to speak again.

**Adjournment:****Upcoming Agenda Items:**

**City of Beacon Council Agenda**  
**4/6/2020**

**Title:**

**April 6, 2020 Virtual Meeting Announcement**

**Subject:**

**Background:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description

April 6, 2020 Virtual Meeting Announcement

Type

Cover Memo/Letter



## **NOTICE OF CHANGE IN PUBLIC MEETING LOCATION**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that effective immediately and based upon notices and health advisories issued by Federal, State and Local officials related to the COVID-19 virus, the City Council will not hold in-person meetings. Until further notice, all future City Council meetings (including public hearings) will be held via videoconferencing, as permitted by the NYS Open Meetings Law. Due to public health and safety concerns, the public will not be permitted to attend at the remote locations where the City Council members will be situated. The public, however, will be able to fully observe the videoconference meeting and comment during regular City Council meetings (i.e for public hearings and during designated public comment periods). To the extent internet access is not available, the public can attend and comment via telephone by dialing + 1 929 205 6099 and entering the Webinar ID 285 630 104. The City Council's agenda is available online in advance of meetings at <http://www.cityofbeacon.org/index.php/agendas-minutes/>. The public can email written comments or questions for regular City Council Meetings by 5pm on the day of the meeting addressed to [cityofbeacon@cityofbeacon.org](mailto:cityofbeacon@cityofbeacon.org). Any member of the public who has questions should contact the City Administrator in advance of the meeting at 845 838 5010 or [aruggiero@cityofbeacon.org](mailto:aruggiero@cityofbeacon.org).

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that any Executive Session of the Council will be initiated with the Council first convening on the public videoconferencing site, and then adopting a motion to go into Executive Session.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that the City Council Meeting of Monday, April 6, 2020 at 7:00pm can be accessed live at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvPpigGwZDeR7WYmw-SuDxg>. Please note that there is a 20 second delay on the YouTube Live Stream.

**City of Beacon Council Agenda**  
**4/6/2020**

**Title:**

**Resolution Accepting Ferry Landing Easements Regarding Drainage and Sight Distance**

**Subject:**

**Background:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type
Resolution Accepting Ferry Landing Easement Regarding Sight Distance	Resolution
Resolution Accepting Ferry Landing Easement Regarding Drainage	Resolution
Memorandum from the City Attorney's Office Regarding Acceptance of Easements	Cover Memo/Letter
Ferry Landing Easement Regarding Sight Distance	Backup Material
Ferry Landing Easement Regarding Drainage	Backup Material



## **CITY OF BEACON**

### **CITY COUNCIL**

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 2020

#### **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A SIGHT DISTANCE EASEMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING FERRY LANDING**

**WHEREAS**, Ferry Landing at Beacon, Ltd. obtained approval from the City of Beacon Planning Board on August 13, 2019 to construct six (6) single-family townhouses located at property located at the intersection of Beekman Street and Ferry Street and designated on the City tax map as Parcel No. 5954-33-556840 ("Property") pursuant to certain plans generally entitled, "Site Information Plan for Ferry Landing at Beacon," prepared by Ferry Landing at Beacon, Ltd, dated last revised March 20, 2019 (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board Resolution requires the applicant to submit a Sight Distance Easement restricting landscaping within sight lines to vegetation with a low-profile growth pattern and prohibiting any improvements in such area that would obstruct sight distance for vehicular egress southerly from Ferry Street or northerly from the site driveway; and

**WHEREAS**, Ferry Landing at Beacon Ltd. submitted such Sight Distance Easement which grants the City an easement with the right, but not the obligation, to enter the sight distance easement area to remove obstructions to sight distance as necessary if the property owner fails to properly maintain such area.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and/or City Administrator to sign the Sight Distance Easement for said purpose, along with all documents as may be necessary for the recording of such Agreement, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney and City Engineer including an amended metes and bounds description and Easement Map to include the sight distance area looking north from the site driveway.

Resolution No. ____ of 2020			Date: <u>April 6, 2020</u>				
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		<b>Mayor Lee Kyriacou</b>					
		<b>Motion Carried</b>					



## **CITY OF BEACON**

### **CITY COUNCIL**

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 2020

#### **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DRAINAGE EASEMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING FERRY LANDING**

**WHEREAS**, Ferry Landing at Beacon, Ltd. obtained approval from the City of Beacon Planning Board on August 13, 2019 to construction six (6) single-family townhouses located at property located at the intersection of Beekman Street and Ferry Street and designated on the City tax map as Parcel No. 5954-33-556840 (“Property”) pursuant to certain plans generally entitled, “Site Information Plan for Ferry Landing at Beacon,” prepared by Ferry Landing at Beacon, Ltd, dated last revised March 20, 2019 (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, existing City drainage infrastructure is located on the Property shown the Map of Subdivision of Armond Ninnie, filed in the Dutchess County Clerk’s Office on 12/28/88 as Filed Map 8613; and

**WHEREAS**, Ferry Landing at Beacon Ltd. wishes to provide the City with a written easement for such drainage infrastructure.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and/or City Administrator to sign the Drainage Easement for said purpose, along with all documents as may be necessary for the recording of such Agreement, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney and City Engineer.



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		<b>Mayor Lee Kyriacou</b>					
		<b>Motion Carried</b>					

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor Lee Kyriacou and Beacon City Council Members

**FROM:** Keane & Beane, P.C.

**RE:** Ferry Landing Easements

**DATE:** March 30, 2020

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Ferry Landing at Beacon, Ltd. obtained approval from the City of Beacon Planning Board on August 13, 2019 to construct six (6) single-family townhouses located at property located at the intersection of Beekman Street and Ferry Street and designated on the City tax map as Parcel No. 5954-33-556840 ("Property") pursuant to certain plans generally entitled, "Site Information Plan for Ferry Landing at Beacon," prepared by Ferry Landing at Beacon, Ltd, dated last revised March 20, 2019 (the "Project").

The Planning Board Resolution requires the applicant to submit two easements which will be recorded by the Applicant in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office: (1) Drainage Easement; (2) Sight Distance Easement. Each easement is described in relevant part below.

The proposed action for the City Council is to accept the two easements and authorize the Mayor and/or Administrator to execute the easements and all other documents as may be necessary for the recording of such Agreement, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney and City Engineer, including review of the a metes and bounds description to include the sight distance area for vehicles exiting the site driveway looking north.

### **Drainage Easement**

Existing City drainage infrastructure is located on the Property. Map of Subdivision of Armond Ninnie, filed in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on 12/28/88 as Filed Map 8613 makes reference to a 20' Wide Drainage Easement without reference to a Grantee and with no other easement document recorded with the Filed Map. City storm drain pipes and appurtenances are currently located within a portion of the 20' Wide Drainage Easement shown on Filed Map 8613.

