



**Town of Beacon Falls
Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
C/O Town Clerk
10 Maple Avenue Beacon Falls, CT 06403
March 14, 2024
(Subject to Revision)**

Member Present: Victor Santos (**VS**), Larry Wissink (**LW**), Lori Paradis-Brant (**LPB**), Julian Thomas (**JT**)
Members Absent: Cody Muth (**CM**), Joann Delenick (**JD**)
Others Present: Selectman Michael Krenesky (**MK**)

1. **Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag**
JT called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM and led the assembled in the pledge of allegiance.
2. **Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings**
Motion to approve the 02/08/2024 regular meeting minutes and 02/29/2024 special meeting minutes by **VS**, seconded by **LW**. All ayes.
3. **Comments from the public:** None
4. **Correspondence:** None
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Announcements:** None
 - b. **Lantern Ridge Park Updates:** **JT** None updates at this time – I'm going in early Spring to clear up trails and pick up trash.
 - c. **Open Space Strategy & Planning:** **JT** Keep coming up with ideas to improve open space in our town. Larry has a good one, Acre 39 is a good one. Annual clearing of the parks - volunteer clearing of the parks.
LPB We had talked about Hawks View open space, we talked about if the town was interested in open space so we should follow through on that – what happens next? So, we make the recommendation to the PZ, correct? **JT** I'll look into it to see about that area so we can make sure it's not landlocked. **LPB** Motioned to draft a letter to send to Planning and Zoning Commission for Hawks View to discuss an open space arrangement, or 10% monetary gift in lieu of, as a part of potential development. **LW** Seconded. All ayes.
JT I don't see a problem having a conversation.
 - d. **39 Acre Property:** **JT** The grant has been cancelled. We don't have enough thought into it on how it will work. We haven't thought about the back end of the project.
LPB I want to share that when the three (**LPB, LW, JD**) of us came up with a very similar outcome, we said we weren't ready. We were going to come to the next meeting with that information.
Discussion followed about DEEP Trails Grant
 - e. **POCD Discussion:** Not discussed
 - f. **Trails Day:** Not discussed
 - g. **DEEP Trails Grant:** No update – Discussed above
6. **New Business:**
None
7. **Petition from Commissioners:**
None



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8. **Executive Session:** Not Needed
9. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned by the departure of **LW** at approximately 7:15 pm causing a lack of quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Pastor
Clerk, Conservation Commission