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Councilmember Molly Rhodes, Ward 1
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Councilmember Wren Longno, Ward 3
Councilmember Dan Aymar-Blair, Ward 4
City Administrator Chris White

**April 3, 2023
7:00 PM
City Council Agenda**

Roll Call

Workshop Agenda Items

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City of Beacon City Council Agenda
04/03/2023

Title:

Appointment of Thomas Lucchesi to the Position of Fire Chief

ATTACHMENTS

City Administrator Memorandum in Support of the Appointment of Thomas Lucchesi to the Position of Fire Chief

Thomas Lucchesi Resume



Christopher White
City Administrator

CITY OF BEACON New York

OFFICE OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR

845-838-5000

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Kyriacou and City Councilmembers
FROM: Christopher White, City Administrator
DATE: March 17, 2023
RE: Recommendation to Appoint Thomas Lucchesi as Fire Chief

It is with great pleasure that I submit this recommendation to appoint Thomas R. Lucchesi to the position of Fire Chief for the City of Beacon. As you know, the City's Fire Chief Gary VanVoorhis officially retired in December of 2022, but generously agreed to continue serving as our Fire Chief in a part-time capacity while the City conducted the hiring process to fill the position. Following an extended search and interviews with seven finalists, Thomas Lucchesi was selected unanimously as the top candidate by a review committee consisting of Chief VanVoorhis, Director of Human Resources Sara Morris, Lieutenant Mark Romanelli, Lieutenant Christopher Donovan, and myself.

Thomas Lucchesi currently serves as Assistant Fire Chief and Shift Commander in the City of Newburgh and also works on a contract basis as a Fire District Administrator for the Vails Gate Fire District in New Windsor. Tom has two decades of experience in emergency services, incident command, personnel management, purchasing, budgeting, and fire administration, including as an emergency medical technician (EMT) and fire inspector. In these roles, Tom has spearheaded critical projects, including upgrades to outdated communications systems. Tom has also earned his Bachelor's Degree in Fire Service Administration and an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice.

The review committee interviewed a number of qualified and experienced candidates, and Tom was selected based on his extensive command and administrative experience, proven leadership, extensive training, and well-rounded professional skill set. As the City transitions into a new consolidated fire station next year and continues to professionalize and develop its emergency services, Tom's strong experience, administrative skills, and vision were viewed by committee as the best fit for the Beacon Fire Department in the coming years.

EXPERIENCE

Assistant Fire Chief

2020—Present

City of Newburgh Fire Department, Newburgh, NY

- Duties include direct supervision of Company Officers and Firefighters on assigned shift.
- Direct fire and rescue operations under highly stressful and diverse emergency situations.
- Project coordinator for special projects, past projects includes migration to UHF Radio System and 700/800mHz radio system.
- Operations Officer for the Orange County Technical Rescue Team, including High Angle and Confined Space Rescue

Fire District Administrator

2018—Present

Vails Gate Fire District, New Windsor, NY

- Develop, implement and manage an annual 2.4 million dollar operating budget
- Provided day to day administrative support to the Fire District
- Primary liaison with all district vendors
- District Special Projects Coordinator
- Duties as assigned by the Chief of Department and/or Board of Fire Commissioners

Chief of Department

2015—2016

Vails Gate Fire District, New Windsor, NY

- Provided day to day operation oversight of a 75 member department.
- Ensured compliance with Federal, State and Local regulations and mandates

Small Business Entrepreneur

2012—Present

OC Fire & Safety Consultants, New Windsor, NY

- Founder of a multi-disciplined training and consultant firm which specializes in fire safety.
- Contracted as Fire District Purchasing Agent for Washingtonville Fire District
- Clients include Fire Districts, Union Training Centers and multi-million dollar companies.
- Developed and deliver O.S.H.A. compliant educational programs.
- Lead Instructor for Confined Space Rescue Technician class and all Fire Safety classes at Local Laborers 17.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- National Fire Instructor I
- National Fire Officer I
- National Fire Officer II
- National Fire Officer III
- National Incident Safety Officer
- National Fire Investigator
- Municipal Fire Instructor
- NYS Code Enforcement Officer
- NYS Police Officer
- NYS Emergency Medical Technician

