

City of Beacon Council Minutes – October 5, 2009

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Beacon City Council held at the Municipal Center, One Municipal Plaza on October 5, 2009 was called to order beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Council Members Present:

Mayor Steve K. Gold Kelly, Charles – Council Member -Ward Two
Casale, Randy – Council Member – Ward Three Leake, Deanna – Council Member – Ward One
Fredericks, Marlene – Council Member – At Large Pasti, Sara – Council Member – Ward Four

Excused: Thompson, Eleanor – Council Member – At Large

Also Present:

City Administrator – Meredith Robson
Acting City Administrator – Timothy Dexter
City Attorney – Richard Wolf
Media Represented by: Residents at Beginning of Meeting: 27
Goldie Green – Beacon Free Press
Community Segment: None

First Opportunity for Public Comments: Pertaining to any, item Maximum time for this section is thirty minutes. Maximum time for individual public comment is three minutes.

Jerry Landisi –41 N. Walnut Street – Commended all Vendor Booths that participated in the Spirit of Beacon Day yesterday. Suggestion, next year think about have this event on the last Saturday of the Month this way if there is inclement weather, the vendors do not have to worry about the food for a week.

Pam Weatherbee –Mead Avenue –Thank you for the paving of Route 52/Fishkill Avenue.
Spirit of Beacon Day – suggestion more trash cans.

Lou Amoroso –40 Vail Avenue – The first Monday of October the Budget is supposed to be presented and it is not on the Agenda.

Dennis Pavelock – 34 Judson Street – Emergency Preparedness Disaster – Mr. Pavelock informed the Council that other cities and towns where have Mock Drills for Emergency Preparedness. He stated that he has been asking for a Mock Drill for the City of Beacon for our residents. Need to get a grant to get underway for a mock drill or a what if drill.

Are we a City of Action or Reaction.. When the City was reviewing whether or not the Police should get new police vests, than former City Administrator stated when was the last time a police officer was shot? Then the unthinkable happened, we had a police officer shot in Beacon.

Kathy Deuterma – 27 South Brett Street – Update on the latest neighborhood to join

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Community Watch which is Rector Street. Ms. Deuterma thanked Council Member Pasti.

Public Hearings:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Beacon will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 5th 2009 at the City of Beacon Municipal Center, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter is reached on the agenda, to consider a Special Use Permit for a six (6) unit apartment building to be located @ 4 State Street, identified on City tax maps as 6055-04-503193, applied for by Del-Tra Holdings, LLC.

A copy of the proposal is available for inspection at the Municipal Center, lower level, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York during regular business hours (Monday-Friday 8:30a.m.–3:30 p.m.) All interested persons and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposals at the date, time and place aforesaid.

Comments: None

Motion: To close the Public Hearing to Consider a Special Use Permit for a six (6) unit apartment building to be located @ 4 State Street, identified on City tax maps as 6055-04-503193, applied for by Del-Tra Holdings, LLC by Council Casale, Second by Council Pasti. All Present Voted In Favor to Close Public Hearing

Minutes of September 28, 2009 a Special Meeting Motion by Council Member Pasti, Seconded by Council Member Casale.

All Present Voted In Favor to Accept the Minutes as is.

Communication / All Reports from Mayor and Council Members Located at the end of the Minutes

Public Comments Pertaining to This Agenda Only: Up to Five Minutes per Person

Hank Dutch –98 Spring Valley Street –Regarding the Stop Signs on Spring Valley / Church Street. This is an extremely important stop sign, as the traffic flows off of Main Street, which are speeding through the stop sign.

Lou Amoroso –40 Vail Avenue –I would like to echo what Mr. Dutch just spoke of. The Traffic and Safety Committee stated that stop signs do not control speed. In addition, it is illegal to put at a three way stop. If the City of Beacon does not verify this, the City might be liable if a vehicle is rear-end. The markers on Main Street, Mr. Amoroso stated that he believes they need to be eight feet by twenty feet. This would give Main Street more parking.

