

Regular Meeting

These minutes are for the regular meeting of the Beacon City Council, held in the Municipal Center at One Municipal Plaza on January 16, 2018 at 7:00 PM. Please note that the video recording of this meeting is available at www.cityofbeacon.org.

Council Members Present:

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

Also Present:

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

Council Members Absent/Excused:

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

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:

Samantha Britton
Rob Lieblein
Pat Kelleher
Fred McVicker
Elaine Ciaccio
Arthur Camins
Perry Pendleton
Barbara McCaskill
Lisa Marie Alvarez

Community Segment

- **Recognition of 25 and 50 year Volunteer Firefighters**
- **Energize NY**

Presentations:**Resolution confirming the appointment of Jerry Landisi to the City of Beacon Board of Ethics**

Motion by Councilmember Mansfield, second by Councilmember McCredo
7-0, motion carried.

Resolution confirming the appointment of Matthew Dubetsky to the City of Beacon Parking and Traffic Safety Committee

Motion by Councilmember Nelson, second by Councilmember Mansfield
7-0, motion carried

Resolution confirming the appointment of Ali Muhammad to the City of Beacon Human Relations Committee

Motion by Councilmember Rembert second by Councilmember Nelson
7-0, motion carried

Appointment of Nicholas Durso as Laborer in the Highway Department

Motion by Councilmember McCredo, second by Councilmember Rembert
7-0, motion carried

Resolution approving budget amendments

Motion by Councilmember Mansfield, second by Councilmember McCredo
7-0, motion carried

Council Member Reports:

Amber Grant: Reported on Green St Park vandalization. Thanked Anthony, Park and Police Departments for their speedy response. Community supports a community mural. Read letter from Noah Spodek encouraging Council and City to consider composting/zero waste recycling.

John Rembert: Warned public about the spread of flu and encouraged everyone to be mindful of spreading germs.

Lee Kyriacou: No report.

George Mansfield: Reported on Chevron-Texaco development meetings – there is a draft final report based on public input that should be available in approximately 2 months.

Jodi McCredo: Reported on people travelling in the wrong direction on Leonard and traffic issues on Grove Street.

Terry Nelson: Reported on traffic issues on Mackin Ave – with left-hand turns onto Mackin happening at high rates of speed. Also issues at Verplank and Cross with limited visibility when travelling North on Cross.

Mayor Randy Casale: Attended Opioid Forum on 1/20. Reported that the Beacon Police and Fire Departments saved a life the past weekend using Narcan. Reported the City of Beacon was awarded \$160K through a Community Development Block Grant to address sidewalk on Hubert to Fishkill Ave. Read a statement announcing National Salute to Veteran's week. Statement entered into record.

Anthony Ruggiero: Read an update from the Water Department which has been entered into record. Shared update following HVEA presentation – the “Abbey Road” style crosswalk would work and stay within the budget.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Local Laws:

- 1. Resolution granting waiver to provide affordable workforce housing**
 - * Motion by Councilmember Grant, second by Councilmember Nelson
 - * 7-0, motion carried.
- 2. Resolution authorizing settlement with Cornerstone Restoration for certain repairs to the City of Beacon Fire Station**
 - * Motion by Councilmember Mansfield, second by Councilmember Nelson
 - * 7-0, motion carried
- 3. Resolution Authorizing Entering into Subordination Agreement 6 State**
 - * Motion by Councilmember Rembert second by Councilmember Mansfield
 - * All in favor, motion carried
- 4. Resolution ratifying the memorandum of agreement between the IAFF and the City of Beacon**
 - * Motion by Councilmember Nelson, second by Councilmember Rembert
 - * 7-0, motion carried
- 5. Resolution approving budget amendments**
 - * Motion by Councilmember McCredo, second by Councilmember Rembert
 - * 7-0, motion carried

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from January 16, 2018

- * Motion by Councilmember Nelson, second by Councilmember McCredo

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:

Anthony Tseng
Arthur Camins
Dan Aymar-Blair
Theresa Kraft
Lisa Marie Martinez
Josh McKible

Adjournment:

- * Motion by Councilmember McCredo, second by Councilmember Grant
- * All in favor, motion carried

Next Workshop: **Tuesday February 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Next Meeting: **Tuesday February 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM

***due to Monday holidays*

Please ~**PRINT**~ your name **CLEARLY** so we can spell it correctly in the record.

Thank you!

Please check:

PRINTED Name	General Comment	Public Hearing	Address	Preferred contact info
Sara Athon Bittker	✓		PO Box 5	
ROB LIEBORN	✓		16 ANTELLA CT	
Ray McVicker	✓		15 Deerfield	
FRANK McVicker	✓		224 Liberty St.	
ELAINE CACCIO	✓		54 N. Elm St.	
Arthur Camms	✓		39 Rainbow	
JERRY LENDITON	✓		57 N. Walnut St.	
Barbara McCaskill	✓		7 Millholand Dr.	

City of Beacon – Drug plan

I have a some questions for the council tonight.