EDUCATION

Bachelors Degree in Fire Service Administration

2022

Columbia Southern University, Orange Beach, AL

Associates Degree in Criminal Justice

2002

SUNY Orange, Middletown, NY

City of Beacon City Council Agenda
04/03/2023

Title:

Affordable Housing Discussion

ATTACHMENTS

[City Planner Memorandum Regarding Affordable Housing](#)

To: Mayor Kyriacou and the Beacon City Council
From: John Clarke, City Planner
Date: March 22, 2023
Re: **Affordable Housing Options**

As requested, this memo updates my September 10, 2021 recommendations to the Council on affordable housing options. The following options could be enacted in the near-term to correct impediments in the Zoning Code to affordable housing. More site-specific solutions can still be simultaneously pursued, such as working on projects to create a higher percentage of affordable housing units on publicly-owned properties, similar to the example of West End Lofts. Two locations are suggested below.

1. **Revise the Senior Affordable Housing Overlay (SAHO) district.** The City should encourage additional affordable housing for seniors with less restrictive zoning provisions, allowing more widespread use of the overlay zone on other sites. Changes could include:
 - a. Permit new construction, not just adaptive reuse of existing buildings over 50 years old.
 - b. Substantially increase the allowable units per acre from the current 4 per acre.
 - c. Reduce the required project size from the existing minimum of 20 dwelling units.
 - d. Lower the required parking standard from 1.2 spaces per unit to perhaps 0.5 per unit.
 - e. Decrease the eligible age limit from at least 62 years old to 55 or 60 years and older.
 - f. Lower the percentage of the Area Median Income (AMI) from 100% to 70-80%.
 - g. Eliminate the requirement for a separate special permit from the City Council, since the Council must have already designated the property for this use.
2. **Eliminate required parking for designated affordable units and lower other multifamily parking requirements.**
3. **Identify opportunities for additional RD districts** on remaining larger-scale parcels.
4. **Make multifamily dwellings a permitted use in the RD districts**, with no need for a special permit.
5. **Allow two-family dwellings in R1 residential districts**, without a special permit or site plan approval.
6. **Facilitate housing projects with a higher percentage of affordable apartments on public land**, such as:
 - a. **The County Center parking lot at Elm Street** can be targeted with a request for proposals for a 3-story, mixed-use building and a transit-linked public park along the Main Street frontage with an expanded rear parking lot. The Farmers' Market should be integrated into the design, using the park as an entrance feature. This Main Street infill proposal was recommended in the 2017 Comprehensive Plan Update and endorsed by the Main Street Access Committee. The building could require a higher percentage of affordable units and also encourage more affordable market-rate units by featuring micro-apartments under 300 square feet. A cooperative proposal from the County and City might have a good chance of receiving state housing funds.
 - b. **The Metro-North northern parking lot** was also identified in the 2017 Comprehensive Plan as an excellent opportunity for new housing, within easy walking distance of the Train Station and in a location up against a rock cliff with low view impacts. The MTA has recently indicated interest in soliciting developer proposals for its parking lots in cooperation with the City.

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Appointment of Coleman Lawrence to the Position of Motor Equipment Operator

ATTACHMENTS

[Superintendent of Streets Memorandum in Support of the Appointment of Coleman Lawrence to the Position of Motor Equipment Operator](#)

[Coleman Lawrence Resume](#)

Memorandum
Highway Department



To: City of Beacon Administrator Christopher White
City of Beacon City Council

From: Michael Manzi

Re: MEO hires

Date: March 28, 2023

Please be advised that on March 27, 2023, interviews were conducted to fill two open Motor Equipment Operator positions in the Highway Department, both due to resignations within the Department.

The interviews were conducted by myself, David Way, and Sara Morris present. Based on such, it was our determination to move forward with the hiring of the following individuals to fill the two vacated positions:

Christopher Servedio
Coleman Lawrence

The positions were budgeted for and had been posted in all City Departments. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Manzi
City of Beacon
Superintendent of Streets

Coleman Lawrence

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Authorized to work in the US for any employer

Work Experience

Highway supervisor/ water operator

Village of Millerton - New York, NY

May 2013 to February 2023

Class B and D water operator, Highway Supervisor, mechanic, welder, machine operator, ground maintenance, snow removal, dealing with public issues.

