

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN –October 11, 2016**

### **MINUTES:**

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Mark Hemenway. Also present was Keith Blanchard, a Town resident, who is the rep to the Winsted Youth Services Bureau.

**DELEGATIONS:** No delegations were present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No representatives from the public were present.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2016 Special Meeting.

No tax refunds were presented by the Tax Collector.

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen reviewed the FY 2016/2017 budget expenditures through September 30, 2016. All expenditures appear to be in line with the budgeted amounts, except for Computer Expense and Unemployment Insurance, as noted in the previous review of the budget.

**DISCUSSION:** Jerry Waters, Building Inspector, is working on a sketch of the proposed improvements to the Town Hall stairs to bring them into code compliance, and upgrades to the kitchen area and ceiling tiles on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Rejean Labrie, a local contractor, will review these items and provide budgetary estimates for these items, which can then be incorporated in to the Local Capital Improvement Plan and be funded through LOCIP funds. Once they are approved, the Town will go out to bid for performing the repairs.

**MOTION:** The Selectmen reviewed the attached modifications to the Town ordinances and agreed that they would be appropriate for a Town Meeting to be scheduled after the sale to Peter Ferrarosso of a small piece of property adjacent to the school playground was finalized. A motion was made by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to approve the sale of this property for a price of \$500 plus all associated legal and survey fees.

**DISCUSSION:** Don Stein stated that there was no update regarding the CONNDOT improvements to the intersection of Rtes. 318 and 219. DOT is working on the plans and is working to meet the MDC's requests regarding the Saville Dam, and will convene a meeting when plans are made more firm.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway and passed unanimously to add the following items to the agenda:

- Appointment of a Town representative to the Hogback Watershed Commission
  - On a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway and passed unanimously, Kevin Noblet was appointed to represent the Town on the Hogback Commission which was established by the State to manage recreation on the MDC properties in the Farmington West Branch watershed and the Greenwoods property. This Commission includes representatives from the towns of Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Hartland and New Hartford, along with the MDC, DEEP and DPH. The Commission had not met in several years and a meeting was requested by the MDC to review

necessary steps as a result of the drought and low levels in the Goodwin Reservoir and the Colebrook Reservoir. The meeting was scheduled for Wednesday morning, October 12.

- Appointment of a member to the Conservation Commission
- Appointment of an alternate to the Inland Wetlands Commission
  - On a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway and passed unanimously, the following appointments were made:
    - Jon Simon – alternate to the IWC, for a term starting on October 12, 2016 through December 31, 2017.
    - Michael Schulde – member of the Conservation Commission, for a term starting on October 12, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen met with Keith Blanchard, who is the Juvenile Probation Supervisor in Torrington and who is the current Town representative to the Winsted Youth Services Bureau. He is currently on their Board of Directors and would remain on the Board due to his job, even if the Town appointed another rep. This was considered to be beneficial as a result of an additional person getting involved. This agency covers children from 12-18 and does individual counseling for kids and their families, runs groups in the schools, runs the Rising Star Camp for special needs kids and does fundraisers twice a year to support their mission. They also established a Juvenile Review Board, which includes the School Resource Officer at Regional 7, which can work with a 1<sup>st</sup> time juvenile offender to allow him to correct his situation before a case is referred to Juvenile Court. If the individual meets the conditions, they do not need to go to court. The Town has a couple of individuals interested in this liaison position and the BOS will meet with them to determine interest and qualifications.

**DISCUSSION:**

- Don Stein informed the other Selectmen that he had started a dialog with LT William Baldwin, the Troop B commander of the State Police and Dan Jerram, New Hartford First Selectman, regarding the possible sharing of a Resident Trooper. This was a preliminary discussion, with more to follow. However, the likelihood of a cost reduction as a result of sharing a Trooper and hiring a Constable, appeared to be somewhat unlikely.
- Additionally, Don Stein stated that Schultz Construction was starting the Park Road culvert repairs under STEAP funding and that road closures on the two sections of Park Road would be necessary.
- He also stated that he is still looking for funding to cover the wildlife census of the Greenwoods property by Dr. Michael Klemens that is required before the Town will look at possible improvements to the path.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM on a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein  
First Selectman

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*Next Board of Selectmen meeting will be the regular meeting of October 25; the Selectmen agreed to hold a Special Meeting on November 8 (Election Day) at 9:00 AM.*

## PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGES

OCTOBER 2016

### §178-14. Conditions of Eligibility

- A. The parcel must be located in a residential zone, including the Pleasant Valley Center and Riverton Center Zones. **[Amended ATM 5-5-2009]**. In addition, the parcel size must be in excess of 4 acres, and must be located in a zone eligible for open space designation, in accordance with the Town zoning map and Plan of Conservation and Development.
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### §178-xx. Additional Exemption for Horses and Ponies

Pursuant to C.G.S. §12-81gg, as amended, this article provides additional exemption for horses and ponies under C.G.S. § 12-81.

- A. Effective January 1, 2017, the Board of Selectmen is authorized to fully exempt from property taxation all horses and ponies of any value stabled in the Town, by a majority vote of the Board at a regular or Special Meeting.
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### §146-4. Requirements for issuance of permit; fee

- B. Permits may be granted for ~~[no longer than three (3) months]~~ a period of one (1) year, and may be renewed annually thereafter. The fee for each permit shall be one hundred dollars (\$100) per ~~[month]~~ year or part thereof and shall be paid in advance.
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### §67-1. Establishment; membership; vacancies; compensation

- A. There is hereby established for the Town of Barkhamsted a Recreation Commission consisting of five persons who shall be electors of the Town of Barkhamsted or any citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, is liable to the town for taxes assessed against him on an assessment of not less than one thousand dollars on the last-completed grand list of such town, and who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

**Note: §67-2. Additional members; quorum [Added STM 12-2-1986] added two additional positions. As a result, the current membership is seven (7).**

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