

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING – May 11, 2016**

### **MINUTES:**

Meeting called to order at 9:06AM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Mark Hemenway.

**DELEGATIONS:** No delegations were present.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2016 meeting.

**DISCUSSION:** There were no actions that resulted from the Town Meeting on May 10, so the budgets were approved as presented. The mill rate increase is 2.31%, resulting in a mill rate for the coming fiscal year of 28.36.

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen reviewed a letter from the Pleasant Valley Methodist requesting help from the Town and the youth sports organization for repairing their rear parking lot. This parking lot is used extensively by the various recreational teams since it is close to the soccer fields. The church and its fellowship hall are also the emergency shelter for the Elementary School, if needed. Based on the generosity of the church in allowing the community to use their property and building, the Selectmen agreed that we could provide the process material needed for the repairs and possibly some machine time.

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Deb Simon to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. This letter with 13 signatures requests that the State of Connecticut not provide a grant to the Barkhamsted and New Hartford for a wildlife review of the Greenwoods property and for a feasibility study of possible upgrades to the recreational trail between New Hartford and Pleasant Valley. Don Stein had a discussion with Laurie Gianotti of the CT DEEP and reviewed the strategy being utilized and the steps we have taken and still need to take. She was very supportive of this initiative after hearing our approach and suggested that a letter be sent to OPM describing the facts of this situation. Don had also contacted OPM and was told that they generally receive letters in opposition to any project and they do not let those letters rule the process.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM on a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein  
First Selectman