Ferry Landing at Beacon Ltd. wishes to provide the City with a written easement for the purpose of access by the City to operate, maintain, repair, reconstruct, replace and/or inspect the existing municipal storm drain pipes and appurtenances on the

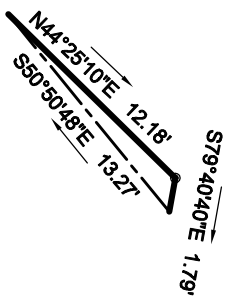
Property. Access rights include both pedestrian and vehicular. The area of the Drainage Easement is proposed to be modified to exclude certain area shown on the Filed Map 8613 at the corner of Ferry Street and Beekman Street which does not contain City drainage infrastructure (see Drainage Easement Map – Exhibit A).

### **Sight Distance Easement**

The Project meets all sight distances recommended by the City Traffic Engineer including vehicles exiting Ferry Street looking left and vehicles exiting the site driveway looking right. However, in order to maintain such sight distances no improvements can be constructed on a certain area of the Property and such area must be limited to low-growth profile vegetation.

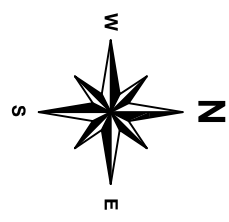
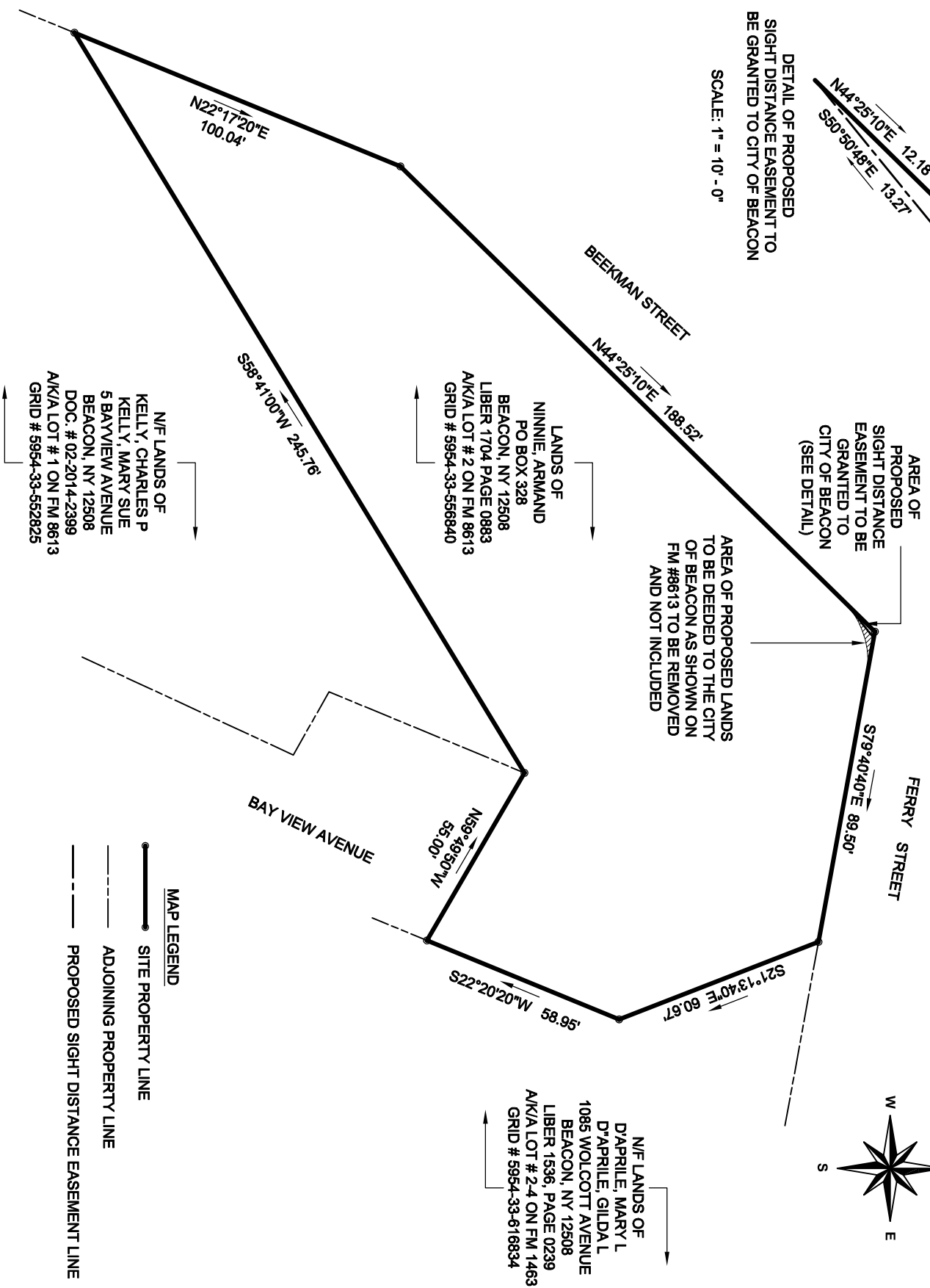
The Sight Distance Easement requires the property owner to maintain the required sight distance and grants the City the right, but not the obligation, to enter the Property and remove sight distance obstructions in the event the owner fails to do so.

The metes and bounds description of the easement area will be modified to include the sight distance area for vehicles exiting the site driveway looking north. The City Council can accept the easement and authorize signature subject to this modification to be reviewed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.



