

**Balf Town Committee Meeting
Minutes
October 18, 2021**

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This meeting was presented/held as a Zoom Webinar/Meeting.


Town Clerk

1. Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Fire Marshal DJ Zordan at 6:08pm.

2. Roll Call:

The following members of the Balf Town Committee were in attendance:

- Theresa Avey – Neighborhood Representative (arrived at 6:20)
- Joyce Boncal – Environmental Quality Commission
- Bernadette Conway – Neighborhood Representative (arrived at 6:19)
- Barbara Gigliotti - Central Connecticut Health District
- James Colby – Tilcon Representative
- Chris Costello – Tilcon Representative
- DJ Zordan – Fire Marshal's Office
- Keith Chapman – Town Manager

3. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting October 18, 2019

- Fire Marshal Zordan gave a quick summary of how the minutes were transcribed from the recording as there was no record of minutes from the previous fire marshal. Fire Marshal Zordan also provided a quick introduction as he was newly hired in July and hasn't had the chance to meet all of the committee members.
- Meeting minutes were posted to the town website for review.
- Fire Marshal Zordan will provide the meeting minutes for 2020 and 2021 in a timely fashion.
- Item tabled and will be addressed at next regular meeting.

4. Correspondence

- Fire Marshal's Office has no correspondence regarding blasting other than complaints which will be addressed under new business.

5. Public Participation

- No public was present at this meeting.
- Joyce Boncal questioned the normal procedure regarding the announcement of this meeting. Town Clerk's office was provided an agenda by the Fire Marshal's Office which was posted to the town website. Any subscribers to this committee would have been automatically notified. Town Clerk also posted the webinar information to the virtual meeting page. This is standard practice. Agendas are not published in the newspaper, only public hearings.

6. Unfinished Business

- J. Boncal – a representative of the town’s Environmental Quality Commission questioned if Tilcon had any data showing the contents of the dust inside the quarry which is emitted into the air. C. Costello indicated that they do testing on the employees for silica and it comes back under the limits. J. Boncal asked if Tilcon knew the composition of the dust, to which the answer was no. J. Boncal inquired if there was any testing done or could be done regarding the air quality. J. Boncal stated that the state is responsible for air monitoring. Keith Chapman stated he would work with the health district and inquire if there is any requirement for air testing. Barbara from the health district stated that the state, nor the health district, does air sampling. This inquiry is relating to fugitive dust and might be worth testing. Barbara will talk with the Health Director.

7. New Business

- Report of 2021 blasting activity
 - FMO has record of blasting on 7 dates with a total of 11 blasts.
 - 5/11 – 1 blast
 - 6/23 – 2 blasts
 - 7/8 - 2 blasts
 - 8/2 - 2 blasts
 - 8/20 - 1 blast
 - 8/26 - 2 blasts
 - 9/21 – 1 blast
- Complaints were presented to the committee. A summary is attached.
- A review of the new blasting policy for blasting was presented by the Fire Marshal’s Office. This policy encompasses the process from permitting through blasting and fielding complaints. The two big changes deal with notification from the blasting company and filing complaints. The blaster must notify Newington PD dispatch a minimum of 4 hours prior to blasting. Complaints must be made via electronic form which is located on the Fire Marshal webpage.
- J. Boncal – question regarding cleaning of the streets and water run-off. Water on the street goes to storm drains. Water inside the quarry is recollected and used for dust control. Tilcon attempts to eliminate as much water from leaving the site as possible.
 - James Colby provided an overview of activity/production for 2021. Production is down 50 % with sales being down to 80% from what was reported in 2020.
- Water truck usage is even with prior year
- Sweeper ran for 300 hours in 2020 to 600 hours in 2021 and Tilcon purchased a new sweeper and it is working very well.
- Operational changes
 - Tower wasn’t used this year which helped with dust
 - Paving in front of scale
 - Replaced barriers between parking lot and scale house and planted approximately 100 arborvitaes which should help with wind blowing through area

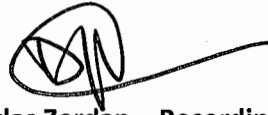
8. Public Particiapation

- No public present

9. Adjournment

- Motion made by J. Boncal, seconded by T. Avey to adjourn the meeting at 6:36. Motion approved with opposition or abstention.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Douglas Zordan – Recording Secretary



Keith Chapman
Town Manager

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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Fire Marshal's Office



Douglas Zordan
Fire Marshal

Tilcon/Balf – Blasting Summary January 2021 – October 2021

Date	Number of Shots	Complaints
5/11/21	1	
6/23/21	2	
7/08/21	2	
8/2/21	2	Frank Capalbo – 416 Hartford Ave. – 12:10 and 12:20 blasts were very strong. Alex (Lada Motors) – 426 Hartford Ave. – left message stating “Really Bad Blast” – did not request a call back
8/20/21	1	Frank Capalbo – 416 Hartford Ave. – stated the blast was very strong.
8/26/21	2	Alex (Lada Motors) – 426 Hartford Avenue - Blasting shook building, it was really strong and items fell from shelves. Frank Capalbo – 416 Hartford Avenue – The 12:10 blast was extremely strong and the 12:20 blast was mild.
9/21/21	1	