

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN – OCTOBER 10, 2017**

**MINUTES:**

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

**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 26, 2017, meeting.

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

\$ 297.29	Vault Trust	refund
\$ 21.85	Charles or Noreen Watson	refund
\$ 149.52	Potter Transport LLC	refund

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen reviewed FY '17/'18 budget expenditures through September 30, 2017 and did not see any real issues with the year to-date totals. The only concern at this point is that there is still no State budget approved. Until that situation is resolved, it is almost impossible to plan how to accommodate any resulting cuts in municipal aid, since the magnitude of the cuts is unknown. The Selectmen will coordinate with the Board of Finance to determine how to proceed and how to accommodate cuts in municipal grants and aid, once they are determined.

**DISCUSSION:** Don Stein informed the Selectmen that Winsted personnel, the property manager for Mallory Brook Shopping Plaza and appropriate engineers met to discuss the steps that needed to be taken to bring the sewers to the Plaza. The engineers will put together a cost estimate for the design and implementation of an appropriate plan and bring it back to the full group to determine how best to pay for the project. Barkhamsted will be able to bond the design, legal and constructions and then allocate the bond payments to the users. This is a high priority project and hopefully will move forward quickly.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to approve the Plan of Conservation and Development as presented for consideration by the public and approval by the Planning & Zoning Commission. This approval is contingent on appropriate, minor edits and typographical corrections as recommended to the Zoning Officer.

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen reviewed a news release and lawsuit by the Connecticut Education Association regarding an injunction against the State for implementing the Governor's Executive Order that cuts \$557 million in education funding. Torrington and Brooklyn joined this lawsuit and other towns may follow suit, but the consensus among the Selectmen was that Barkhamsted should not join in. This will be revisited if appropriate at a later time.

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen again reviewed the options for purchasing a new town truck as discussed at the prior meeting. Don Stein will reach out to Freightliner to provide them with needed documentation that is not binding, so that they will hold the truck for us until at least October 31<sup>st</sup> or later. The intention is to purchase it, but the Selectmen were hoping to get more information on the State budget so that they could determine if the truck was affordable or not. This will be discussed again as soon as more information is available.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

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 October 24 at 5:00PM.*