

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – September 29, 2015 – Special Meeting

MINUTES:

Meeting called to order at 7:25PM. Present were First Selectman Donald Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Mark Hemenway. Also present was Debbie Angell, RRDD#1 Administrator.

DELEGATIONS: No delegations were present.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2015 Special Meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to approve the following tax credits and refunds:

\$ 130.15	Paul S. Beavers	refund
\$ 144.76	Daimler Trust	refund

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to approve a monthly stipend, effective October 1, 2015, of \$175 to be paid to Les Archer, the Animal Control Officer in addition to his normal hourly pay for services performed. This stipend will be taken from the Animal Control Fund which is maintained separately from the Town's General Fund.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to approve an amendment to the Municipal Services Agreement between the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA – formerly CRRA) and the RRDD#1. This amendment was provided by MIRA when they were able to obtain insurance that would cover much of the costs associated with a facilities shutdown of the MIRA waste-to-energy facility due to a force majeure. The amendment recognizes that the communities would not be responsible for the costs that are covered by the insurance policy, as opposed to the prior contract language that made the communities liable regardless of the cause of a shutdown. Once all three member towns of the RRDD#1 approve this amendment, it will be approved by the RRDD#1 and returned to the MIRA.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein indicated that the next step in the Greenwoods path activity was for a small group from the committee investigating feasible options to walk the property and to map out possible path routes that minimize environmental impacts. The current path from Pleasant Valley to New Hartford has been mapped and these GIS points will be supplemented to define a recommended routing. Once that has been done, the committee will meet again to flesh out a strategy to be followed to determine if there is public support to improve the path.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein reminded the Selectmen of the meeting to be held on October 7 that will serve as the kickoff meeting for the Plan of Conservation and Development. The BOS and PZC will be invited as full boards, and the chairperson and another representative have been invited from the BOF, IWC, ZBA and other boards. The UCONN intern is coordinating that meeting's content and presentation material with Chris Lavieri, Don Stein and Debbie Brydon.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to approve the attached proclamation Recognizing National American Indian Heritage Month. This proclamation was requested by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Selectmen discussed the use of the term Native Americans vs. American Indians and decided to stay with the language recommended by the DAR.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen agreed that they would set the call for the upcoming Special Town meeting at their regular meeting of October 13 and that the specific topics which were discussed at their previous meeting would be finalized at that meeting, as well as the date for the Town Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM, on a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

Whereas, the history and culture of our great nation have been significantly influenced by American Indians and indigenous peoples; and

Whereas, the contributions of American Indians have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today, and

Whereas, their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States; and

Whereas, Native American Awareness Week began in 1976 and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George Bush in August 1990, designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month; and

Whereas, in honor of National American Indian heritage Month, community celebrations as well as numerous cultural, artistic, educational and historical activities have been planned;

Now Therefore, I, Donald S. Stein, by virtue of the authority vested in me as First Selectman, of the Town of Barkhamsted, do hereby proclaim November as the National American Indian heritage Month, in the State of Connecticut, and urge all our citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Barkhamsted to be affixed this 30th day of September, the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen.

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman