

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Casale called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Casale led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

ROLL CALL

Present:

Councilmembers Lee Kyriacou, At Large (LK); George Mansfield, At Large (GM); Terry Nelson, Ward One (TN); John Rembert, Ward Two (JR); Jodi McCredo, Ward Three (JM); Amber Grant, Ward Four (AG); and Mayor Randy Casale (RC) **Total: 7**

Not Present:

Also Present:

City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero (AR); City Attorney Nick Ward-Willis (NWW); City Planner John Clarke (JC) and Reuben Simmons from the Highway Department (RS)

1ST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Prior to the Public Comment segment, NWW advised all on the Rules of Order and requested that any criticisms of public officials be made in writing to the City administration with proof of criticisms. An apology was made on behalf of the Council for not addressing a speaker at the previous Council meeting who spoke out against the City Building Inspector.

Speakers:

- Lisa Papo spoke about short-term rentals and home sharing.
- Gloria Cerniglia spoke about short-term rentals.
- Lou Amoroso spoke about short-term rentals and conflicts of interest.
- Tom Cassel spoke about non-owner occupied short-term rentals.
- Jessica Jelliffe read letter to Council about short-term rentals. (see attached)
- Frank Bugg read a letter from Stephen Brandow, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Administrative Services NYS Corrections and Community Supervision regarding responsibility for paving a 1.4 mi section of Matteawan Road. Submitted the letter to the Council. (see attached)
- Theresa Kraft spoke about city's infrastructure and short-term rentals.
- Art Camins spoke about Edgewater; affordable housing; environmentally friendly building; open space; design; community engagement and transparency.
- Anna Sullivan spoke about the threat of ticks and tick-borne illness.
- Jason Hughes spoke about speakers and commenters at past meetings and the results of his FOIL request.
- Steve Rothberg spoke about short-term rentals.

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposed Local Law to amend Chapter 223 of the Code of the City of Beacon concerning a) the Central Main Street District (CMS); b) Amendments to the City of Beacon Comprehensive Plan update involving changes to the Central Main Street (CMS), Central Business (CB), Off-Street Parking (PB), R1-5, RD-4, Local Business (LB), General Business (GB), Light Industrial (LI) and Waterfront Park (WP); and c) Proposed Local Law to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Beacon

JC explained changes to Chapter 223 as they pertain to CMS, Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map

Speakers:

- Theresa Kraft spoke about 4th floor set-backs; building ordinance; NYSHPO and establishment of an historic preservation commission.
- Christian Campbell spoke about changes to the CMS zone.
- Art Camins spoke about 4th floor set-backs and special use permits.
- Dan Aymar-Blair spoke asked about commercial space as result of rezoning and lot by lot rezoning.

Motion made by JM, seconded by GM to **close the public hearing**. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

2018 Capital Plan

No speakers

Motion made by JR, seconded by TN to close the public hearing. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

B. REPORTS**Council**

- AG – Thanked city workers for response to storm.
- JR – Still working on situations and concerns raised during his Ward 2 meeting. Plans to have another meeting next quarter.
- LK – Workshop suggestions - Special Use Permits for fourth floors; parcels for Historic Overlay District; SHPO process; storm water basin at Ralph and 9D; and contractors parking equipment on private property.
- GM – Thanked first responders for their efforts following the storm. Talked about Beacon and Newburgh working together to repair damage and the benefits of re-establishing the relationship between the two municipalities.
- JM – Thanked first responders for their efforts and thanked residents for working together to help each other following the storm. Announced Ward 3 meeting to be held Tuesday June 5th at 7pm at the 1st Presbyterian Church. Nick Page will also be in attendance.
- TN – Overwhelmed by sense of community following the storm. Town meeting scheduled for Tompkins Terrace. Reported there was a leak in the community room and no time table for fixing it.

Highway Department

- RS reported there were multiple road closures, signs down and one LED bulb lost during the storm. All roads that were closed following the storm are now open. Reports good communication with Central Hudson during the crisis. Highway garage phone is down.

City Administrator

- AR thanked staff for efforts following the storm. Reported good coordination between departments. Provided an update on the sewer main break on Main Street – break was 28-30 ft deep. Water main was installed, manhole was raised and job is expected to be completed by Thursday.

Mayor

- RC thanked City workers and County emergency operations center for efforts following the storm. Reported that on Saturday the City of Beacon's Fire Department and Red Cross installed smoke detectors throughout the city. Read memo on Grievance Day which is Weds May 23rd 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM. Read letter from Cornell Local Roads program announcing Beacon Highway Department took 3rd place in the Build a Better Mousetrap Competition for their Confined Space Simulator. Announced Fire Department promotions, the 5/24 Narcan training and the Council on Addiction Prevention and Education (CAPE) meeting on 5/24.