How many times a week do first responders need to administer Narcan in the City of Beacon?

Where is the closest Methadone clinic to the City of Beacon?

Where is the closest syringe exchange to the City of Beacon?

Where is the closest doctor who prescribes Saboxine or Methadone to the City of Beacon?

Do the lives of Drug using residents matter to the City of Beacon?

If yes, Why does the City of Beacon not have a drug plan?

Our nation has even declared this issue to be a public health crisis

Now is the time to ask yourself what can our city do to help fight the opioid epidemic?

On January 20th I attended an opium forum presented by NYS assemblyman Frank Skartados. It was at this forum that I discovered our city does not have a drug plan. Yet our residents are dying of drug overdoses. I have been to more funerals than I can count due to drug overdoses, I have seen our mayor Randy Casal at most If not all of them. We all know this drug is not discriminating against it's victims, it's attacking athletes, straight A students, soccer moms and those in the juvenile justice system. The reality is there is no way to tell who will fall victim to it next. Anyones child can be next, this drug has effected the lives of hundreds of City of Beacon residents and it is about time the City does something.

Personally I have seen terrible things at the hands of this drug, I have been a victim of domestic violence, I have pulled a needle out of the arm of someone passed out on the floor, I have cleaned out the bedroom of a friend who has passed because their mother could not, I have assisted in explaining to children why they wont see their parent again. On Jan 20th while I was at this forum I was trained in how to administer Narcan by, Hudson Valley Community Services. It took a total of 5 minutes for me to learn how to administer this life saving drug to someone who is over dosing. It was so easy I thought it would be a great idea if this city had free trainings available to city residents on a quarterly base or more. When 249 Main Street was bought the City of Beacon lost it's only out patient rehab, the Lexington center. Now the closest outpatient center is in Wappingers, for residents without readily available transportation there is no access.

In Newburgh
This drug has caused
me to see heart and do things
I wouldn't want to see or do
any.

I would like to request that the city workshops a drug plan for the City of Beacon and addresses these three points:

- 1) To find out how the city can get a needle exchange program and frequent Narcan trainings for the public- Potentially start by speaking with Hudson Valley Community Services
- 2) Find out how the city can get a methadone clinic- Potentially start by speaking with Cornerstone Family Healthcare
- 3) And ultimately put together a plan focusing on immediate stabilization and long term preventative care- potentially start by speaking with Team Newburgh and learning more about the initiative in their city.

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CITY OF BEACON New York

WATER DEPARTMENT

845-831-3136

To: Anthony Ruggiero

From: Edward Balicki

Date: February 2, 2018

Re: Stage II Drought Update

1. Visor

Please see the current reservoir levels recorded on January 31, 2018. The City's reservoirs are continuing to replenish with the recent snow storms and rain events. Cargill is 20 Ft below the spillway but with Melzingah back in service the Water Plant Operators have greatly reduced the water withdrawal from Cargill Reservoir, helping speed the recharge.

Cargill Reservoir is down 20 Ft

Mt. Beacon is down 8 Ft

Melzingah is full

The City is still in Stage II Drought based on our Emergency Action Plan and Source Depreciation. Once Mt. Beacon fully recharges and Cargill is 10 Ft below the spillway we will be able to lift the drought warning.

Respectfully,

Edward Balicki
Chief Operator

Our Vision for the Police Department is first and foremost to ensure the safety of our residents and all who visit our community.

Lt. Fredericks and I have a combined 56 years of police experience, 47 years in the City of Beacon, we have literally been a part of, and witnessed, the revitalization of our City. We have dedicated a large portion of our lives to this police department and the residents of the City of Beacon and we take our responsibilities very seriously. We feel, through our years of experience in this police department that we have a unique perspective on the needs of the department and that of the public.

We will demand that our police officers live and work in accordance with the highest ethical standards and will foster consistent discipline to maintain our credibility with the community. We all wear the same uniform and when one of us fails to live up to these standards it is a reflection on all of us.

We will inspire and influence our subordinates by leading by example while fostering teamwork and mutual respect. We are connected to our subordinates in that we started here as police officers and understand the demands of being a "cop" specifically in the City of Beacon.

We will ensure that everyone receives respectful and dedicated service and will make sure everyone is treated with courtesy and professionalism. We will continue to emphasize community policing as we are strong believers in the partnership between the police and the public. We will continue to make our officers accessible to the public through Main St. foot patrols, city wide bike patrols, and encouraging our officers to get out of their cars to help put a "face behind the uniform".

We will continue to foster our relationships with other agencies in order to share services and resources to help combat crime, especially an increasingly problematic opioid epidemic.

To make this vision a reality, we must reward the hard work, ingenuity, and resourcefulness of our police officers and must continue to offer state-of-the-art training and career opportunities for advancement and retention.

We will make ourselves accessible to our government leaders and the public and will settle for nothing less than transparency.

We look forward to leading the City of Beacon PD into the next decade and we will work tirelessly to make our department an example for others to follow.