DETAIL OF PROPOSED  
SIGHT DISTANCE EASEMENT TO  
BE GRANTED TO CITY OF BEACON

SCALE: 1" = 10' - 0"



**SIGHT DISTANCE EASEMENT MAP**  
SCALE: 1" = 40'

**EXHIBIT "A"**

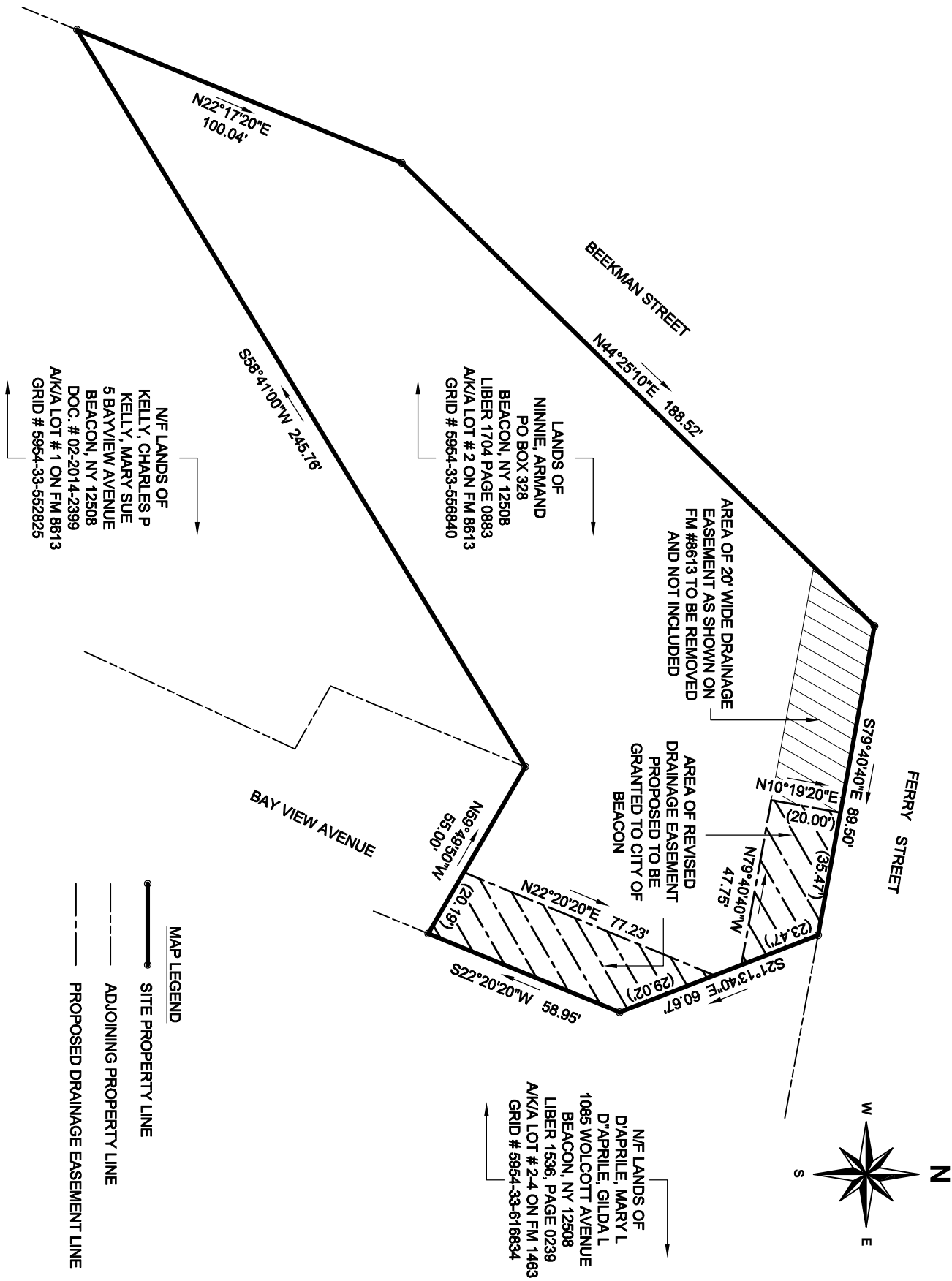


EXHIBIT "A"

**City of Beacon Council Agenda**  
**4/6/2020**

**Title:**

**Resolution Awarding a Contract to Pettinelli Recreation, Inc for the Green Street Playground Project**

**Subject:**

**Background:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type
Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Petinelli Recreation Inc. for the Green Street Park Project	Resolution



**CITY OF BEACON**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**RESOLUTION NO.\_\_\_\_ 2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BEACON TO ENTER INTO A  
CONTRACT WITH PETINELLI RECREATION, INC FOR THE GREEN STREET PARK  
PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Beacon received a bid from Petinelli Recreation, Inc. with a bid price of \$107,025.00 which was the lowest responsible bid received and is below the 2020 budgeted and approved Capital Improvement cost of \$112,000; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council authorizes the Mayor or City Administrator to enter the City of Beacon into a contract with the Petinelli Recreation, Inc., Inc. for \$107,025.00 for the Green Street Park Project.

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		<b>Mayor Lee Kyriacou</b>					
		<b>Motion Carried</b>					

**City of Beacon Council Agenda**  
**4/6/2020**

**Title:**

**Resolution to Authorize the Receipt of Bids and Offers in Electronic Format**

**Subject:**

**Background:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type
Resolution to Authorize the Receipt of Bids and Offers in Electronic Format	Resolution
Memorandum from the City Attorney's Office Regarding Electronic Bids	Cover Memo/Letter





**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF BEACON**  
Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 2020

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TO THE RECEIPT OF BIDS AND OFFERS  
IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT**

**WHEREAS,** General Municipal Law § 103(1) authorizes local governments to receive electronic bids or offers in connection with purchase contracts (including contracts for service work, but excluding any purchase contracts necessary for the completion of a public works contract pursuant to article eight of the Labor Law); and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council may by resolution authorize the City Clerk to accept bids in electronic format, in accordance with Article 3 of the New York State Technology Law; and

**WHEREAS,** the method used for electronic submission will at a minimum:

- Document the time and date of receipt of the bids received electronically,
- Authenticate the identity of the sender,
- Ensure the security of the information transmitted, and •
- Ensure the confidentiality of the bid until the time and date established for the opening of bids.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the City Council of the City of Beacon hereby authorizes the receipt of bids in an electronic format.

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		<b>Motion Carried</b>					

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor Kyriacou and Members of the  
City Council of the City of Beacon

**FROM:** Keane & Beane, P.C.

**RE:** Accepting Bids in Electronic Format

**DATE:** April 1, 2020

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Bids and offers submitted in connection with purchase contracts, including contracts for service work, but excluding any purchase contracts necessary for the completion of a public works contract pursuant to Article 8 of the Labor Law, may be accepted in electronic format. The governing board of the political subdivision or district must first adopt a resolution to authorize the receipt of bids and offers in electronic format.

Accepting bids or offers electronically can increase competition, as well as convenience, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. The advertisement for bids or offers must designate how the electronic bid or offer will be received, such as designating the website or email address where the bid or offer should be sent.

With the exception of technology contracts, the submission of bids or offers in electronic format may not be required as the sole method, and paper bids or offers must still be accepted. All other minimum requirements of the competitive bidding or competitive offering process remain the same (e.g., advertising in the official newspaper). Any method used to receive electronic bids or offers must, at a minimum:

- Document the time and date of receipt of the bids or offers received electronically;
- Authenticate the identity of the sender;
- Ensure the security of the information transmitted; and
- Ensure the confidentiality of the bid or offer until the time and date established for the opening of bids or offers. Electronic submissions should be marked confidential. Care should be taken to ensure that such bids are not released before the bid opening date.

