

Special Town Meeting
Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Donald Stein, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M with approximately 25 electors in attendance.

Kathleen Cook nominated Philip Prelli moderator and Raymond Pech seconded. Motion carried to close the nominations and Philip Prelli was elected moderator.

Raymond Pech nominated Holly Krouse secretary and Erica Dyndiuk seconded. Motion carried.

Holly Krouse, Town Clerk, read the warning for the meeting.

1. Motion to consider and act on the sale of land abutting the Barkhamsted Elementary School to Peter Ferraresso was made by Timothy Sullivan and seconded by Raymond Pech. Donald Stein showed a picture of the map with reference to where the small piece of land was located. (see attached map) After some discussion in reference to the type of fencing that was going to be used and if it was safe for the school children who are using the fields located there, the motion carried.
2. Motion to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut through the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for the lease of the Barkhamsted Senior Center located at 109 West River Road was made by Raymond Pech and seconded by Timothy Sullivan. The lease will be at the cost of \$1 for the next 30 years with one stipulation being that the building stays as the Senior/Community Center. Motion passed.
3. Motion by Timothy Sullivan and seconded by Raymond Pech to change Town Ordinance #178-14 regarding conditions of eligibility for treatment of open space land for tax assessment purposes. Discussion about how this would affect the approximately 15 homes that are presently on the tax rolls. Francine Beland, Tax Assessor, explained the difference in amount of taxes currently paid is very minimal – the smallest increase is about \$15 per year and the largest is about \$150 per year. After further discussion, the question was moved and the motion carried, with one opposed.
4. The motion to consider and act on an additional exemption to Town Ordinance #178, Taxation on Horses and Ponies was made by Timothy Sullivan and seconded by Raymond Pech that allows the Board of Selectmen to fully exempt from property taxation all horses and ponies of any value stabled in the town. Motion carried.

5. The motion was made by Erica Dyndiuk and seconded by Raymond Pech to change Town Ordinance #146-4, regarding requirements for issuance of permit fees, allowing the change to permits being granted for a period of one year rather than 3 months at a fee of \$100 per year rather than per month. After some discussion, a motion was made by Carmen Smith and seconded by Timothy Sullivan to amend the motion to leave the ordinance as it is for Door to Door salesmen, but allow the change for all other vendors. The amended motion carried with one opposed.

6. A motion on the proposal to consider and act on a change to Town Ordinance #67-1, Recreation Commission was made by Raymond Pech and seconded by Timothy Sullivan. Donald Stein informed the residents that this change was to allow anyone who owns property in Barkhamsted of at least \$1000 to be able to volunteer on the Recreation Commission rather than limiting membership to Barkhamsted "electors" only. This is also allowed on the Economic Development Commission. Motion carried.

7. The motion was made by Timothy Sullivan and seconded by Erica Dyndiuk to change Town Ordinance #178-6 authorizing the Tax Collector to waive any tax bill for \$5 or less beginning with the 2016 Grant List year. After a short explanation from Donald Stein of the survey taken of neighboring towns having much higher minimums and the administrative and time cost savings, the motion passed.

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Raymond Pech at 7:42 P.M.

Attest:

Holly P. Krouse, CCTC
Barkhamsted Town Clerk