LOCAL LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS**1. Resolution to adopt a local law to amend Chapter 223, concerning calculation of the Lot Area per Dwelling Unit in the R1, RD and Fishkill Creek Development Districts**

A motion was made by JM, seconded by TN to adopt. The **motion was carried** by the following vote: **5 Yes** – Nelson, McCredo, Kyriacou, Rembert, Grant; **2 No** – Mansfield and Casale

2. Resolution to set a public hearing on June 18, 2019 to receive public comment on a proposed local law to amend Chapter 195 of the Code of the City of Beacon, concerning Lot Line Adjustments

A motion was made by TN, seconded by GM to adopt. The **motion was carried** by voice vote.

3. Resolution to adopt a local law to create Section 223-26.4 concerning Short-Term Rentals

A motion was made by JR, seconded by JM to adopt. The **motion denied** by the following vote: 3 Yes – McCredo, Kyriacou, Casale; 4 No – Nelson, Mansfield, Rembert, and Grant

4. Resolution to amend City fee schedule to create short-term rental permit fee

Resolution not voted on

5. Resolution to request state action concerning state building code requirements for short-term rentals

A motion was made by LK to adopt resolution as amended, seconded by AG. The **motion was carried** by voice vote.

6. Resolution authorizing execution of agreement with New York State Department of State for Mid-Hudson Downtown Initiative

A motion was made by GM, seconded by JR to adopt. The **motion was carried** by voice vote.

7. Resolution authorizing an Agreement with Beacon Arts to Place a Beacon 3D Sculpture on City-Owned Property

A motion was made by JM, seconded by TN to adopt. The **motion was carried** by voice vote.

8. Resolution establishing a Tree Advisory Committee

A motion was made by JM, seconded by TN to adopt. The **motion was carried** by voice vote.

9. Resolution authorizing the Adoption of a Capital Plan for the City of Beacon for the Year 2018

A motion was made by GM, seconded by JR to adopt. The **motion was carried** unanimously by roll call vote.

10. Resolution approving the adoption of a policy relating to cell phone use

A motion was made by JM, seconded by AG to adopt. The **motion was carried** unanimously by roll call vote.

11. Resolution approving the adoption of a policy relating to nepotism

A motion was made by JM, seconded by TN to adopt. The **motion was carried** unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by AG, seconded by JR to approve the minutes from May 7, 2018. **Motion was carried** by voice vote.

2ND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers

- Neil Caplan spoke about Short-term rentals, Dutchess County taxes, the arts and local rents.
- Erin Junta spoke about short-term rentals.
- Steve Rothberg spoke about the downed trees following the storm and requested the dump extend its days for brush and leaves.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by JM, seconded by JR to adjourn. **Motion was carried** by voice vote.

Next Council Workshop is May 29th at 7:00 PM.

Next Council Meeting is June 4th at 7:00 PM.

A video recording of this meeting in its entirety can be found here -

<http://www.cityofbeacon.org/Government/videos.htm>

Submitted by Lisa Edelson

Date: 5 / 24 / 2018

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
Lisa Papo	✓		95 Washington Avenue Beacon 3 coach lantern Dr	lisa.papo@nyahoo.com
Gloria Nicole Cerniglia	✓		Hopewell Jct, NY 12533	845-392-8708
Don Amoreoso	✓		40 VAIK DUE	
Tom Cassel	✓		50 Mtn Lane	845-440-7293
Jessica Kuffe	✓		194 Fishkill Ave	jose-lyon@yahoo
"Frank" Bugg	✓		1341 MAHEWAN ROAD	809-553-0609 pumpstead@pank4u.com
HERESA KRAFT		✓	Liberty St	
Arthur Camins	✓		39 Bonhant Rd	arthurcamins@meil.com
Anna Sullivan	✓		170 Sargent	sullivan@guaril.com
Jason Hughes	✓		16 HANNA LN	

Council Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Date: 5/31/2018

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

Thank you!

Please check:

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Date: 5 / 21 / 2018

Thank you!

PRINTED Name

General Comment	Public Hearing
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General Comment

Gloria Nichole Cerniglia

✓

Coach lantern
Hapewell St. N.Y.
12533

845-392-8708

Grievance Day Memo:

City of Beacon Grievance Day is May 23, 2018 from 2 p.m. to 4p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Deadline for filing Form RP-524 is May 23, 2018

Form is on city website

The deadline for submitting Form RP-524 is Grievance Day. If you mail the form, it must be **received** by the assessor or BAR no later than Grievance Day. If you do not file the form by the deadline, you will lose the opportunity for administrative **and judicial review** of your assessment this year.

It is important to bring documentation to support your claim. (appraisal, comparables)

If you wait until your tax bill arrives, it'll be too late to challenge the value assigned to your property or to ensure you're getting the exemptions you deserve.