The authorization for electronic bids or offers is scheduled to sunset and expires on June 1, 2023.

**City of Beacon Council Agenda**  
**4/6/2020**

**Title:**

**Resolution Approving the Appointment of Samantha Milani as a City of Beacon Police Officer**

**Subject:**

**Background:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type
Resolution Approving the Appointment of Samantha Milani as a City of Beacon Police Officer	Resolution



**CITY OF BEACON  
CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2020**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING SAMANTHA MILANI AS A  
CITY OF BEACON POLICE OFFICER**

**WHEREAS**, Samantha Milani meets the qualifications for the position of Police Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor seeks to appoint Samantha Milani to the position of Police Officer with the City of Beacon Police Department and to have the City Council approve the appointment.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor hereby appoints, with the consent of the City Council, Samantha Milani to the position of Police Officer of the City of Beacon Police Department effective April 13, 2020.

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		<b>Motion Carried</b>					

**City of Beacon Council Agenda**  
**4/6/2020**

**Title:**

**Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from March 2, 2020**

**Subject:**

**Background:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type
City Council Meeting Minutes March 2, 2020	Minutes

**Regular Meeting**

These minutes are for the regular meeting of the Beacon City Council, held in the Municipal Center at One Municipal Plaza on March 2, 2020. Please note that the video recording of this meeting is available at <http://www.cityofbeacon.org/>

**Council Members Present:**

Amber Grant, At Large  
George Mansfield, At Large  
Terry Nelson, Ward One  
Air Rhodes, Ward Two  
Jodi McCredo, Ward Three  
Dan Aymar-Blair, Ward Four  
Lee Kyriacou, Mayor

**Council Members Absent:****Also Present:**

Anthony Ruggiero, City Administrator  
Nick Ward-Willis, City Attorney

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Mayor Kyriacou noted that March is Women's History Month and Irish American History Month

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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.

**Speakers:**

Louis Amoroso Sr.

Mr. Amoroso Sr. said that he is not satisfied with the closing of Beacon Engine. He asked, again, what the City has spent on Beacon Engine during the past 15 years. He said it is a good thing that Beacon is hiring more career firefighters. A fire engine went to Newburgh for mutual aid last week. He asked if Beacon hired the career firefighters so we can provide mutual aid to other areas. He said he thought that mutual aid was only supposed to be used within the county.

Stosh Yankowski

Mr. Yankowski said that on Henry Street from Teller to Veteran's Place there is diagonal parking; if that diagonal parking was extended all the way along Henry Street, more cars would be able to park. The two handicap parking spots on Church Street can be eliminated. He spoke about Royal Carting, saying what should go into the recycling bins. He suggested sending out a flier to Beacon residents instructing people what can be thrown into the recycling bin.

Theresa Kraft

Ms. Kraft said it is in the best interest of Beacon to enforce New York State's home rule. Local governments are afforded several permissions within Article 10, one of which is to provide for the protection and enhancement of the physical and visual environment. She cited the historic Main Street view, saying that the streetscape should be protected. If Beacon is going to model itself as a tourist destination, the city better protect the historic character.

Jeremy Suckow

Mr. Suckow said that the RFP for the vacant parcel on Melio Bettina Place specifically called for a building to be constructed on the parcel. He said that he could have bid more money if he knew he did not have to build a house on the property. The back taxes on the parcel are \$5,000. The last house that Seven and One LLC constructed looks like a track home. If the goal of the RFP was to maximize profit, then the city would have clearly stated that the lot was approved for building without a variance. The requirement for development should not have been included if the city was hoping to maximize the return on the parcel. There were only two bids on the property even though Beacon is the hottest market in Dutchess County.

## **Community Segment**

Dave Church and John Clarke

David Church is the recently retired Director of Planning in Orange County. He and John Clarke, the City of Beacon City Planner, helped to facilitate two recent Community Development Forums at the Memorial Building.

Mr. Church said that the city should be thrilled by the positive, constructive approach that people came to the community development forums with. People were very friendly and courteous.

The issues were wide-ranging however he was surprised about how little came up about zoning. There were several comments within the context of the code for sustainability and environmental criteria. Another common anchor from attendees was that the arts should be a major component of the fabric of Beacon. He said he has some ideas about this and would be happy to continue the discussion. The moratorium did not come up frequently; no one is demanding a moratorium. He is very cautious about moratoria, saying they are used too often.

There was a fair amount of commentary about the use of information and data in decision-making. The role of school and how that relates to the city's programming. Perhaps the water moratorium wasn't clearly presented. There may be a handful of data that may need to be gathered or presented differently.

There was a fair bit of conversation about transportation and access regarding parking, traffic and transit. It seems that the City has done some great work to provide parking. The perception may be worse than the actual parking problem.

The right business mix was a focal point during the forums; whether or not the city should impact the market to manipulate what types of businesses come to town with the goal of serving Beacon residents as well as tourists. Business retention and attraction was also important during the forums. People were questioning whether the City is too focused on attracting big businesses rather than small businesses. There was also discussion of providing capital for small businesses. Another poignant point of discussion was incentivizing businesses in Beacon. Zoning has historically done a very good job of clarifying what is allowed, but a poor job of what should be developed. He suggested expedited review processes when businesses the city needs are applying.

Affordability for residential and commercial space was a big theme throughout the forums. Businesses being priced out due to high rents came up a lot.



He said he is happy to work on the next steps.

John Clarke

Mr. Clarke said that four key themes came up consistently throughout the forums.

1. Main Street commercial rents combined with some big vacancies
2. Job-creating commercial opportunities through zoning
3. Affordable housing for low- and middle-income residents, a ten percent set-aside for affordable housing may not be enough
4. Parking and traffic pains; every successful municipality has this problem.
5. The arts

A new theory being discussed is that affordability should be based on 45 percent of housing and transportation costs, not just 30 percent housing costs. Beacon's affordability costs may actually be lower than people realize. If you live in a compact, walkable transit-oriented place you put out less greenhouse gases in your daily life.

Create affordability in three ways:

1. Subsidize housing (around 600 of those units in Beacon)
2. Local government subsidies such as set asides for affordable housing where private entities provide the housing and the city provides the administrative costs. The City can subsidize housing through the sale of land. There are seven parking locations on and round Main Street that could be used for affordable housing with parking underneath.
3. Satisfy the demand of housing by creating more market-rate housing; this will reduce the pressure to turn low cost housing into expensive housing.