Highway motorized equipment operator

Town of Milan

May 2006 to April 2013

Groundskeeper motorized equipment operator

Education

High school diploma

Skills

- Equipment Repair
- Landscape Maintenance
- Mowing
- Snow Plowing
- Welding
- Mechanic Experience
- Fabrication
- Plumbing
- Personal management

Certifications and Licenses

Commercial drivers licence

Present

Additional Information

Class B and D NYS water operator

City of Beacon City Council Agenda
04/03/2023

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Appointment of Christopher Servedio to the Position of Motor Equipment Operator

ATTACHMENTS

Superintendent of Streets Memorandum in Support of the Appointment of Christopher Servedio
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Christopher Servedio Resume

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City of Beacon
Superintendent of Streets

Christopher Servedio

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Work Experience

CDL Class A Driver

FedEx Freight - Santa Clara, CA
May 2021 to Present

Pick up and deliver freight to multiple locations daily in a safe and efficient manner.

Chauffeur/Laborer

Town of Cornwall Highway Department - Cornwall, NY
April 2009 to April 2021

Commercial driver/Sanitation driver, Public road construction, infrastructure and maintenance. Public building construction, repair and maintenance. Heavy vehicle and equipment maintenance and repair. Snowplowing and ice removal operations . Heavy equipment operation.

Construction

Rite Tile Contractors - New Windsor, NY
December 2002 to April 2009

Residential and Commercial construction carpenter. Performed all phases of residential and commercial construction foundations, framing, roofing, and finish work.

Farm/Estate Head of Maintenance Department

Lone Oak Farm - Campbell Hall, NY
May 1993 to December 2002

Overseen and performed all maintenance, repair of buildings and new construction projects. Overseen and performed farm operations, repair all farm and estate mechanical equipment. Personally assist estate owners as well.

Carpenter Apprentice

Budney Construction - Wallkill, NY
April 1989 to May 1993

Assisted and performed all phases of residential and commercial construction projects. Learned all aspects of building techniques from foundations, framing, roofing including finish work.

Mason Apprentice

Gemini Contracting inc. - Newburgh, NY
May 1988 to May 1989

Assisted in concrete construction. Foundations, floors, brick/block, sidewalk, fireplace and stone work.

Education

Driving School in Commercial Driving

Atlantic coast driving school - New Windsor, NY

November 2007 to December 2007

College

Orange County Community College - Middletown, NY

September 1987 to May 1988

High school diploma

Skills

- Driving
- Automotive Repair
- Vehicle Maintenance
- Problem-solving
- Flexibility
- Team Work
- Reliability
- Commercial Driving
- Mechanic Experience
- Mechanical Knowledge
- Commercial driving (10+ years)
- Carpentry
- Snow Plowing
- Plumbing
- Landscape Maintenance
- Delivery Driver Experience

Certifications and Licenses

Class A CDL,Hazmat/Doubles,triples/Tank

February 2021 to February 2026

Dig Safely New York, Safe Digging Best Practices Certified Excavator

April 2019 to April 2023

Trained to safely dig and excavate around all public and private utilities.

Municipal Storm Water Discharge

Present

Trained to monitor and map storm water discharge

Assessments

Interstate truck driving — Highly Proficient

April 2021

Regulations and safe driving practices for long-distance trucking

Full results: [Highly Proficient](#)

Delivery driver — Highly Proficient

April 2021

Interpreting instructions or signs and solving problems

Full results: [Highly Proficient](#)

Automotive maintenance — Highly Proficient

April 2021

Knowledge of vehicles, vehicle maintenance, and repairs

Full results: [Highly Proficient](#)

Mechanical knowledge — Highly Proficient

April 2021

Understanding and applying mechanical concepts and processes

Full results: [Highly Proficient](#)

Mechanical skills: Monitoring — Highly Proficient

April 2021

Understanding of machine dials, gauges, displays, and data charts

Full results: [Highly Proficient](#)

Indeed Assessments provides skills tests that are not indicative of a license or certification, or continued development in any professional field.

