

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN – November 10, 2015**

### **MINUTES:**

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Mark Hemenway.

**DELEGATIONS:** A delegation was present at the meeting to discuss with the Selectmen their concerns regarding the possible improvement of the existing trail through the MDC's Greenwoods Property between Pleasant Valley and New Hartford Center. This possibility has been discussed by a joint group composed of Board and Commission members from both Towns and is conceptual in nature at this time. The following individuals were in the delegation:

Lucas Klepacki	Prudenza Lederman	David Frost	W. Morrell
Jonathan Gagnon	Pam Welles	Colleen English	Richard English
Jon Simon	Charles Lombard	Mike Hoffnagle	Lisa Candels
Gary DiLeo	Barbara DiLeo	Peter Tabaka	John Noelke
Paula Cutcomb	Jim Hafford	Nancy Hafford	Linda Goldsmith
Sharon Farber			

Various concerns were raised by this group including:

- the impact on hunting and fishing
- the impact on wildlife or public safety as a result of the increased traffic
- a potential increase in crime on East River Road
- the impact on the wetlands or the habitat along the Pleasant Valley end of the trail, which has a significant turtle and bird population
- degradation of property values and whether the trail would help economic development
- the impact on abutting property owners on Goose Green Road and Miner Lane
- the cost and need for security if the path were to be improved.

There was a request that the Selectmen act on this question, but that was deferred to another meeting when there was an opportunity to have a more deliberate discussion. Don Stein informed the group that he had already set up a meeting for folks who wanted more information about this activity on Monday, November 16 at the Town Garage Community Room at 7:00PM.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2015 Meeting.

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

\$ 190.65	Toyota Lease Trust	refund
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**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen reviewed the expenditures and revenues through October 31, 2015. The only continuing area of concern was that the Legal Counsel line item was a bit high for this time of the year, due to a few issues necessitating consultation with the Town Attorney. The revenues and the Town's cash position were both quite good, reflecting the positive rate of tax collections for the current fiscal year. In fact, the collections track 2014 very closely, which resulted in a good surplus for the prior fiscal year and our cash position at this time is about \$500,000 above last year's position at the same time of the year. This is likely attributable to the timing of the bills paid to large accounts like Regional 7.

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen did not have any further discussion regarding the Greenwoods property beyond the dialog with the delegation as described above, but Don Stein did inform them that a walk had taken place earlier in the day to review possible paths and actions required, if improvements were to be undertaken. These improvements, should the project proceed, would take into account wildlife safety, habitat preservation, wetlands, and cost. The letter received by the Selectmen and other public agencies regarding the Conservation Commission's opposition to any increased usage of the Greenwoods path was read during the public session and is attached to the minutes.

**DISCUSSION:** Don Stein informed the Selectmen that there was no further action required on the Eddy Road right-of-way until a property title search was conducted by the requesting resident. This is needed to determine what the Town's actual ownership interest was in the right-of-way, and that the title search would determine what legal actions were required to allow the property owner to receive the property. The Town Meeting (agenda Item 11) was also tabled since the meeting would include action on this issue, which has not yet been resolved.

**DISCUSSION:** Don Stein provided the Selectmen with information on the status of the Plan of Conservation and Development. Upcoming activities include a forum for business owners in town on November 16, distribution of a survey, and public meetings in December and January to cover the Town's views on Housing, the Environment and Economic Development. There is a new webpage on the Town's website that provides more information on this subject and a preliminary survey has been sent out electronically to gather information to help in setting agendas for the community meetings. The intention is to have a draft of the revised POCD before the UConn intern finishes her school year.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to authorize Donald S. Stein, First Selectman, to submit an application for and to execute the Fiscal Year 2013 Emergency Management Performance Grant.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to authorize Donald S. Stein, First Selectman, to submit a certification to the State

of Connecticut regarding funds to be received from the Municipal Grants-in-Aid/Grants for Municipal Projects.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to add to the agenda: Act on a resolution regarding a Memorandum of Agreement for the FFY 2015 State Homeland Security Grant.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to authorize Donald S. Stein, First Selectman, to execute an agreement that allows the Town of Barkhamsted to enter into an agreement with the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, regarding the FFY 2015 State Homeland Security Grant.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein  
First Selectman