Naomi baat Canaan –Davis Street –Would like to discuss the 1.7 million dollar, 2010 Budget deficit. And the twenty thousand dollars for energy study that the Mayor is proposing to pay out,

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and feels that this is not necessary expense at this time. Suggestion, make all departments responsible to be vigilant to be energy efficient in each of their departments. Was a bid put out to select an engineer consultant to come up with a design and a cost to bridge the Melzingah Reservoir, and did anyone ask this consultant if the work can be done by qualify Beacon Businesses.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolutions

Resolution 148A of 2009 – Review Environmental Assessment regarding Special Use Permit – Six Unit Apartment – 4 State Street – Applicant Del-Tra Holding, LLC

Determination of Significance – Declare City of Beacon as Lead Agency

Comments: Mr. Wolf explained the EAF, which was not included in the packet. Mr. Wolf summarized part one, in which the applicant filled out. Applicants can fill out a long form or a short form. This applicant chose a short form. Part Two (page eleven) which is going the Council would need to participate. Both Council Member Kelly and Casale questioned the drainage in the parking lot, which was discussed at workshop, and this was going to be investigated and brought back to Council tonight. This will not impact the runoff. Nick Deluca a member of Del-Tra, the only negative where was the maintenance or snow removal, checked with engineers which they did modify, which the planning board accepted this modification. A determination of significance which is on page 1.

Motion regarding approving the Environmental Assessment Form with regards Special Use Permit –Six Unit Apartment –4 State Street –Applicant Del-Tra Holding, LLC Determination of Significance –Declare City of Beacon as Lead Agency by Council Member Casale, and Seconded by Council Member Pasti. All present voted in favor of this Resolution.

Resolution 148B of 2009 –Approval of Special Use Permit for New Apartment Building –6 One Bedroom Units, 4 State Street –Applicant Del-Holdings, LLC.

WHEREAS, Del-Tra Holdings, LLC has applied for a Special Use Permit from the City Council for a new apartment building –6 one bedroom units at 4 State Street; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has recommended the City Council issue said permit subject to final site plan approval by the Planning Board; and

1. The location and size of the use, nature and intensity of the operations involved in such use, the size of the site in relation to it, and the location of the site with respect to streets giving access to it, are such that it would be in harmony with the appropriate and orderly development of the district in which it is located; and

2. The location, nature and height of the buildings, walls and fences, together with the nature and extent of the landscaping of the site are such that the use will

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not hinder or discourage the appropriate development and use of adjacent land and buildings; and

3. The operations in connection with the proposed building space is not more objectionable to nearby properties by reason of noise, fumes, vibration or other characteristics, than would be the operation of any permitted use not requiring a special use permit; and

4. Parking areas are of adequate size for the particular use, are properly located and the driveways are laid out to achieve maximum safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the application submitted by Del-Tra Holdings, LLC for a Special Use Permit is an action subject to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has the broadest powers to investigate the impact of the authorization for the proposed New Apartment Building with 6 One Bedroom Units located at 4 State Street and since the Council has the capability to provide a thorough Environmental Assessment of the proposed action, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby declares itself lead agency under SEQRA relative to the application by Del-Tra Holdings, LLC for a Special Use Permit, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Council as lead agency under SEQRA, has reviewed the submitted Environmental Assessment Form and has determined that the proposed action is an unlisted action, and that the proposal will not have a significant effect on the environment, and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement need not be prepared, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a Special Use Permit be hereby issued to Del-Tra Holdings, LLC subject to final site plan approval of the Planning Board in accordance with the conditions set forth above pursuant to Section 223-18 of the City of Beacon Zoning Ordinance.

Motion Approval of Special Use Permit for New Apartment Building –6 One Bedroom Units, 4 State Street –Applicant Del-Holdings, LLC by Council Member Casale, and Seconded by Council Member Fredericks.

Comments: None

All present voted in favor of this Resolution.

Resolution of 2009 –To Certify Base Percentages and Proportions for the 2009 Assessment Roll Pursuant to Article 19 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Comments: Mayor Gold explained because of the confusion with Homestead and Non-Homestead that the Mayor is going to request that Kathy Marin, Assessor will invited to the next meeting to explain to the Council this information.