City of Beacon City Council Agenda
04/03/2023

Title:

Leaf Blower Regulations

ATTACHMENTS

Keane & Beane, P.C. Memorandum Regarding Legislation to Establish Seasonal Limitations on Leaf Blowers (March 15, 2023)

Draft Local Law to Establish Seasonal Limitations for Leaf Blowers

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White Plains, NY 10601
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Fax 914.946.6868

■ **Mid-Hudson Office**

200 Westage Business Center
Fishkill, NY 12524
Phone 845.896.0120

■ **New York City Office**

99 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10016
Phone 646.794.5747

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Kyriacou and Members of the City Council
of the City of Beacon

FROM: Keane & Beane, P.C.

RE: Legislation to Establish Seasonal Limitations on Leaf Blowers
Updated Decision Tree Memo Responses

DATE: March 15, 2023

At the February 21, 2023 City Council workshop meeting, the City Council discussed amendments to the City Code to establish seasonal limitations on leaf blower use in the City of Beacon. This memorandum outlines the questions the City Council considered, and the decisions rendered concerning such legislation. The City Council's decisions pertaining to each question are incorporated into the attached proposed local law.

1. Does the City Council want to further limit the times permitted to operate leaf blowers? (i.e., to permit the use of leaf blowers only between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., compared to permitting the use of leaf blowers between 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. as is currently the case pursuant to City Code § 149-9.A).
 - **Answer:** At the City Council's recommendation, during the period of October 1 through and including May 14 of each year, the use of all leaf blowers shall be permitted only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Saturdays and holidays; and 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m., Sundays, prevailing time.
2. Does the City Council want to adopt different weekend and weekday hours to permit the operation of leaf blowers? (i.e., to permit use of leaf blowers only between the hours of 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays).
 - **Answer:** The proposed local law permits the operation of leaf blowers at different hours on weekends and weekdays.
3. Does the City Council want to regulate gasoline-powered and electric leaf blowers differently?
 - **Answer:** The proposed local law regulates gasoline-powered and electric leaf blowers the same.

4. Does the City Council want to adopt seasonal limits on gasoline-powered leaf blowers? (i.e., to prohibit the use of gasoline powered leaf blowers from June 1 to September 30 each year). The City Council should consider what seasonal limitation would be most appropriate.

➤ **Answer:** The proposed local law establishes seasonal limits on the use of both gasoline-powered and electric leaf blowers. Under the proposed local law using or operating or permitting to be used or operated any leaf blower at any time, including any fuel-powered motorized leaf blower and/or electric-powered motorized leaf blower, shall be unlawful in the City of Beacon during the period from May 15 through and including September 30 of each year.

5. Does the City Council want to ban gasoline-powered leaf blowers permanently?

➤ **Answer:** The City Council decided it did not want to ban gasoline-powered leaf blowers permanently.

6. Would the City Council consider any exceptions to a gasoline-powered leaf blower ban? (There are some instances where use of gasoline-powered leaf blowers may be necessary such as after a significant storm event. The City Council should consider what other situations may require use of gasoline-powered leaf blowers, such as certain municipal operations.)

➤ **Answer:** The seasonal limitations on leaf blower use set forth in the proposed local law do not apply to the use or operation of leaf blowers by the City of Beacon or on lots greater than one acre in size.

7. Would the City Council consider an exemption for larger properties (i.e., 1 acre or larger)?

➤ **Answer:** The proposed local law includes an exemption for properties over 1 acre.

8. How much of a penalty should be imposed? Will a warning be issued first?

➤ **Answer:** The restrictions set forth in the proposed local law apply equally to any person, individually or on behalf of a business, operating a leaf blower and/or any tenant or owner of property where a leaf blower is being operated. The proposed local law requires that a warning be issued prior to the issuance of any violation. After receiving a warning, all violators shall be penalized as set forth in § 149-13. For a first offense, a fine of \$500 shall be imposed. For a second offense occurring within one year of the first offense, a fine of up to \$750 may be imposed for each such additional violation. For a third or further offense, a fine of no more than \$1,000, and/or a Class B misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for up to 30 days.