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

02/21/15

October 26, 2015

The Honorable Donald S. Stein  
First Selectman  
Town of Barkhamsted  
Route 318 PO Box 558 - 67 Ripley Hill Road  
Pleasant Valley CT 06063-0558

Dear Selectman Stein:

Public Act 15-1 Section 55, June Special Session, established the Municipal Grants-in-Aid to provide grants to municipalities for fiscal years ending June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017. Funds shall be used as specified in Section 13a-175a(a) of the general statutes:

..to be used by the towns for construction, reconstruction, improvement or maintenance of highways, sections of highways, bridges or structures incidental to highways and bridges or the improvement thereof, including the plowing of snow, the sanding of icy pavements, the trimming and removal of trees, the installation, replacement and maintenance of traffic signs, signals and markings, and for traffic control and vehicular safety programs, traffic and parking planning and administration, and other purposes and programs related to highways, traffic and parking, and for the purposes of providing and operating essential public transportation services and related facilities.

Section 13a-175a(b) states that if a municipality wishes to use the funds for purposes other than those listed under Section 13a-175a(a), a waiver request must be sent to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management stating the purpose for which the grant will be used. Please note that although a municipality may not wish to use the funds for "town road" projects, the grant must be used for capital projects. The Secretary may either grant or deny the request.

Please send your executed Certification or waiver request to Shirley Corona, Office of Policy and Management, Intergovernmental Policy Division, 450 Capitol Avenue, MS# 54FOR, Hartford, CT 06106-1379 no later than November 30, 2015. If you have any questions please contact Shirley Corona at (860) 418-6221 or via e-mail at shirley.corona@ct.gov.

Very truly yours,

Scott D. Jackson, Undersecretary  
Intergovernmental Policy Division

**Certification**

I am the Chief Executive Officer of the Municipality listed above and have the authority to execute this certification on behalf of the Municipality. The funding to be received from the Municipal Grants-in-Aid/Grants for Municipal Projects will be used as delineated in CGS §13a-175a(a).

By: Donald S. Stein Title: First Selectman  
Signed at: Barkhamsted Connecticut, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE**

**Town of Barkhamsted**

**CERTIFICATION:**

I, Maria V. Mullady, the Town Clerk, of the Town of Barkhamsted, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by The Board of Selectmen at its duly called and held meeting on November 10, 2015, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Barkhamsted may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Donald S. Stein, as First Selectman of the Town of Barkhamsted, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Barkhamsted and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that Donald S. Stein now holds the office of First Selectman and that he has held that office since January 1, 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this 12th day of November 2015.



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Maria V. Mullady  
Town Clerk

Barkhamsted Conservation Commission  
P.O. Box 558  
67 Ripley Hill Road  
Barkhamsted, CT 06063

10/29/15

October 15, 2015

To:  
Don Stein, Barkhamsted First Selectman  
Ross Herzog, Chairman, The Barkhamsted Economic Development Commission  
Carol Youell, Natural Resource Administrator, Metropolitan District Commission  
Robert J. Klee, Commissioner, DEEP  
Liz Lacey, Farmington River Coordinating Committee  
Eileen Fielding, Farmington River Watershed Association  
Dan Jerram, New Hartford First Selectman  
David Childs, Chairman, New Hartford Economic Development Commission  
Alison Murdock, Chairman, New Hartford Conservation Commission

Because of the overwhelming evidence documenting the rare and exemplary habitat of the MDC Greenwoods property and the State and Federal Listed Species of Concern that depend on these habitats, the Barkhamsted Conservation Commission opposes any development of the area that will increase its recreational use.

Sincerely,  
Scott Johnstone, Chairman



Ginny Apple  
Roger Behrens  
Mario Santoro  
Deborah Simon  
William Winchester

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