

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
BOARD OF FINANCE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014**

Chairman Rich Winn called the meeting to order at 8:24 PM after the Annual Budget Hearing. Members present were Richard Winn, John Doyle, Gerry Gardner, Linda Persechino, David Moulton, alternates Sal Tartaglione and Julia Pattison. Also present were First Selectman Donald Stein, Selectman Ray Pech, Board of Education Chairman Sarah Nanni, Superintendent Jeff Linton and First Selectman's Assistant Deborah Gilpin.

Motion to Seat:

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

Review and Act on the 2014-2015 Budgets to be presented at the Annual Budget Meeting:

Motion by Dave Moulton to approve the Capital, General Government and Board of Education budgets as presented. Seconded by John Doyle and passed unanimously.

This motion followed extensive discussion by the Board regarding the Board of Education budget and the General Government budget. The Board felt that the BOE had presented a fair budget considering the Special Education increase of \$129,000 and a reduction of \$29,000 for regular education, for a net increase of \$100,000. After reviewing the request to reinstate the \$13,000 for technology, the Board felt that this expense should be included in the operating budget and requested that the BOE find the funds within the budget as presented, without a change to the bottom line. John Doyle commented that the longer term capital issues and the Regional 7 fluctuations needed attention, as discussed during the budget hearing.

Relative to the General Government budget, the consensus of the Board was that budget did not require any adjustments, although Dave Moulton expressed his continued dissatisfaction with the cost of the Resident Trooper program. The Board was still interested in the rules for capital projects from the Town Auditor and a report on CCM to be presented at their next regular meeting.

Also for presentation at the Budget Meeting, the Board requested that the reduction of \$15,000 from Regional 7 be used to further reduce the tax increase. That will result in, a net tax increase of 2.09%.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Correspondence:

None

Linda Persechino made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM. John Doyle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted _____
Don Stein, First Selectman and
Acting Secretary

Date _____

Note: A special meeting will be held after the Annual Town Meeting/Annual Budget Meeting on May 6th.