DRAFT LOCAL LAW NO. __ OF 2023

**City Council
City of Beacon**

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 149 OF THE CODE OF THE
CITY OF BEACON**

A LOCAL LAW to amend Chapter 149 of the Code of the City of Beacon to establish seasonal limitations for leaf blowers.

BE IT ENACTED, by the City Council of the City of Beacon, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose.

The City of Beacon finds that the reduction of noise and blowing of dust particles and other airborne pollutants into the air and onto nearby properties from the use of leaf blowers is a public concern that affects the public health, welfare, and environment of the City of Beacon and its citizens. The City of Beacon has introduced this Local Law to establish seasonal limitations on the use of leaf blowers to minimize noise pollution, control dust pollution, and eliminate health hazards resulting from the use of leaf blowers.

Section 2. Chapter 149, Section 4 of the Code of the City of Beacon entitled “Definitions” is hereby amended to add the following definition:

§ 149-4 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings as indicated:

...

Leaf Blower

Commonly referred to as a leaf, garden or landscaping blower, and includes any stand-on, mounted, walk-behind, portable, handheld, or backpack style device that is powered by electricity or a gasoline, diesel or similar fuel engine which is used to produce a stream of air for the purpose of blowing, moving or distributing leaves, grass clippings, dust, dirt, trimmings from trees or shrubs, or any other litter or debris.

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Section 3. Chapter 149, Section 7 of the Code of the City of Beacon entitled “Specific prohibited acts, restricted uses and activities” is hereby amended to modify Subsection G as follows:

§ 149-7 Specific prohibited acts, restricted uses and activities.

...

G. Power tools: operating power tools used for landscaping and yard maintenance, excluding emergency work and the use and operation of leaf blowers, within 200 feet of a residential property line shall not be permitted during nighttime hours, unless such activities can meet the limits set forth in Table I. All motorized equipment used in these activities shall be operated with a muffler. At all other times, the limits in Table 1 do not apply. - The use and operation of leaf blowers shall be regulated by § 149-7.K.

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Section 4. Chapter 149, Section 7 of the Code of the City of Beacon entitled “Specific prohibited acts, restricted uses and activities” is hereby amended to add a new Subsection K as follows:

§ 149-7 Specific prohibited acts, restricted uses and activities.

...

K. Leaf blowers.

- (1) Using or operating, or permitting to be used or operated any leaf blower at any time, including any fuel-powered motorized leaf blower and/or electric-powered motorized leaf blower, shall be unlawful in the City of Beacon during the period from May 15 through and including September 30 of each year.
- (2) During the period of October 1 through and including May 14 of each year, the use of all leaf blowers shall be permitted only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Saturdays and holidays; and 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m., Sundays, prevailing time. The limits in Table 1 do not apply to the use of leaf blowers when operated during the times set forth herein.
- (3) The Highway Superintendent may authorize the use of leaf blowers during the period May 15 through September 30 for a period of time not to exceed seven days after significant storm events or during other emergency circumstances as determined by the Highway Superintendent. The Highway Superintendent may extend the seven-day period by issuing an official notification, if, in his or her sole discretion, such additional time is deemed necessary.
- (4) The seasonal limitations imposed by § 149-7.A shall not apply to the use or operation of leaf blowers by the City of Beacon or on lots greater than one acre in size.

(5) Violations.

- (a) Any person, individually or on behalf of a business, operating a leaf blower in contravention of this section and/or any tenant or owner of property where a leaf blower is being operated in contravention of this section may be deemed violators of this section and may be penalized as set forth herein.
- (b) Any person violating this section shall first be given a warning advising them of this section and the requirements set forth herein. After receiving a warning, for any subsequent violations of this section, the violator shall be penalized as set forth in § 149-13 of this chapter.

Section 5. Chapter 149, Section 8 of the Code of the City of Beacon entitled “Exemptions” is hereby amended to modify Subsection A as follows:

§ 149-8 Exemptions.