He said he thinks the City should work with developers to provide more than a 10 percent set aside for affordable housing. Further, the City should not restrict the market to the point where housing prices increase.

Councilmember Rhodes and Mansfield thanked the attendees of the forums.

## **Council Reports**

Councilmember Dan Aymar-Blair

Mr. Aymar-Blair thanked the attendees of the forums, saying that about 150 people attended. He proposed that the Council hear from Citizens Climate Lobby about the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act at a future workshop.

He said he would like to take up viewsheds soon.

Councilmember Aymar-Blair said that the City could work with the library to set up a census station at the farmers market. The City could also create some public signage to promote the census.

Councilmember Air Rhodes

Mx. Rhodes spoke about the coronavirus telling the public to wash their hands, avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth. The Councilmember said cover your mouth, clean surfaces such as cell phones, stay home when you are sick. NY State Coronavirus hotline is 1 888 364 3065. People can visit

health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus. The Councilmember reassured the public that the City is on top of the issue.

#### Councilmember Terry Nelson

Mr. Nelson thanked those attended the forums. He thanked those who came to his office hours. He will not be holding office hours this month. The Councilmember thanked everyone who supported Underground Beacon; the comic book store will not be closing.

He asked where the “Welcome to Beacon” sign has gone near the train station.

He advised the public to observe the speed limit and drive safely.

#### Councilmember Mansfield

The “Welcome to Beacon” sign by the train station has been removed over the past few days. It was allowed to be there for the last 11 years thanks to generous private property owners. He suggested putting that sign back up on City property. He thanked everyone who was involved in the project over the years.

#### Councilmember Amber Grant

Ms. Grant thanked all of the forum attendees and the people who responded to the Sustainable Beacon survey.

#### Councilmember Jodi McCredo

Ms. McCredo thanked all of the forum attendees. She reminded the public that elections for the Board of Trustees of the Howland Public Library will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup>; residents have until March 30<sup>th</sup> to petition to be one of the Trustees.

This week is Music in Our School Week. On Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm the choruses from Rombout and Beacon High School will perform at 7 pm and on March 5<sup>th</sup> the bands from Beacon High and Rombout will perform at 7 pm. The Parade of Green will be March 14<sup>th</sup>.

She would like to discuss placing the Welcome to Beacon sign on public property.

#### Mayor Kyriacou

Mayor Kyriacou said that the Census is coming on April 1<sup>st</sup>. He encouraged everyone to ensure they are counted.

He said that the forums correctly focused on Main Street access. The Council should focus on the historic overlay and four floors. The most poignant thing he heard at the forums was that living in an historic home was a privilege. There is still some work to do to finish up the transition zone.

#### Anthony Ruggiero, City Administrator

He said that the city received \$160,000 for the Wilkes Street Pathway in Community Development Block Grant money. The city received \$6,750 from Division of Criminal Justice for a new fingerprint and live scan machine for the Police Department. The city will be participating in a conference call about the coronavirus that Dutchess County has organized.

#### **Local Laws and Resolutions**

1. Resolution Approving a License Agreement Between the City of Beacon and Things You Love Events, LLC.

2. Resolution Approving an Amended 2020 City of Beacon Council Meeting Schedule

- Councilmember Grant made a motion to combine and vote on the approval of Resolutions 1 and 2 in a Consent Agenda
- Second by Councilmember McCredo
- Motion and Resolutions pass 7 – 0

City Council Meeting Minutes February 3, 2020

City Council Meeting Minutes February 18, 2020

- Motion to Approve Council Minutes from February 3rd and 18th by Councilmember Grant
- Second by Councilmember McCredo
- Motion passes 7 - 0

### **Second Opportunity for Public Comment**

Arthur Camins

Mr. Camins said that one of the reasons for the economic gap between whites and non-whites has historically been property ownership which in part is determined by exclusionary government policy. His own homeownership would not have been possible if not for the generous help of a relative. This topic should be part of the conversation.

Regarding speeding, he said the no one speeds in Cold Spring because Cold Spring Police are notorious for giving speeding tickets.

He encouraged the Council to think about how the City can encourage developers to get the work done quickly when they are using scaffolding on Main Street sidewalks.

Carinda Swann

Ms. Swann thanked the Council for the forums, she thought that it was such a civil, welcome and open feeling. People had plenty of time to speak.

Stosh Yankowski

Mr. Yankowski suggested working with Royal Carting, the Post Office and Sustainable Beacon to put out recycling fliers. He suggested that an inventory should be done on the available residential and retail spaces in Beacon.

Ed Benevente

380 Main Street

Mr. Benevente thanked the Council for the forums, saying it was a great format. It was especially nice to have it

on the weekends. It was great to hear other peoples' questions.

Regarding the historic designation, he does not want to be included on the historic designation until further clarification on the benefits and limitations.

Mayor Kyriacou

Mayor Kyriacou said that the 2008 housing crash and the loss of the middle class in the United States are still impacting housing starts nationally. Further, the next generation wants to live in cities and that is increasing housing demand. Zoning has been more of the same and now that we need more apartments, it's hard to get the zoning to go with those demands especially in suburban single-family home areas. There is one community that has leapfrogged popularity in the region, and that is Beacon. In some respects, that's a good thing. In some ways, it is not. Simply building and increasing the supply of housing is not going to bring the price of housing down; Beacon is far too popular.

**Next Council Workshop:** March 9, 2020

**Next Council Meeting:** March 16, 2020

**Motion to Adjourn**

- Motion to Adjourn by Councilmember Nelson
- Second by Councilmember Aymar-Blair
- Motion passes 7 – 0

**City of Beacon Council Agenda**  
**4/6/2020**

**Title:**

**Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from March 16, 2020**

**Subject:**

**Background:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type
City Council Meeting Minutes from March 16, 2020	Minutes

**Regular Meeting**

These minutes are for the regular meeting of the Beacon City Council, held at 13 South Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was available via live teleconference. Please note that the video recording of this meeting is available at <https://vimeo.com/398141528>

**Council Members Present:**

Amber Grant, At Large  
George Mansfield, At Large  
Terry Nelson, Ward One  
Air Rhodes, Ward Two  
Jodi McCredo, Ward Three  
Dan Aymar-Blair, Ward Four  
Lee Kyriacou, Mayor

**Council Members Absent:****Also Present:**

Anthony Ruggiero, City Administrator  
Nick Ward-Willis, City Attorney

Mayor Kyriacou opened the meeting with an announcement about COVID-19 which can be found attached at the end of these minutes.

