

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN – September 13, 2016**

**MINUTES:**

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Mark Hemenway.

**DELEGATIONS:** No delegations were present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Tom Nelson, Sr. stopped into the meeting to let us know how well he thought the chip sealing on East West Hill and Old County Road had gone. He wanted Rich Novak to know that he appreciated the good work.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2016 Special Meeting.

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

\$ 945.63	Gelco Corporation	refund
\$ 7.62	Albert Stokes	refund
\$ 10.93	Phillip or Beverly King	refund

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen reviewed the final budget expenditures for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. A transfer of \$18,000 was made from Town Aid Road to reduce the Road Improvements line item. With that transfer, the General Government budget finished the year with a surplus of \$1746.45. The individual line item transfers to bring the line items into alignment with budgeted amount will then be approved and signed by the Board of Finance at their next regular meeting on September 20, 2016.

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen reviewed the FY 2016/2017 budget expenditures for July and August. All expenditures appear to be in line with the budgeted amounts except for the Computer Expense and the Unemployment Compensation lines. The Computer Expense line will be close to 100% when the September expense for replacing our Firebox network firewall, including a 3-year subscription for software, and the cost for AppGeo to maintain the GIS system are included. This does not count any computer issues which may occur during the year. For next year's budget, we will create a separate line item for the GIS expense, which is currently \$3,500.

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen discussed the Town ordinance regarding Peddling and Soliciting, primarily the section that deals with the permit/fee and the time frame for which a permit is valid. The current ordinance only allows for a maximum permit duration of 3 months and the fee is \$100/ month. This has created numerous complaints that our requirements are excessive compared to other towns. The Selectmen agreed to revise this requirement to make it more in line with other towns, and Don Stein has the action to research other towns' ordinances and make a recommendation as to an appropriate revision.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to approve the attached amendment regarding Proclamation Recognizing Drafting Of The Constitution of the United States of America and proclaiming the Week of September 17 through 23 as

Constitution Week.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to authorize the First Selectman to send a letter to the US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, requesting that the NRCS conduct a survey of farmlands in the Town intended to identify farmland soils of local importance and to provide a list and a map of the newly designated soils. This information could be useful in preserving local farmland and does not place any restrictions on the use of such lands by the property owner or the Town.

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen reviewed a proposal by Peter Ferraresso of 101 River Road, whose property is directly behind the school playground and the recreational youth soccer goals. He is requesting that the Town sell him a .065 acre strip of land across his backyard such that the trees that border his back line would be entirely on his property. He would then plan to erect a fence for privacy and to minimize liability due to children who enter his property or who climb on the trees. The Selectmen agreed that this made sense and that the Town should charge a nominal amount for this property, and that Mr. Ferraresso should be responsible for all costs associated with the transaction. Sarah Nanni, Board of Education Chair, also reviewed this request and was going to bring it up at her next Board of Education meeting. If that Board is in agreement, we will proceed with the legal aspects of the transfer.

Don Stein informed the Selectmen that the Probate Judge has approved the State proceeding with renewal of the Senior Center lease, so that should be taking place in the coming weeks. The lease expired several years ago and the State took over 5 years to get all of the paperwork in place for the renewal.

Don Stein also informed the Selectmen that the Highway Department has hired Chris Kulinski for the opening on the road crew. He started September 12 and has been a part-time employee the last few winters, so he is a known individual.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein  
First Selectman

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*Next Board of Selectmen meeting will be a Special Meeting on September 28 at 9:00 AM.*

# Proclamation Recognizing Drafting Of The Constitution of the United States of America

**WHEREAS:** September 17, 2016, marks the two hundred and twenty-ninth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

**WHEREAS:** It is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document and the memorable anniversary of its creation; and

**WHEREAS:** It is fitting and proper to officially recognize the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

**WHEREAS:** Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week;

**NOW THEREFORE WE,** the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Barkhamsted do hereby proclaim the Week of September 17 through 23 as

## CONSTITUTION WEEK

in Barkhamsted, CT and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** We have hereunto set our hands and have had the Town Clerk of the Town of Barkhamsted caused the Seal of the Town to be affixed this thirteenth day of September of the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen.

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Donald S. Stein, First Selectman

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Mark T. Hemenway

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Raymond P. Pech

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