A. Sounds from power tools used for landscaping lawn mowers and garden equipment, excluding the use and operation of leaf blowers, when operated during daytime hours. All motorized equipment used in these activities shall be operated with a muffler.

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Section 6. Numbering for Codification

It is the intention of the City of Beacon and it is hereby enacted that the provisions of this Local Law shall be included in the Code of the City of Beacon; that the sections and subsections of this Local Law may be re-numbered or re-lettered by the Codifier to accomplish such intention; that the Codifier shall make no substantive changes to this Local Law; that the word “Local Law” shall be changed to “Chapter,” “Section” or other appropriate word as required for codification; and that any such rearranging of the numbering and editing shall not affect the validity of this Local Law or the provisions of the Code affected thereby.

Section 7. Severability

The provisions of this Local Law are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words or parts of this Local Law or their petition to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Local law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and if such person or circumstance to which the Local Law or part hereof is held inapplicable had been specifically exempt there from.

March 16, 2022

Section 8. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.

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City of Beacon City Council Agenda
04/03/2023

Title:

Discussion Regarding Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) and Community Distributed Generation (CDG) Programs

ATTACHMENTS

City of Beacon City Council Agenda
04/03/2023

Title:

Resolution in Opposition to the Discharge of Contaminated Water into the Hudson River and in Support of a Ban on any Radiological Agent Being Released into the Waters of New York

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution in Opposition to the Discharge of Contaminated Water into the Hudson River and in Support of a Ban on any Radiological Agent Being Released into the Waters of New York



**CITY OF BEACON
CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO. __ OF 2023

IN OPPOSITION TO THE DISCHARGE OF CONTAMINATED WATER INTO THE HUDSON RIVER AND IN SUPPORT OF A BAN ON ANY RADIOLOGICAL AGENT BEING RELEASED INTO THE WATERS OF NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the New York Constitution (Article I Section 19) reads, “Each person shall have a right to clean air and water, and a healthful environment,” as amended by New York State voters in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beacon recognizes that fulfillment of this right for communities within the watershed of the Hudson Valley requires an ecologically healthy river; and

WHEREAS, the company decommissioning the Indian Point nuclear power plant has announced its intention to release contaminated water from onsite radioactive fuel waste pools into the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the National Academy of Science has indicated that there is no verifiable safe level of radioactive elements when they are ingested or inhaled, and their release poses critical risks to public health and safety, including particularly acute risks to children’s bodies, female bodies, and developing fetuses and embryos; and

WHEREAS, the fuel pool water has been contaminated with radionuclides including tritium, a radioactive hydrogen that cannot be filtered out of water, and which is linked to cancer; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pre-release treatment of the wastewater would not remove tritium; and

WHEREAS, any contaminants in the Hudson River and its watershed, as a tidal estuary, present the risk of entering the food chain, with tritium in particular known to affect fish and wildlife in the water; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson River is the primary drinking source for several communities in the region, including in Dutchess County, and the backup water supply for others, and there are community members who depend on fish from the River as a food source; and

WHEREAS, since the Hudson River is an estuary that flows from south to north as well as from north to south between New York Harbor and the Federal Dam at Troy, all communities both upstream and downstream of the Indian Point nuclear plant face exposure to the risks of the potential release; and

WHEAREAS, the Hudson River also serves as a source of recreational activities in the City of Beacon and represents an economic resource that will be endangered by this action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Beacon strongly opposes the plan to release contaminated water from the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant site into the Hudson River; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Beacon urges the passage of New York Senate bill S.5181 and New York State Assembly bill A5338 to amend New York State Environmental Conservation Law to prohibit the discharge of any radiological agent into the waters of the State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Beacon City Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State Senator Rob Rolison, Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson, the New York State Public Service Commission, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Resolution No. __ of 2023			Date: ____, 2023				
☐ Amendments			☐ 2/3 Required				
☐ Not on roll call.			☐ On roll call			☐ 3/4 Required	
Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent
		Paloma Wake					
		Justice McCray					
		George Mansfield					
		Wren Longno					
		Molly Rhodes					
		Dan Aymar-Blair					
		Mayor Lee Kyriacou					
Motion Carried							