Councilmember Dan Aymar-Blair said that residents should check on their neighbors. There is a group called Mutual Aid Beacon with 80 volunteers. People can get in touch with them at 845 206 9836 or email [mutualaidbeacon@gmail.com](mailto:mutualaidbeacon@gmail.com). He said that purchasing gift certificates from local businesses is one way to support neighbors in small business throughout Beacon.

Councilmember Mansfield said that as a bar and restaurant owner that was forced to shut down, he agrees with the measures being taken by the state government. There are a lot of people living paycheck to paycheck who will now be living without those paychecks.

Councilmember McCredo proposed putting forth a resolution on behalf of the Council to the New York State Legislator urging them to pass an economic stimulus package.

Mayor Kyriacou took a moment of silence for those who have passed away because of COVID-19 and for those on the front lines.

**First Opportunity for Public Comments:** Each speaker may have one opportunity to speak up to three minutes on any subject matter.

**Speakers:**

Graham Lawler

Mr. Lawler thanked the Council for their commitment to protecting the public from COVID-19. He spoke as a

representative of the Beacon Hosts group. He asked the Council if they have a recommendation about whether or not the Air B&B community in Beacon should temporarily shut down to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Councilmember Grant

Ms. Grant said that she would encourage people to follow instructions from the CDC which was to stay home unless it is necessary to go out.

Stosh Yankowski

Mr. Yankowski suggested the public should stay positive during the pandemic. He quoted The Beatles, saying “obladi oblada”.

Regarding the Transition District he said that he would be weary about allowing daycare centers with unregulated amounts of children.

Regarding short term rentals he said that the Council should consider one-month leases as long term.

Mr. Yankowski commented on the community forums, saying that there was not enough emphasis on the pace of development in Beacon. A former mayor at the forums suggested a building moratorium.

Theresa Kraft

Submitted for the record:

Like most residents of Beacon, I follow along on social media and local blogs and I'm hearing a lot of chatter asking why the City of Beacon has yet to send out any official messages through its new Swift911 alert system regarding the coronavirus. They're also asking. Why on earth were the bars allowed to continue and host their pub crawl events even though the Permitted fundraiser parade was canceled? We should not value profit more than the public health of our residents. These events fell within the restrictions announced Friday March 13th by Governor Cuomo and Dutchess County Executive Molinaro regarding public gatherings. No pun intended and I won't 'Harp' on it, but their blatant disrespect for the law should not go unpunished. Karma and payback are not good - they're now mandated to close completely. Let's hope we have the luck of the Irish. Be well and stay home.

### **Public Hearing to Discuss a Proposed Local Law to Amend Chapter 134 of the Code of the City of Beacon Concerning the Historic District Landmark Overlay (Council Expected to Adjourn to a Later Date)**

Theresa Kraft

Submitted for the Record:

I support the revisions to the local law to amend chapter 134 regarding the historic district landmark overlay. Again, I ask the residents of Beacon in these new expanded historic districts to please be open-minded and realize that this is not a burden to a historic homeowner, but it is a protection for your property. Study after study across the nation as conclusively showed that historic designation and the creation of historic districts increase property values. Owners of designated historic structures may make very significant changes to their structures. It does not mean these laws are to prevent change, but to manage change. Historic preservation isn't just about house museums anymore. Preservation today also focuses not just on grandiose architectural landmarks, but on more modest homes, even those with social and cultural significance. Historic preservation laws do not infringe on property rights any more than do many other laws and private rules that Americans have long accepted. We are only keepers of these historic homes; we need to protect them.

- Motion to Adjourn to April 13 by Councilmember Mansfield
- Second by Councilmember Aymar-Blair
- Motion passes 7 – 0

### **Public Hearing to Discuss a Special Use Permit for 3 Water Street**

Theresa Kraft  
Submitted for the record:

I support approving this application for a Special Use Permit. Especially since the property is already merged into one parcel on file with Dutchess County records and the applicant is donating a small triangle area to the city of Beacon that will merge into the City's right of way. Even though this is just a tiny bit of green space visually it will go along. And, with the applicant's beautiful aesthetics for good design and materials, it's a win-win for that corner. Though too other viewers it may appear to be too much Modernism but it's done well, and its eclecticism fits within the historic overlay area and for that we should be grateful. I know I am, and I drive past everyday coming and going into town.

- Motion to Close the Public Hearing by Councilmember Mansfield
- Second by Councilmember Aymar-Blair
- Motion passes 7 – 0

### **Public Hearing to Discuss a Special Use Permit Application for 1182 North Avenue**

Dan Kohler, Hudson Land Design

Mr. Kohler said that the application is for a single-family home with an accessory apartment. The applicant is no longer seeking to construct the previously proposed artist studio.

Theresa Kraft  
Submitted for the Record:

I support this applicant's proposal for this property since the second parcel is landlocked. I believe this is really the only way to develop it, and their design sense is appropriate for the large Victorians in the area. In addition, it fits the zoning district requirements with this Special Permit.

Councilmember Aymar-Blair

Mr. Aymar-Blair asked if the public should have an opportunity to weigh in on the amended application.

Nick Ward-Willis

Mr. Ward-Willis said that the Council has the discretion to adjourn the public hearing. However, in his opinion, the amendment does not rise to that level. The applicant is simply asking for less than what the public was originally notified of.

- Motion to Close the Public Hearing by Councilmember Mansfield
- Second by Councilmember Aymar-Blair
- Motion passes 7 – 0

### **Council Reports**

#### Councilmember Terry Nelson

Mr. Nelson thanked the first responders for all of their hard work during COVID-19. He also thanked Dara Silverman for starting Mutual Aid Beacon.

#### Councilmember Air Rhodes

Mx. Rhodes said it was really good to be able to call in to the Council meeting. They said there is no other city they'd rather live in. Beaconites are brave, creative, generous and resilient. They reminded the public to contact



them through email at [arhodes@cityofbeacon.org](mailto:arhodes@cityofbeacon.org)

Councilmember Rhodes announced that there is now an LGBTQ Committee which is part of the Human Relations Commission. Contact Joe Waring or Mx. Rhodes if you would like to join the committee. Beacon's first Pride Parade is scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### Councilmember Jodi McCredo

Councilmember McCredo reminded the public to follow the guidance from health officials in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. She asked that residents be kind to their neighbors, and in particular, look out for those who are vulnerable to the virus.

#### Councilmember Amber Grant

Key Food will have senior shopping hours from 7 – 8 am. She said she was out trying to shop on Main Street to support the local economy. She told residents that they can also support the local business owners by taking advantage of take out or curbside pickup from shops and restaurants.

She reminded the public to complete the Census.

