

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
BOARD OF FINANCE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014**

Chairman Rich Winn called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members present were Richard Winn, John Doyle (7:05), Gerry Gardner, David Moulton, alternates Sal Tartaglione (7:42) and Julia Pattison. Also present were First Selectman Donald Stein, Assessor Francine Beland and First Selectman's Assistant Deborah Gilpin.

Motion to Seat:

Motion by Dave Moulton to seat Julia Pattison for Matt Kelly. Seconded by Gerry Gardner and passed unanimously.

Motion by Dave Moulton to seat Sal Tartaglione for Linda Persechino. Seconded by Gerry Gardner and passed unanimously.

Review and Act on the 2014-2015 Board of Education Budget:

Motion by Dave Moulton to approve the budget as presented with the stipulation that \$13,000 of capital for technology equipment be deleted from the capital budget. Seconded by Gerry Gardner and passed unanimously.

This motion followed extensive discussion by the Board of the budget which was presented, which showed a \$100,000 increase over last year's budget after deletion of the additional teacher which had been requested and the inclusion of the funding for a Special Education Student. Without the Special Ed funding, the budget increase would have been 1.1%. John Doyle also requested that the Selectmen request an opinion from the Town Auditor, George Sinnamon, as to whether there are any rules regarding capital projects.

Review and Act on proposed Capital Projects:

Motion by Dave Moulton to revise the Capital Projects as previously approved, with the deletion of the \$13,000 school project for technology. Seconded by Sal Tartaglione and passed unanimously.

Review and Act on the 2014-2015 General Government Budget:

Motion by Gerry Gardner to approve the General Government Budget as presented, which included a reduction of the allocation for the School Resource Officer to \$50,000. This reflects the figure that is included in the Regional 7 budget, which will be used to reimburse the town. Seconded by John Doyle and passed unanimously.

Review 2014-2015 Revenues

Motion by David Moulton to approve a preliminary revenue sheet based on the approved budgets and those submitted by Regional 7 and RRDD #1, with the stipulation that all capital projects will be funded by a combination of the undesignated capital surplus (\$49,000) and the General Fund (\$192,300). Seconded by Sal Tartaglione and passed unanimously.

Using these figures, the net tax increase is 2.25%. Due to reval, the mill rate will increase significantly, but many residents will see their property tax decrease, with increases to the tax on their cars or business personal property.

Appointment of Town Auditor

Motion by Gerry Gardner to approve the appointment of George Sinnamon for a 3-year period at an annual rate of \$15,000. Seconded by Dave Moulton and passed unanimously, with the exception of a nay vote by Sal Tartaglione.

Approval of Annual Report

Motion by Gerry Gardner to approve the Annual Town Report for FY 2012/2013. The report will honor the Barkhamsted Seniors and its volunteers. Seconded by Sal Tartaglione and passed unanimously.

Transfers

None

Approval of Minutes:

Gerry Gardner made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 18, 2014. Seconded by John Doyle and passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

None

Any other Business Legal and Proper to come before said Meeting:

Dave Moulton made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 PM. Gerry Gardner seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted _____ Date _____
Don Stein, First Selectman and
Acting Secretary

Note: The meeting on the April 15th will be canceled and special meetings will be held after the Budget Hearing on April 22nd and the Annual Town Meeting on May 6th.