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Motion: To Table Resolution to certify Base Percentages and Proportions for the 2009 Assessment Roll Pursuant to Article 19 of the Real Property Tax Law, by Council Member Casale, Seconded by Council Member Leake. Resolution Tabled.

Resolution 149 of 2009 – Commit Funding for Lower Melzingah Dam Improvements

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has issued a Notice of Violation to the City of Beacon regarding the condition of the Lower Melzingah Dam; and

WHEREAS, the City through its consultant engineer, has been working on a design to breach the dam in order to comply with the statutory requirement to operate and maintain the dam in a safe manner; and

WHEREAS, the engineer's estimate for this project, including engineering fees, is \$560,000;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Beacon, City Council hereby commits to the full funding for this project in order to satisfy the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Notice of Violation and provide for the breaching of the dam to ensure public safety.

Motion: Commit Funding for Lower Melzingah Dam Improvements by Council Member Pasti, Seconded by Council Member Fredericks

Comments: It was explained that this is for professional services and that the City of Beacon does not have to go to bid on this project. This particular engineer (Gary Manual from O'Brien and Greer) has been working with this project since the inception, and in fact the project is largely designed and ready for DEC review. The work itself is going out to bid, by the engineer. There will be no city works, exempt for incidentals.

On a Roll Call: Council Member Thompson – Excused, Council Member Leake: Yes, Council Member Kelly – Yes, Council Member Casale – Yes, Council Member Pasti – Yes, Council Member Fredericks – Yes, and Mayor Steve K. Gold – Yes. Six, Ayes, One, Excused.

All in Favor to Adopt Resolution

Local Laws and Ordinances:

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions:

Resolution Number 150 of 2009 –Accept Proposal Request for Performance Services Contract between Wendel Energy Services, LLC and City of Beacon.

WHEREAS, the City of Beacon facilities and infrastructure are in need of upgrades to improve energy efficiency and occupant comfort, and reduce energy related operational and maintenance

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costs, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article 9 of the New York State Energy Law, the City has the opportunity to implement energy related facilities improvement measures by means of an Energy Performance Contract, and

WHEREAS, as a part of the Energy Performance Contract process, the Town will require a detailed Energy Efficiency Study to identify and evaluate potential facility and infrastructure improvements, and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

(NYSERDA) provides 50% cost-shared grant funding for an energy efficiency study through its Flex Tech or Technical Assistance Programs, and

WHEREAS, NYSERDA Flex Tech and Technical Assistance cost-shared grant funds may be applied toward an Energy Efficiency Study to be conducted in conjunction with an Energy Performance Contract, and

WHEREAS, Wendel Duchscherer Architects and Engineers P.C. and affiliated company to Wendel Energy Services LLC, is a contracted NYSERDA consultant authorized to conduct NYSERDA funded energy efficiency studies at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00 , and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor, or her designee, is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Energy Efficiency Study agreements with NYSERDA and Wendel Duchscherer Architects and Engineers.

Motion Accept Proposal Request for Performance Services Contract between Wendel Energy Services, LLC and City of Beacon by Council Member Pasti, and Seconded by Council Member Casale.

Comments: City Administrator stated as you recall we had an initial audit performed just to highlight the areas that we possibly can find savings in. This initial review indicated and it was recommended that the City go forward with a full audit. The savings that will incur over time will cover the initial capital cost. City Administrator has conversed with several different communities, and reiterated what the Company said this Audit would do and the Company is guaranteeing the cost savings. The White House at the USC will be part of this contract. This company will suggest alternatives. The Conservation Advisory Committee has been looking over this proposal and has had conversations with the principles. They did look at the methane at the Sewage Treatment plant and they indicated that it is not strong enough to use.

Mayor Steve Gold stated that there has been a couple of good energy efficiencies have already happened in the City. The Beacon Housing Authority was able to get approx. \$800,000 grant for fixing up Forrestal Heights, including Hamilton Fish, such as insulation, light bulbs and other ways to help them become energy efficient. The City of Beacon also applied for a grant and the Governor announced that several million dollars in stimulus money was giving to the Hudson Valley, and City of Beacon was one of the main receivers of this, which is in the neighborhood

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of two hundred and thirty three million dollars. One of the projects is to have sensors underground to get a fast reading if there is any kind of leakage. In addition, the seventy five thousand dollars received from the CDBG was also from stimulus funds.

All present voted in favor.

SET PUBLIC HEARING – For Monday, October 19, 2009 Regarding Traffic and Safety Committee for the following:

1.
Install two handicap parking spaces in the Church Street municipal lot. One to be located behind the Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union and the other behind the Back to Health Chiropractic office.
 2.
Install loading zone in Church Street municipal lot where the island is located with limited parking of 15 minutes.
 3.
Install =Stop‘ sign on Spring Valley Street at the intersection of Churchill Street traveling in both directions.
 4.
Install =Stop‘ sign on Spring Valley Street at the intersection of East Main Street traveling northbound.
 5.
Install =Stop‘ sign on South Avenue at the intersection of Sargent Avenue.
 6.
Repeal Section 211-7 one-way Eliza Street from Verplanck Avenue to Kent Street traveling north.
 7. Recommends no parking from here to corner sign which will be placed thirty feet on both sides of the South Cedar Street at the intersection of DeWindt Street.
 8. No standing here to corner signage to be placed thirty feet from all intersections on Eliza between Verplanck Avenue and Kent Street.
- Motion to Set Public Hearing for October 19th Regarding Traffic and Safety Recommendations by Council Member Leake, and Seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Comments: It was noted that there is a problem with no parking from here to corner sign which will be placed thirty feet on both sides of the South Cedar Street at the intersection of DeWindt Street. Council Member Kelly suggests that there be no parking thirty feet of that intersection of DeWindt only half the problem has been solved and the City should address the other problems with this intersection and DeWindt Street is very narrow. Mayor Gold suggested that Council Member Kelly make that recommendation directly to the Traffic and Safety Committee. Council Member Kelly also asked what the process is after these recommendations have been approved. City Administrator reviews all the issues after a meeting with all the Department Heads and then they implement what was approved by the Council. The Traffic and Safety Committee are not informed if the recommendations have been passed. City Administrator will speak with Mr. Thomaselli.

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All present voted in favor.

Local Laws and Ordinances: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COMMITTEE VACANCIES:

Board of Assessment –Five Year Term
One – Unexpired Term – Term to Expire September, 2012
One – Vacancy – Term to Expire September, 2014

Board of Ethics –
Five Year Term
Two – Vacancies – Expired – Need to appoint Chairperson

Human Relations Commission –
Two Year Term
Five – Vacancies – Expire

Recreation Commission –
Three Year
Unexpired Term – Term to Expire December, 2009 -Will continue with an additional three years
expiring 12/31/12
Unexpired Term – Term to Expire December, 2010

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Amend the Water Fund Balance in the amount of \$26,650. This is the additional amount needed in the Fairview Cemetery Roadwork expense (Code: F8340.240001.2815) in order to do the necessary work to make the road to the water tank accessible to the Water Department.

Motion by Council Member Pasti to accept the Budget Amendment, Seconded by Council Member Fredericks.

On a Roll Call: Council Member Thompson –Excused, Council Member Leake: Yes, Council Member Kelly –Yes, Council Member Casale –Yes, Council Member Pasti –Yes, Council Member Fredericks –Yes, and Mayor Steve K. Gold –Yes. Six, Ayes, One, Excused.

All present voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: On any item on any issue you would like to discuss. Maximum of five minutes to speak.

Tom Baldino –Thanked City Administrator and the City Council for the Energy Study the results will pay, may not the first year or second year, but this is a very wise decision. City of

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Beacon has been promised sixty six thousand dollars for Solar Plates and NYSERDA has been holding the money back. Can someone please check into this. Mayor asked Mr. Baldino who is the Chairman of the CAC to present to the Council on the work that the committee has been doing. City Administrator will check with NYSERDA.

