

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – January 13, 2015

MINUTES:

Meeting called to order at 7:22 PM. Present were First Selectman Donald Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Mark Hemenway.

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 December 9, 2014 meeting.

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

\$ 28.51	Donald P. Eddy	refund
\$ 20.39	Michael Eddy	refund
\$348.37	Pleasant Valley Property	credit
\$380.19	Raymond F. Zeller	credit

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen reviewed the General Government expenditures through December 31, 2014. All budgets were within normal limits and no unusual expenditures or causes for concern were noted.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen discussed the upcoming budget development and agreed that they would continue to work on the FY15/16 budget starting with their January meeting. Don Stein provided data on the salary increases and projected insurance costs for the next fiscal year. The pay increases are 2.5% and the initial increase in health insurance is 12%. The insurance costs are expected to come down, but these increases will put pressure on other areas of the General Government budget. The various agencies which support the Town have been submitting budget requests, and most of these are coming in at no increase. Don Stein is meeting with each of the Town Hall agencies in an effort to minimize increases in those areas. The Resident State Trooper has requested that the Town consider using the Town Constable (School Resource Officer) part time this summer to supplement the Trooper's ability to police the Town during weekends and evenings, when he is off-duty. The Selectmen felt this would be a positive addition to the Town's safety and security. A full budget and capital plan is expected to be available for the next BOS meeting.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein informed the Selectmen that he, Debbie Brydon, and Christina Lavieri (Chairman of PZC) had met with representatives of LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation), a non-profit who was a grant from CHFA, for a program called Housing Connections of Connecticut. This program is free to the Town and will allow us to work with the LISC staff to develop a community-based plan to assess housing needs in the town ranging up to and including mixed-use, seniors housing or housing for young adults entering the workforce. The first step will be to put together a committee interested in housing needs and to hold a community forum to get input from the residents of town.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to appoint commission members and terms, as contained in the attachment to the Minutes below.

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

Resolution of Endorsement

The Legislative Body* of the Town of Barkhamsted met on January 13, 2015 and adopted a resolution by the vote of 3 to 0 _____ to _____ which endorsed the Regional Performance Incentive Program proposal submitted by the Northwest Connecticut Economic Development Corporation (NWCTEDC) entitled **Northwest Connecticut Career & Workforce Training Services Coalition**. The coalition would be tasked with matching employer needs with available resources to meet those needs and increasing student and worker awareness of employment, training and higher education opportunities in Northwest Connecticut.

Attested to by:

Maria Mullady

Town Clerk, Barkhamsted, CT

Date: _____

*NOTE: For the purposes of the Regional Performance Incentive Program, "legislative body" means the board of selectmen, town council, city council, board of alderman, board of directors, board of representatives or board of the mayor and burgesses of a municipality.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM, on a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

Appointments to Appointed Boards

January 13, 2015

Inland Wetlands Commission

Fred Reeder – Alternate – 1/14/15-12/31/15

Economic Development Commission

Mark Mahoney – Member – 1/14/15-12/31/19

Recreation Commission

Ben Raccuia – Member – 1/14/15-12/31/16

Conservation Commission

Deborah Simon – Member - 1/14/15-12/31/16

Suzanne McKitis-Perillo – Alternate - 1/14/15 -12/31/15