

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN – SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

### **MINUTES:**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Mark Hemenway. Also present were Peter and Sarah Ferraresso.

**DELEGATIONS:** No delegations were present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments were made.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2017, meeting.

No tax refunds were presented by the Tax Collector.

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen reviewed the FY 2017/18 expenditures through August 31, 2017, and also reviewed the tax collections for the same period. There were no specific areas of concern in the General Government expenditures, and the collections tracked last year's figures for the first two months of the fiscal year. Both the expenditures and tax collections reflect positively on the fiscal year to-date.

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen briefly discussed the status of the State budget and the joint meeting among the Regional 7 towns' Boards of Finance. Don Stein presented a summary of the latest budget proposed by the Governor, which showed that the Town would be facing a significant reduction (~\$500,000) from the Town's budgeted revenues, if the Governor's budget were to be adopted by the Legislature. However, all figures are subject to change pending passage of a final State budget. At the joint meeting of the Regional 7 towns, the BOF's decided to create a standing committee from the four towns that would become an active "lobbying" group in an effort to make the Regional 7 Board of Education more aware of the towns' needs and to try to work with the BOE to better control costs.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to approve the attached resolution recognizing the Drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America and proclaiming the week of September 17 through 23 as CONSTITUTION WEEK.

The Selectmen postponed discussion of the Plan of Conservation and Development to the next regular meeting and noted that the Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on this document on October 12.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to modify agenda item 11) to include the request by Peter Ferraresso to purchase a small piece of property from the Town which borders the school playground. This request had been approved at a previous Town meeting, but had to be reviewed by Planning & Zoning before it could actually be finalized. Since PZC voted against the proposal, it needed to go back to a Town meeting a second time for the residents' approval or disapproval.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to approve the attached Special Town Meeting agenda, with two items for consideration. The first is a petition by Michael Fox concerning the Town's adherence to the Paris Climate Accord and the second is to consider and act on the sale of land from the Barkhamsted School abutting Peter Ferraresso's property.

**DISCUSSION:** Don Stein informed the Selectmen that he had started a dialog with the Town's Bond Counsel and the Town of Winchester regarding the possibility of bonding the cost of running the sewers to Mallory Brook Plaza and Lombard Ford. The bond payments could likely be recovered in full from the users of the water and sewers. This would provide them with needed utilities and would result in no net cost to the Town.

**DISCUSSION:** Don Stein informed the Selectmen that he had sent a letter to the residents of Miner Lane informing them that no spraying of phragmites would take place this year and that an action plan for control of this invasive weed would be developed and presented to them early next year while the plants are still dormant.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM on a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein  
First Selectman

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*The next meeting of the BOS will be the Regular Meeting to be held on September 26 at 5:00PM.*

## **Proclamation Recognizing Drafting Of The Constitution of the United States of America**

**WHEREAS:** September 17, 2017, marks the two hundred thirtieth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

**WHEREAS:** It is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document and the memorable anniversary of its creation; and

**WHEREAS:** It is fitting and proper to officially recognize the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

**WHEREAS:** Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week;

**NOW THEREFORE WE,** the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Barkhamsted do hereby proclaim the Week of September 17 through 23 as

### **CONSTITUTION WEEK**

in Barkhamsted, CT and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** We have hereunto set our hands and have had the Town Clerk of the Town of Barkhamsted caused the Seal of the Town to be affixed this twelfth day of September of the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen.

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Donald S. Stein, First Selectman

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Mark T. Hemenway

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Raymond P. Pech

**W A R N I N G**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

All electors and persons qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Barkhamsted (the "Town") are hereby notified that the Board of Selectmen of the Town are convening a Special Town Meeting to be held at Barkhamsted Community Room, 33 New Hartford Road, Barkhamsted, Connecticut on September 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes.

Item 1. To consider and act on the Town of Barkhamsted adhering to and continuing to support the purpose, goals and objectives of the Paris Climate Accord and urging all municipalities, states and citizens of the United States to do the same even though our country has unilaterally withdrawn from it. Further, we petition our House and Senate representatives to use all measures and options to re-engage with the other countries of the world on the Paris Climate Accord.

Item 2. To consider and act on the sale of land abutting the Barkhamsted Elementary School to Peter Ferraresso.

Dated at Barkhamsted, Connecticut this 12th day of September, 2017.

Donald S. Stein  
First Selectman

Mark T. Hemenway  
Selectman

Raymond P. Pech  
Selectman