Lou Amoroso –40 Vail Avenue –Approx. one and half years ago, one of the council members here brought up a problem at the sewage treatment plant they that they wanted to cover it up because of the odor and that therefor went by. Now tonight you want comments you take them serious well that is over a year and half ago. Now the odor is back again. Two to three weeks ago there was grant money and environmental grant for one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the Kayak Ramp at the dock. I made a statement at that meeting (look at your minutes) that the grant money should go towards the sewage treatment plant. So constituents come to these meetings making suggestions, that go by the wayside. In addition, a constituent does not have to come to a meeting if they voice their opinions to a Council Member. The Council Member should bring the comments of the constituents to the meetings.

Jim Korn –19 South Brett –With reply to Council Member Leake comment regarding the TOD and why is there not border participation. I would speculate that maybe it is because of Channel 22 not being available to the public. Mayor Gold stated back in June when Channel 22 was in operation that the Waterfront Presentation was viewed for at least two weeks and was backed up with the one done in May.

Naomi baat Canaan – Davis Street – I would like to suggest that the City consider changing the existing Zoning Laws now. To preset parameters for the TOD or any waterfront development. As long as there is water in the Hudson River, Beacon will allows attract developers that is a given.

CHECK LIST: 237,082.63

NEXT WORKSHOP: Tuesday, October 13, 2009

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, October 19, 2009

REPORTS

Correspondence Report: No Correspondence Report for this evening

City Administrator: Meredith Robson

The Teller/Fishkill paving should be completed tomorrow and striping will begin during the week, weather permitting.

Expect to finish up a cost evaluation, which is approximately one hundred thousand dollars less then anticipated.

The Fairview Cemetery Work access to our water tank will be approximately twenty six thousand over the original one hundred and forty thousand dollar estimate.

Highway will begin picking up leafs by the end of the month.

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Waiting for equipment to come in to complete the Main Street Camera work. One item is a larger monitor which will view all the camera locations

Spend a great deal of time on potential changes to our Healthcare Benefits Program in order to save money. Much of this ultimately will require union negotiations. One of the changes the City changed was to the Dental Plan as APA Partners chose not to continue the service to the City of Beacon. Brought in a new plan from Guardian which will save the city and employees who contribute towards premiums and will provide for greater service discounts.

Cost of Service Study on all known potential developments begins tomorrow and is expected to be completed by the middle of next month.

Last but not least struggling through the budget process, apologizes for not being able to provide the Mayor and to you by tonight, but you can all imagine the outlook for next year's budget is very grim.

Waiting for additional information from a variety of sources so we can finalize a recommended budget but our intent is to get a Budget to you by the Workshop of October 26th. There are very significant financial issues that you all will all have to make decisions about, which will not be easy.

City Attorney: Richard Wolf:

Review revised sewer line agreement with County

Inspect Spring Valley Street and draft new use agreement for two residents

Conclude Kalkstein Supreme Court assessment litigation

Review Real Property Tax Assessment issue Re: 13 Catherine Street

Review Pool water flooding loss monthly possible reimbursement

Consulting with attorneys DeFio and Sarch on Miller -Gatehouse cases.

Research on Acting Mayor issue of duration of Mayor's absence from office and "replacement" of Mayor issues

Final Review of Noise Ordinance

Research on model Taxi Cab Ordinance

Research on "Act of God" pool flooding

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Planning Board Meeting and issues: E.g., Whether Special Permit for bed and breakfast can be issued; implementation of easements on property Zoning Board of Appeals issues; E.g. Whether area variance can be used after the fact that deck was built unlawfully

Discussion with U.S. Attorney on Police Department policies and practices; revise memorandum

Attendance and advice at Council regular meetings and workshops

Review Del-Tra EAF for SEQRA compliance

Numerous FOIL requests for documents -Review of exemptions

Review Cost of Services contract and Resolution

Draft letter re: access to read water meters

Review whether change in specifications for City project requires a new public bidding process

Council Member Thompson: Excused

Council Member Leake: Good Evening and Thank you for being here this evening. Spirit of Beacon Day once again a GREAT event. Thank you Rose Story and your committee for the dedicated work in organizing this event. Also a big thank you to our Highway and Police Department.