#### Councilmember Dan Aymar-Blair

Mr. Aymar-Blair thanked first responders and emergency workers for their work during COVID-19. He thanked all of the city employees for keeping the information coming from all of the different reliable sources.

The seven-day waiting period for unemployment applications was waived by New York State.

Beacon is a digital first Census community. He asked the public to use the time they have to fill out the Census.

He took part in a nation-wide conference call of municipal officials discussing ideas to lessen the burden of COVID-19. Zero percent interest loans for small businesses was an excellent idea that he heard. He would like to advance a letter or resolution to the state or federal government displaying Beacon's support for such a measure.

He asked Nick Ward-Willis if, during a declaration of emergency, municipalities gain decision making power.

Nick Ward-Willis said that New York State Executive Law Section 24 sets forth the ability for local governments to declare emergencies and issue orders. Even with a declaration of emergency, a municipality does not have the ability to supersede New York State laws.

#### Councilmember George Mansfield

Mr. Mansfield said that the Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce has been putting together a list of resources of small businesses. Businesses can sign up on A Little Beacon Blog's website for updates.

#### Mayor Kyriacou

Mayor Kyriacou thanked the IT Consultant, City Administrator and Assistant to the Mayor for their work during COVID-19.

#### Anthony Ruggiero

Mr. Ruggiero thanked the city staff for all of their hard work during the COVID-19 pandemic. He reassured the public that the City of Beacon is implementing policy according to guidance from New York State and Dutchess County. He encouraged residents who would normally come to City Hall to call or email instead if possible. He said the public can call the police department if they see establishments open which should be closed according to Governor Cuomo's orders.

- Motion to Pass the Consent Agenda, (Resolutions # 1 - 5) by Councilmember Nelson
  - Second by Councilmember Mansfield
  - Consent Agenda Passes 7 - 0
1. Resolution Approving the Appointment of Robert Palisi to the Board of Assessment Review
  2. Resolution Setting a Public Hearing to Discuss a Proposed Local Law to Amend Chapter 211, Article II, Section 10 and 12 and Article III, Section 15 of the Code of the City of Beacon Regarding Vehicles and Transportation for April 20, 2020
  3. Resolution Setting a Public Hearing to Discuss a Proposed Local Law to Create Chapter 106, Article 4 of the Code of the City of Beacon Regarding NY Stretch Code for April 20, 2020
  4. Resolution Setting a Public Hearing to Discuss a Local Law to Amend Chapter 223, Section 61.3 of the Code of the City of Beacon Regarding Noticing Public Hearings for April 20, 2020
  5. Resolution Setting Public Hearing to discuss a Proposed Local Law to Amend Chapter 223, Section 41.18.E(7) of the Code of the City of Beacon Regarding Building Height for April 20, 2020
  6. Resolution of the City of Beacon City Council Regarding the Merger of the New York State Bridge Authority into the New York State Thruway Authority

Mayor Kyriacou read a portion of the resolution which can be found attached to these minutes.

- Motion by Councilmember Mansfield
  - Second by Councilmember Aymar-Blair
  - Motion passes 7 – 0
7. Resolution Granting a Special Use Permit for 3 Water Street
    - Motion by Councilmember Nelson
    - Second by Councilmember Mansfield
    - Motion passes 7 – 0
  8. Resolution Granting a Special Use Permit for 1182 North Avenue

Mayor Kyriacou said that he and his wife own a property across the street, however that does not preclude him from voting on this resolution.

- Motion by Councilmember Aymar-Blair
- Second by Councilmember Mansfield

- Motion passes 7 – 0

9. Resolution Adopting an Ordinance as to SEQRA Determination for the Purpose of Bond Ordinances

- Motion by Councilmember Aymar-Blair
- Second by Councilmember Mansfield
- Motion passes 7 – 0

10. Resolution Approving Budget Amendments

- Motion by Councilmember Aymar-Blair
- Second by Councilmember Mansfield
- Motion passes 7 – 0

11. Resolution Authorizing a Bond for City Hall Improvements

- Motion by Councilmember Aymar-Blair
- Second by Councilmember Mansfield
- Motion passes 7 – 0

12. Resolution Authorizing a Bond for the Lewis Tompkins Fire Station Generator

- Motion by Councilmember Aymar-Blair
- Second by Councilmember Mansfield
- Motion passes 7 – 0

13. Resolution Authorizing a Bond for Sewer Lines and Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

- Motion by Councilmember Aymar-Blair
- Second by Councilmember Mansfield
- Motion passes 7 – 0

14. Resolution Authorizing a Bond for Water Supply Treatment and Distribution System

- Motion by Councilmember Aymar-Blair
- Second by Councilmember Mansfield
- Motion passes 7 – 0

Leslie Deschler

Ms. Deschler thanked the Council for everything they are doing. She said that there are a lot of people who are not taking COVID-19 seriously. She said Beacon needs to hear from their leaders at this time.

She said that closing businesses is scary but she believes that it is the correct decision and she trusts that Beacon can come together and work through this challenging time.

Mayor Kyriacou

Mayor Kyriacou thanked those who attended the meeting in person and virtually. He said that during his first term on Council, meetings used to be held at Lewis Tompkins House. The city will assess what to do next in terms of holding virtual meetings.

**Next Council Workshop: March 30, 2020**

**Next Council Meeting: April 6, 2020**

**Motion to Adjourn**

- Motion to Adjourn by Councilmember Mansfield
- Second by Councilmember Aymar-Blair
- Motion passes 7 – 0



**City of Beacon, New York**  
Office of the Mayor  
Lee Kyriacou, Mayor

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

March 16, 2020

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### **City of Beacon – COVID-19 Update – Monday March 16**

BEACON, NY – The City of Beacon is working closely with Dutchess County and New York State to ensure public health and safety in connection with COVID-19, and wants to inform the community of the following current information and actions.