Grievance procedures

Any person who pays property taxes can grieve an assessment, including:

- property owners
- purchasers in contract
- tenants who are required to pay property taxes pursuant to a lease or written agreement

Only the assessment on the current tentative assessment roll can be grieved - you can't grieve assessments from prior years.

There is no cost to grieve an assessment and it does not require you to hire a lawyer.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

**13 South Avenue
Beacon, New York 12508
(845) 765-0899**

To: Randy Casale, Mayor
Anthony Ruggerio, City Administrator
John Pomarico, President Lewis Tompkins Hose

From: Chief Gary Van Voorhis

Date: May 14, 2018

Subject: Appointment of 2nd Lieutenant Volunteer Firefighter Brian Barry

I am pleased to announce that I have appointed Volunteer Firefighter Brian Barry to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. Below is the current City of Beacon Fire Department volunteer officer's list.

Assistant Chief Dennis Lahey
1st Lieutenant Matt Smith
2nd Lieutenant Brian Barry

Respectfully,

Fire Chief Gary Van Voorhis



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Mayor Randy Casale
1 Municipal Plaza
Beacon, NY 12508

Dear Mayor Casale,

The Cornell Local Roads Program (CLRP) recognizes the City of Beacon Highway Department for its outstanding achievement in innovation by awarding the department third place in its *Build a Better Mousetrap Competition*. The Department displayed exemplary ingenuity in the development of their Confined Space Simulator. The confined space simulator allows the department to conduct indoor confined space training for large groups. The simulator is portable and has been utilized by the City of Beacon Fire Department as well as surrounding municipalities through a shared services agreement.

The Department was recognized through the CLRP *Build a Better Mousetrap Competition*; a statewide program that gives highway and public works departments the opportunity to share cost-saving projects they have developed to solve everyday problems. Entries are judged under the criteria of cost, implementation, transferability and commonality of the problem solved. The top four winners will be entered into a national competition.

In creating the Confined Space Simulator, the City of Beacon Highway Department demonstrated outside-the-box thinking by finding a creative solution to a common problem. Their willingness to share their innovation with the rest of the New York State highway community shows generosity and a spirit of good will.

The Cornell Local Roads program provides technical assistance and training to highway and public works departments across New York State to help improve the quality and safety of roads and streets. Additional information about the CLRP *Build a Better Mousetrap Competition* can be found online at <http://www.clrp.cornell.edu/trainingevents/BBMT.html>. Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions.

Sincerely,

David Orr, PE

Director

Cornell Local Roads Program

CC: Reuben Simmons, Jr., Superintendent of Highways



Corrections and Community Supervision

ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

ANTHONY J. ANNUCCI
Acting Commissioner

May 8, 2018

*Called
Anthony
on 5/22/18
will get back to me
after looking
into issue*

Mr. James F. Bugg
134 Matteawan Road, Unit 306
Beacon, NY 12508

Dear Mr. Bugg:

Governor Cuomo and Acting Commissioner Annucci have asked me to respond to your letter regarding responsibility for repaving of a 1.4-mile section of Matteawan Road in Beacon, NY, which runs past Rombout Middle School and Beacon High School ultimately ascending up the hill past Camp Beacon Road to Fishkill Correctional Facility.

The 1.4-mile section of road that is part of your inquiry was carefully investigated. The investigation lead to an understanding that the subject section of road is maintained by the City of Beacon.

If you have further concerns regarding this matter, please direct them to the City of Beacon.

Sincerely,

Stephen G. Brandow
Acting Deputy Commissioner for Administrative Services

cc: Leroy Fields, Superintendent, Fishkill Correctional Facility
Ellisa R. Weber, Director of Facilities Planning

Lisa Edelson

From: Jessica Jelliffe <jesse_lyon@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2018 3:04 PM
To: Randy J. Casale
Cc: Lisa Edelson
Subject: resolution to adopt a local law to create Section 223-26.4 concerning Short-Term Rentals

Dear Mayor Casale,
I hope this finds you well.

I am writing concerning the pending legislation to be addressed at tonight's city council meeting. I completely agree with the resolution to request state action concerning state building code requirements for short-term rentals. I would like to suggest that the council wait for the response from the state before passing the resolution to adopt a local law to create Section 223-26.4 concerning Short-Term Rentals.

As it currently stands, this is hastily written law that treats the entire city with a blanket resolution that does not address the nuances of short term rentals in a way that could be mutually beneficial to both the hosting community as well as the concerned citizens of the city of Beacon. For example, addressing STRs with regards to zoning is a common path for many municipalities that both continues to help the economy of the city and protects the citizens that are concerned for their quality of life in the residential zones. I respectfully suggest creating a panel or group to address all the communities concerns and allowing time to craft a resolution that works for everybody.

