

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – December 8, 2015

MINUTES:

Meeting called to order at 7:10PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectman Ray Pech.

DELEGATIONS: No delegations were present.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Don Stein, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2015 meeting.

MOTION: There were no tax refunds requiring action

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen reviewed the expenditures through November 30, 2015 and noted that the Town Counsel and Town Hall Maintenance line items were running a bit high for this point in the fiscal year. Legal expenses will be higher than anticipated due to a legal action regarding the value of an assessment and the Town Hall expense situation is due to upgrades to the security system. At this time no action is required on either of these lines, but they will continue to be monitored.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen briefly discussed the FY'16/'17 budget situation, which will be a challenge due to the increase in Barkhamsted's Regional 7 population, and the payment on the school bonds. This will result in a \$330,000 increase without any normal increases in the budgets. Discussions are continuing on the Resident Trooper costs, but no definitive approach is yet clearly defined.

DISCUSSION: At the Stanclift Cove Authority meeting on December 8, the Authority approved the hiring of an arborist to review all of the trees in the picnic area and main parking area. The Town will hire SavATree and will be reimbursed by the Authority for the cost of this study of \$3250. With this data, the Authority can then put together a plan and a budget for the tree removal and any subsequently required actions. Relative to the continuing review of options for the Greenwoods path, the Town received a quote for \$20,000 from Dr. Michael Klemens to perform a wildlife census in that area in the Spring of 2016. If this were to proceed, Barkhamsted and New Hartford would share the cost, but the Selectmen have not yet addressed how to pay for Barkhamsted's share.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Don Stein, and passed unanimously to approve the formal abandonment of an old, unused road that runs north from Eddy Road through several properties. This property dates back to the 1700's and has not been in use for many, many years. The area must be marked for at least 30 days, and then a Town Meeting will be held in mid-January to formalize the abandoning of this former road. After that, there must be a 120-day period for anyone to come forward with objections, before the abandonment is final.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein informed the Selectmen that the Plan of Conservation and Development continues to proceed well and that the next steps are be the public forums on the Town's Environment, Economic Development and Housing Needs. Phil Prelli, a former CT Commissioner of Agriculture and State Legislator, chaired the first meeting covering the Environment, which was held on December 9.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Don Stein, and passed unanimously to approve the attached call for a Town Meeting to be held on December 17, 2015.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein and Ray Pech agreed that the Town would apply for a 2016 STEAP grant, applications for which are due on January 15, 2016. The proposed grant will be for improvements to the town hall and school sidewalks, drainage and pavement. This grant application will be on the agenda of January 12, 2016 for approval by the Board of Selectmen. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47PM.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Don Stein, and passed unanimously to approve the attached appointments to Town Boards and Commissions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Don Stein, and passed unanimously to approve the attached meeting dates for 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

W A R N I N G

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
DECEMBER 17, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

All electors and persons qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Barkhamsted (the "Town") are hereby notified that the Board of Selectmen of the Town are convening a Special Town Meeting to be held at Barkhamsted Community Room, 33 New Hartford Road, Barkhamsted, Connecticut on December 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes.

Item 1. To consider, discuss, and vote upon granting an easement to RRDD#1 for electric cables from solar cell installation;

Item 2. To consider, discuss, and vote upon granting property in an existing right-of-way and receiving an easement from abutting property owners on Miner Lane;

Item 3. To consider, discuss, and vote upon a Littering Ordinance;

Item 4. To consider, discuss, and vote upon an appointment to Stanclift Cove Authority for the term of 1/1/16 to 12/31/16;

Dated at Barkhamsted, Connecticut this 8th day of December, 2015.

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

Mark T. Hemenway
Selectman

Raymond P. Pech
Selectman

Appointments for January 2016**12/8/2015****Board of Selectman Appointments****Conservation Commission**

Scott Johnstone member 1/1/16-12/31/17

Mario Santoro member 1/1/16-12/31/17

2 member positions available

2 alternate positions still available

Inland Wetlands Commission

H. Thomas Nelson member 1/1/16-12/31/17

Linda Ganem member 1/1/16-12/31/17

Frederick Reeder member 1/1/16-12/31/17

Anthony Gorman member 1/1/16-12/31/17

2 alternate positions still available

Economic Development Commission

Virginia Apple member 1/1/16-12/31/20

Robert Pulford member 1/1/16-12/31/20

Bill Bowles alternate 1/1/16-12/31/17

2 alternate positions still available

Recreation Commission

2 member positions still available

Board of Assessment Appeals Alternates

Frank Kaczynski alternate 1/1/16-12/31-19

Steven Blackburn alternate 1/1/16-12/31-19

RRDD #1

Timothy Sullivan member 12/31/15-12/31/18

Town Meeting Appointments**Stanlift Cove Authority**

TBD member 1/1/16-12/31/16

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING DATES FOR 2016

January 12 and 26

March 8 and 22

May 10 and 24

July 12 and 26

September 13 and 27

November 8 and 22

February 9 and 23

April 12 and 26

June 14 and 28

August 9 and 23

October 11 and 25

December 13 and 27

Notes:

Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each Month

All meetings are at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall