

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – September 9, 2015 – Special Meeting

MINUTES:

Meeting called to order at 11:00AM. Present were First Selectman Donald Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Mark Hemenway.

DELEGATIONS: No delegations were present.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2015 Special Meeting.

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

\$ 45.72	Tammy or James Mines	refund
\$ 36.49	Susan Levesque	refund
\$420.17	CoreLogic	refund
\$ 58.09	Jonathan Long	refund
\$ 88.73	Erin Guzowski	refund

DISCUSSION: The Board reviewed the expenditures and the comparison to the budget for FY 2015/16 for the period from July 1, 2015 through August 14, 2015. All budget lines were considered to be within the expected, normal range. They also reviewed the end of year figures for the Dog Fund and the Senior Center fund as of June 1, 2015. Once the transfers are made from the FY '14/'15 budget, the Dog Fund will start the year with a positive balance of \$6476.54 and the Senior Center will start the year with a positive balance of \$4421.06. At the next meeting, the Board will vote on a request from Les Archer, the Animal Control Officer to increase his compensation with a stipend of \$175/month, which will serve to compensate him for miscellaneous time that is currently not accounted for. He spends a great deal of administrative time and answering inquiries that are not specific calls, but which are required by his position.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen reviewed draft language for a proposed littering ordinance as follows:

DRAFT LITTERING ORDINANCE
August 25, 2015

It shall be unlawful to deposit, throw or place waste materials, paper or litter upon the roads or public areas of the Town of Barkhamsted, including property owned by the State of Connecticut or the Metropolitan District Commission.

Any person or persons throwing trash on these areas may be subject to a fine not exceeding \$50.

The above language had been reviewed and agreed-to by the Town Attorney and will be presented at a Town Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein informed the Selectmen that the next step in the process regarding the potential improvement to the existing path in the MDC Greenwoods property will be a mapping walk with New Hartford and Barkhamsted reps, the FRCC and FRWA reps, and a DEEP biologist. The purpose for this small group exercise is to determine if there is a viable path that minimizes harm to the wildlife in that area. He also told the Board that there is a small group of East River Road residents who do not want to see the path improved and there will be public hearings on this subject if the project proceeds.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen met with Natalia Zagula, the UCONN graduate student, who is working for the Town during this school year. Her internship is focused on updating the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development and she will be working closely with the PZC, IWC, Conservation Commission and other Town boards. There will also be public forums to get as much input from residents as possible. In addition to benchmarking other towns' plans, she is in the process of creating a plan for this update.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to approve the attached resolution recognizing the drafting of the U.S. Constitution.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen informally agreed that they would schedule a Special Town Meeting to cover several subjects once sufficient information was available. The topics to be covered are:

- Miner Lane Easement grant to abutting property owners
- RRDD#1 Easement for electric cables from solar cell installation
- Cove Commission member (replacement for Dan Pinton)
- Littering Ordinance
- Heather Hill Easement grant to abutting property owners

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM, on a motion by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

Upcoming meetings: the regular meeting of 9/22/15 will be canceled and a Special Meeting will be held on 9/29/15 at 7:00PM.

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

WHEREAS: September 17, 2015, marks the two hundred and twenty-eighth 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 twenty-sixth day of August of the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen.

Donald S. Stein, First Selectman

Mark T. Hemenway

Raymond P. Pech