If you vote yes on this resolution as it stands,
it will shut down many hosts who cannot afford or simply cannot comply with the NYS B&B code requirements.
The grace period will not give them the expected leeway.
it will push other hosts underground, which defeats the very purpose of this legislation.
it will invite spending taxpayer dollars on unnecessary court proceedings, which could easily be avoided by waiting.
it will severely hamper the growing Beacon economy since short term rental tourism is known to be crucial to it's improvement.

The council has taken ample time to properly address important issues that affect the city of Beacon. There is no immediate threat from short term rentals to the health and welfare of our city. This topic is no less crucial than any other and therefore deserves more thorough attention.

I hope you will seriously consider voting NO on this resolution at this time.

We very much appreciate your time and hard work.
All the best,

Jessica Jelliffe
194 Fishkill Ave
Beacon NY 12508

Lisa Edelson

From: Anna <sullivana@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 20, 2018 11:28 PM
To: Randy J. Casale; Lisa Edelson; Terry Nelson; John E. Rembert; jmmcredo@cityofbeacon.org; Amber J. Grant; George M. Mansfield; lkyriakou@cityofbeacon.org
Subject: City plan to reduce tick-borne illness in Beacon

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

First of all, I'd like to thank the city's incredible response to the storms last week. Our first responders and other city departments were on our street minutes after the worst impact and our family is very grateful for the hard work and dedication to help everyone recover quickly.

My reason for writing today concerns the pressing need for City-level action against tick-borne illness. This year is expected to supersede last year's "worst year on record for the tick population".

I have spoken before at City Council and to several of you personally over the years about my volunteer role with the community-run Tick Free Beacon group and the threat posed to Beacon residents from tick-borne illness. My family has suffered greatly and we are not out of the woods yet, with all of us infected at different times, years of antibiotic therapy for me to date, terrifying emergency room visits, and financial hardship to cover lost time at work and treatment not covered by insurance.

We are also not alone. Other families in Beacon have lost loved ones to Lyme and co-infections. Beacon's children are getting infected at an alarming rate and, in too many cases, are being left with life-long health issues. Many adults are forced to take extended time off work, affecting the economic health of our city, and tourists are going home from a visit to Beacon with a memento that can cost tens of thousands of dollars and extensive time to recover from, if you are lucky. Others yet have been unluckier. Just a couple of weeks ago, across the border in PA, a healthy 50-year old dad died just FOUR days after being bitten by a tick. The situation with tick-borne illnesses has reached a critical point.

The Governor has just announced a plan of action for State-owned lands to radically reduce tick populations. It involves a range of different evidence-based treatments and strategies. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-lyme-and-tick-borne-disease-control-plan>

Beacon needs to do the same. We need the application of these different products in City parks and City-owned lands where we and the kids spend time and where City workers have to work (Highway, Building Inspectors, First Responders). I will share the same information with the School District, as many kids and teachers are getting bitten by ticks during the school day. Just a few days ago, the Kindergarten teacher at my son's school found a tick on the rug in her classroom where the kids sit criss-cross apple sauce for stories and lessons.

And although white-footed mice are now understood to be the main vector of tick-borne illness (and therefore, the focus of many of the newer tick treatment strategies), deer can still harbor hundreds of THOUSANDS of ticks EACH, and we have an ever increasing herd that walks all over our front and back yards, the school property on Sargent, and the Friary (I'm in Ward 4, and I know other parts of town are also badly affected by deer). We need to control or relocate the deer population as part of our strategy in Beacon.

We have to budget for this in the soonest round of budgeting coming up. Keeping our residents and visitors safe from these life-threatening diseases has to be right up there with other critical expenditures. There are "nice to haves" and "must haves" and protecting our city from this scourge can no longer be viewed as a "problem too big to tackle": it is an immediate "must have". We can't allow people to keep getting sick here.

Our City initiative would greatly benefit from having a full-time person at the city for a few years, who would be responsible for overseeing the successful implementation of tick reduction initiatives until our people can live without the daily stress we currently endure trying to keep ourselves and our families safe.

New tick-borne illnesses are emerging threats in our region, including B.Myamoti and Powassan Virus. The latter can get transmitted in 15-minutes, is deadly in about 50% of cases, and to date there is NO known cure. It used to be in our area that only 1% of ticks carried Powassan, but more recent studies have found 4-8% of ticks carrying it, with that number steadily increasing. The repercussions are unthinkable.

With this increase in tick-borne disease threats coupled with the newer evidence that there ARE effective local measures that can be taken to reduce the tick population, our City MUST do all it can to protect those who live, work, and visit Beacon.

Thank you,
Anna Sullivan
170 Sargent Avenue.