

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING –August 2, 2016**

### **MINUTES:**

Meeting called to order at 4:03PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Mark Hemenway.

**DELEGATIONS:** No delegations were present. However, Don Stein presented the other Selectmen with a copy of a letter and a petition received from Deborah Simon regarding her opposition to any development of the trail on the MDC's Greenwoods property from Pleasant Valley to New Hartford. Of the signatures on the petition, only 27 were from Barkhamsted residents and 4 from New Hartford, which represents less than 30% of the total number of signatures. No action was taken on this information.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2016 meeting.

No tax refunds were received from the Tax Collector.

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen reviewed the final expenditures for FY 2015/2016, which were higher by about \$16,000 than had been presented at the prior meeting. This is due to the receipt of additional bills for legal fees, diesel fuel and a few other items. The General Government expenditures total \$2,087,003.58 or \$15,470.58 over the budget. The Highway Department year-end total is \$24,131.90 over budget, so the use of Town Aid Road funds to balance that budget will bring the total expenditures into compliance with the budget. The revenues are over \$125,000 above budget, so the year-end figures will most likely provide surplus funds to the General Fund. The Selectmen also reviewed the Special Funds (Dog Fund, Recreation, Senior Center) and agreed that the transfers budgeted in 2015/16 should be made to allow those funds to start the new fiscal year with a positive balance.

The Selectmen also reviewed the July actuals for the FY 2016/2017 budget and saw nothing of concern in those figures.

**DISCUSSION:** Don Stein informed the Selectmen that the Town was proceeding with the contract with Schultz Corporation for both culvert replacements on Park Road under the 2014 STEAP Grant. They will also likely contract with Galasso under the State Bid for paving Park Road under the 2016 STEAP Grant, but that work will be spread out over 2 years to cover the in-kind contribution required of the Town in light of the STEAP budget constraints.

**DISCUSSION:** Don Stein met with Cosmo Ignoto, Region 4 Maintenance Director, and Aron Steeves, the manager for Special Services. Liz Lacy, FRCC, and Debbie Brydon, Land Use Officer, also were at the meeting, which was focused on possible improvements or changes to East River Road, which is a state road. Liz Lacy will be requesting a budget to hire an engineering firm to review the riverbanks along the Wild & Scenic portion of the Farmington River and to recommend necessary actions to better stabilize the banks of the river and to do so in accordance with the

environmentally-approved guidelines for Wild & Scenic Rivers. Once that study is done, Liz is hopeful that FEMA Hazard Mitigation funds will be available to do the necessary remediation to protect the River from the banks collapsing. If that can be accomplished, there was discussion about leaving the road as a State road, or it could be given to the Town, or DEEP could take over the 1- section through the Forests. There would also be a need for a public hearing to receive input from the residents regarding the possible changes. The section of the road between the Matthies Grove and the Whittemore Grove in Peoples State Forest could become one-way north, since that is a narrow, curvy section of the road. The sections from Pleasant Valley to the Matthies Grove and from Riverton south to Whittemore Grove would remain two-way to facilitate residents' access to their homes. This was discussed at a very preliminary level, and would require buy-in from DOT, DEEP and the Council of Governments, along with FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to approve a *Resolution Adopting the Litchfield Hills Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan: 2016 Update* (attached).

**MOTION:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:28PM on a motion by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein  
First Selectman

Upcoming Meeting Schedule: August 23 – regular meeting canceled; August 30 (9:00 AM) – special meeting

*Town of Barkhamsted*  
*Resolution Adopting the Litchfield Hills Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan: 2016 Update*

WHEREAS, the Town of Barkhamsted Board of Selectmen recognizes the threats that natural hazards pose to people and property with the Town of Barkhamsted; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Barkhamsted, in collaboration with the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG) has prepared a multi-jurisdictional multi-hazard mitigation plan known as the Litchfield Hills Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan: 2016 Update in accordance with the disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Litchfield Hills Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan: 2016 Update has identified mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from the impacts of future natural hazards and disasters that affect the Town of Barkhamsted and the region; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency/ Department of Homeland Security has approved the Litchfield Hills Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan: 2016 Update, on condition of local adoption, enabling the Town of Barkhamsted to apply for Hazard Mitigation grant funding; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Town of Barkhamsted Board of Selectmen demonstrates their commitment to achieving the hazard mitigation goals outlined in the Town of Barkhamsted's section of the Litchfield Hills Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan: 2016 Update,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Barkhamsted Board of Selectmen hereby adopts the Litchfield Hills Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan: 2016 Update.

Date of adoption: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Donald S. Stein, First Selectman

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Raymond Pech, Selectman

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Mark Hemenway, Selectman