Town Hall Meeting –Regarding the Transit Oriented Development. Was very happy to see the number of residents whom attended this Town Hall Meeting. However they are the same people who always at the Council/Workshop Meetings lobbying their input in this project. With all the controversy heard out there regarding this project, I ask our Citizens where you were when the Council has talked about this at Workshop and Council Meetings.. This Council is giving you the residents of Beacon every opportunity to be heard, please take advantage of that. We need your guidance in making the right decision for your City.

Council Member Kelly:

A constituent spoke to me at length regarding the odor from the sewage treatment plant. He felt that the cleaning and even the covering of the tanks would not be sufficient to eliminate the odor. I spoke to the Mayor early today regarding this issue and he agreed to meet with me and the constituent from Forrestal Heights appeal to me and the constituent to address the odor problem in the short run as well as the long run.

A constituent from Forrestal Heights appeal to me for support for a grant to get Senior Citizens a treadmill at Forrestal Heights. I would like to appeal to anyone or any group who would like to donate a treadmill to our seniors at Forrestal Heights that it would be greatly appreciated and used.

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I too would like to commend all the participants and the organizers of the Spirit of Beacon Day.

I would like to thank all those who participated in the Town Hall Meeting on the Transit Oriented Development.

Council Member Casale

I would like to reiterate what Council Members Leake and Kelly said. Rose Story and her Committee do a great job with the Spirit of Beacon Day.

In addition, he commends Zep and the public works they did approximately one point one miles of roadwork within nine days.

Constituents on Liberty Street, Washington Avenue, Roundtree Court have been complaining about an odor coming from the sewer line, which is coming from Fishkill. Council Member Casale would like to make certain that Fishkill is putting the chemicals in the tanks to prevent this odor.

Now that Route 52 is completed I am going to ask the Administrator to ask the Chief to place radar on this strip every once in awhile.

Complaints from DeSota, Conklin, Townsend as it is difficult to merge out onto Route 52 because of the flow of traffic. There was a signal light at Mill Street and Route 52 for years that when it worked it broke up the flow of traffic during peak hours. I would like to see that light working again during peak hours.

Council Member Pasti

A Series of Thank Yous

My report for tonight is a series of thank you's!

First, thank you to the Highway Department on behalf of the residents on Teller Avenue. They are very happy with the repair of this road—so thanks to Zep and his crew for their good work on this project.

Thank you to the people who attended the October 1st Town Hall meeting to voice their concerns and ideas about the proposed Transit-Oriented Development. We appreciate everyone's input and the thoughtful ideas that people are bringing to the Council for our consideration.

Thank you to Detective Don Williams and to Kathy Deuterma for their efforts in organizing this past weekend's Community Watch meeting for the Rector Street neighborhood. As always they had very useful information to provide to the residents. This meeting also provided a great opportunity for neighbors to meet each other, something that makes a big difference in the success of a Community Watch program.

Thank you to the non-profit groups that participated in the Spirit of Beacon Day. The day was a wonderful one thanks to the efforts of these groups and the Spirit of Beacon Day Committee. There were many groups that I had not heard about before. I encourage any representatives from

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non-profit groups who read my report or watch this meeting on TV to go to the Beacon of Hope

Community Fund page on the City's website and contact members of the Fund Steering Committee so that your non-profit can be listed on the page and information about your organization can be brought to the public's attention.

Council Member Fredericks

Just want to express my thanks for the interested citizens of Beacon for attending the Town Hall Meeting last Thursday. It was great to see you there and to listen to all of your suggestions and comments. I am confident that this City Council will take all the comments into full consideration before any decisions are made.

Spirit of Beacon Day – what a huge success. First thanks to Rose Story for doing a fine job. The weather cooperated and it was great to see so many Beaconites on the Main Street. It always makes my heart swell and the proudness shine through. Thank you all for helping making Spirit of Beacon Day 2009 a huge success.

Zep thanks for making the traffic run smooth while paving.

Mayor Steve K. Gold

Everything that was said regarding Spirit of Beacon Day was true and a huge success, thanks to Rose Story, the Highway Department.

Thanks Zep for making accommodations for the Beacon Hebrew Alliance as the highway department was about to begin work in the area of this temple, which was the highest holy days in the Jewish Faith Yom Kippur. These men in this department was able to move away from the temple while services were going on and move to another location to begin paving.

Transit Oriented Development, the Council made really good points and Council Member Leake set the tone for this tonight but would like to add a few things. I would like the public to remember that we first introduced the concept plan back in May, 2009 of the Waterfront and had a presentation to show all the entities down by the waterfront including the TOD. In August we had a special TOD presentation with John Clarke who is the Dutchess County Planner, whom showed concept designs. The Council accepted comments then and afterwards. Then the first public hearing was held at the first Council Meeting in September. Since that time, at every Council Meeting all constituents had opportunities at Public Comments Segments to talk about the TOD. We will continue to ask for your comments, and at some point the City will re-open the Public Hearing, and then the Council will make a decision.

The decision will not come before the Cost of Service Study. This will study will allow us to see if the City will get revenue or will it cost the City money. We expect this study to be available at the end of October or the beginning of November.

Will be meeting with the MTA (Randall Fleischer) with the City Administrator to go over some

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of the issues that have surfaced with the design, and the shuttle and a few other concepts that has been brought to our attention by the residents.

The Taxi Drivers who were at the last workshop the Mayor extended thanks for bringing to the Council's attention regarding the Taxi Laws that are in the Code, which needs to be revised due to controversy with other Taxi's coming to Beacon from other jurisdictions.

There has been some questions with FIOS (internet service) in which the Mayor met with representatives from Verizon's. At the present time Verizon is concentrating on businesses who have already have contracts with Verizon. A committee is looking at the contract that Verizon has submitted.

With regards to Channel 22 and the problems that have occurred. A resident took a look at the contract and confirmation with Cablevision; there is possibility of a grant that will pay for new video equipment or at least part of. The video equipment is less than the City has expected it is in the neighborhood of ten thousand dollars. There is a good possibility that Cablevision will also put up a grant for half of that money. The expectations are Channel 22 will be managed at City Hall, Council will decide on a contract to have an individual to input all of the data entry. If in fact Cablevision does not come up with the grant money, the Mayor will be asking the Council to expend ten thousand dollars so the City will have the equipment working and bring these Council Meetings back to Channel 22. This will be discussed further at the next workshop of October 13, 2009.

There was a meeting with the City Administrator and the DC Economic Development (John McEnroe, who is a Beacon Resident) What the City is looking for is an Economic Development entity in Beacon. The city hired Jonathan Drapkin from Pattern for Progress to help stimulate business in Beacon. It looks like the City will be able to use the DC Economic Development to use that roll. There will be another meeting with the Beacon Economic Development to discuss further.

The Quadricentennial Celebration. Thank you Denis White for the event that was orchestrated by yourself the Walkway over the Hudson. He made all the arrangements for Beacon to be part of this historical event. This event cost the City no money, as it came from a grant, which the City has already been funded this money. Mr. White has also been working with others on the Welcome Center. The City was able to get the extension for the two grants, so the City no longer has to beat the clock on this. It looks like the original company will be able to do this with the new plans which the price will come in for much less and very close to budget. City Administrator stated that we would get the State approval, and waiting on the Federal approval.

The Mayor announced that he would not be at the next workshop as there was a conflict in schedule. Council Member Charles Kelly will lead the workshop meeting of October 13, 2009.

A letter will be sent to all Council Members to accept Council Member Charles Kelly as the acting Mayor. Council Member Kelly has been a member of the Council for two terms. He was chairman of the Charter Committee. Council Member Kelly has always been a loyal, public

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servant. He was on the Library Board, in addition, Chairman of the Grievance Committee.

Motion to Adjournment of Council Meeting by Council Member Fredericks, Seconded by Council Member Pasti. All Present voted in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Swift

Executive Assistant to Mayor Steve K. Gold

Date: December 17, 2009 Date Approved: December 21, 2009