- 1. Public Information:** The City of Beacon recognizes that the best statewide health expertise is provided by New York State, and the best local health expertise lies with the Dutchess County Health Department. Accordingly, the City will where possible promptly re-communicate relevant, accurate information provided by these sources, whether electronically on the Beacon Public Access Channel (Channel 22) , the City of Beacon website (<http://www.CityofBeacon.org>), links in documents, or in printed form. The primary objective of the actions being taken by public health officials is to reduce the pace of transmission of COVID-19, to “flatten the curve” as many describe, so as to avoid exceeding the capacity of our hospital services.
- 2. City Preparedness:** The City is working closely with expert state and county governmental partners, participating in multiple daily calls and meetings involving communities throughout the region. Information is passed on to all city staff, including police, fire and other departments, and the community, and the City is taking the appropriate recommended actions to properly inform to safeguard our community, including actions and recommendations to reduce the pace of transmission of COVID-19.
- 3. Limiting Gatherings:** Today (Monday March 16), the Governors of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut announced a lower crowd capacity limit of 50 people for recreational and social gatherings (e.g., theaters, sporting events; but not e.g., libraries, retail establishments), effective at 8:00 PM tonight. This follows an earlier order from last Friday (March 13) with an initial limit, which was the lesser of 500 persons or 50% of venue capacity. Today the Governors also announced that restaurants and bars will close for on-premise service (but still allow take-out and delivery service), and the temporary closing of movie theaters, gyms and casinos. Dutchess County and the City of Beacon collectively have the authority to enforce this limitation through our police, fire and building departments, and will promptly begin doing so.
- 4. Schools:** All school districts in Dutchess, Orange and Ulster counties were closed for regular classes starting today (Monday March 16). The Beacon City School District is closed for two weeks. The City’s school-based recreation programs are also closed.
- 5. State & Local Government Workforce:** Today (Monday March 16), the Governor announced that 50% of non-essential state employees should not report to work, and if

feasible may work from home, and called for local governments to do the same (we understand this will become an executive order by the end of the day). The City of Beacon will implement this directive beginning tomorrow. We have identified executive, police, fire, water and sewer departments, and code enforcement officers, as essential employees. Other employees will be working for the most part on an every-other-day schedule.

**6. City Facilities & Services:** The following changes have been made regarding city facilities, board meetings and activities.

- **Essential Services:** Beacon Police and Fire Departments are unaffected by any mandated reduction in staffing; these departments have their own protocols with respect to staffing in emergency situations and interacting with the public. Water and Sewer Departments are unaffected, and trash collection is handled by a private contractor and is on schedule. The roles of Mayor, City Council and City Administrator are unaffected.
- **City Hall:** The window in the front entrance of our Municipal Building will remain open during regular hours for in-person service. Note that this window will as needed service in-person interactions with City departments located in the lower level of the building. Municipal buildings are being cleaned twice a day, and are safe for the public. Residents are encouraged to contact the City by phone or e-mail, where you will receive excellent customer service.
- **Board Meetings:** Meetings of the Beacon City Council, as well as other regular and ad hoc board meetings will continue to meet on schedule, with a change of location on a trial basis, from the Court Room at the Municipal Building to the much larger public meeting room across Route 9D at the Lewis Tompkins Hose Meeting Room located at 13 South Avenue. This will allow for appropriate “social distancing” in a larger venue; the City will monitor and limit public attendance as necessary. The City will continue to televise City Council and other board meetings, and has installed teleconferencing for meetings. Board members are of course free to make individual choices regarding attendance specific to their individual circumstances.
- **Recreation Programs:** The City has already discontinued after-school programs consistent with the school district decision. Other City-sponsored recreational activities are already seeing reduced attendance, and the City will discontinue all recreation programming.
- **Transfer Station:** The City’s recycling and transfer facility on Dennings Avenue will be open for some services, with details to be determined.

**7. Some Accurate Sources of Information:** Below are some links to accurate and up-to-date local information on health and safety. Take care to find and rely on accurate official sources, and not unofficial, informal or uninformed ones.

- Dutchess County Coronavirus Information Hotline: 845-486-3555
- NYS DOH Novel Coronavirus Hotline: 1-888-364-3065

- Dutchess County State of Emergency:  
<https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/County-Executive/Dutchess-County-Announces-State-of-Emergency.htm>
- Dutchess County Department of Health:  
<https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.htm>
- Dutchess Count Mental Health Services:  
<https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/Mental-Health-Services.htm>
- NYS DOH  
Website: <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

**8. Public Health Reminders:** The City of Beacon wishes to repeat some official common-sense public health guidelines including personal hygiene, social distancing, and avoiding large public gatherings and events. These come from the Dutchess County Department of Health and the New York State and the New York State Department of Health.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Please see attached COVID-19/Coronavirus Fact Sheet.



**CITY OF BEACON  
CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 51 OF 2020**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEACON REGARDING  
THE MERGER OF THE NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY INTO THE NEW  
YORK STATE THRUWAY AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Hamilton Fish Newburgh Beacon Bridge (the "Newburgh Beacon Bridge") spans the Hudson River between the City of Beacon ("City") and the Town of Newburgh; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Bridge Authority ("Bridge Authority") operates the Newburgh Beacon Bridge and other bridges across the Hudson River in the MidHudson region, which serve as vital links for the lives and commerce of numerous residents and businesses located in the City and in the Newburgh-Beacon economic area, who utilize the bridge crossings of the River on a daily basis; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Andrew Cuomo, in his 2020-21 budget address, announced legislation to merge the Bridge Authority into the New York State Thruway Authority ("Thruway Authority"); and

**WHEREAS**, the tolls on the five bridges operated by the Bridge Authority are relatively low, and presumably reflect an efficient and well maintained operation by the Bridge Authority

**WHEREAS**, the City is concerned that a merger may result in either Bridge Authority revenue being used to subsidize Thruway Authority efforts, or in reduced Bridge Authority expense to offset higher Thruway Authority expense, or in reduced Bridge Authority operational staffing and capital efforts, thereby negatively affecting the Newburgh Beacon Bridge and the critical linkage it provides to the Newburgh-Beacon economic area

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Beacon encourages New York State to ensure that any actions involving the Bridge Authority and the Thruway Authority do not negatively affect the Bridge Authority's mission of providing five



efficient, well maintained and low-toll bridges crossing the Hudson River, and in particular the Newburgh Beacon Bridge; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this Resolution be delivered, by the City Clerk to the Hon. Andrew J. Cuomo, Governor, the Hon. Susan Serino, Senator for the 41ST District and the Hon. Jonathon G. Jacobson, Assemblyman for the 104TH District.

<b>Resolution No. <u>51</u> of 2020</b>				<b>Date: <u>March 16, 2020</u></b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Amendments</b>				<input type="checkbox"/> <b>2/3 Required</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Not on roll call.</b>				<input type="checkbox"/> <b>On roll call</b>			
<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Absent</b>
		<b>Terry Nelson</b>	<b>x</b>				
		<b>Jodi McCredo</b>	<b>x</b>				
<b>x</b>		<b>George Mansfield</b>	<b>x</b>				
		<b>Amber Grant</b>	<b>x</b>				
		<b>Air Rhodes</b>	<b>x</b>				
	<b>x</b>	<b>Dan Aymar-Blair</b>	<b>x</b>				
		<b>Mayor Lee Kyriacou</b>	<b>x</b>				
<b>Motion Carried</b>			<b>x</b>				