

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – June 14, 2016

MINUTES:

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM. 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 May 24, 2016 meeting.

TAX REFUNDS: There were no tax refunds requiring action.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein provided General Government budget actuals through May 31, 2016. It still appears that the budget will provide a small surplus back to the Town. The high legal expenses are being offset by the contingency included in the budget for the Town being responsible for 100% of the Resident State Trooper. Since the Town is only required to pay 85%, the availability of half of the \$55,000 contingency set aside for the RST, and the lower expenses for salt, fuel oil, snow plowing and electricity result from the mild winter is expected to offset the other, higher costs.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein provided a copy of a letter from Scott Jellison, CEO of the MDC, to the CT Department of Transportation, expressing the MDC's concerns about the proposed realignment of the intersection of Routes 318 and 219 at the east end of the Saville Dam. There is a meeting set up on July 14 at DOT Headquarters in Newington with DOT personnel, MDC management, Don Stein and Jim Bonetti, to discuss what design measures need to be taken to minimize any impact the project might have on the Barkhamsted Reservoir or the dam, in order that that this very important project can move forward.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein stated that the first layer of pavement has been completed from the intersection of Route 179 and 219 north to Pine Mountain Circle, and that this work has alleviated the substantial number of flat tires that had resulted from the grinding of the road. Senator Witkos worked with CONNDOT and there is agreement that they will honor claims for tires that need to be replaced as a result of the numerous sharp rocks that were on the road during the repair work.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein indicated that Barkhamsted and New Hartford had not been selected for the joint State grant they had applied for to conduct a wildlife census and feasibility study of trail improvements through the MDC Greenwoods property that connects Pleasant Valley to New Hartford. At this point, he will start to look for other grant programs that might provide funding to perform the work that would be necessary to understand what could be done to improve the accessibility and use of the existing path.

MOTION: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM on a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Don Stein.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

- June 28 – canceled
- July 12 – regular meeting
- July 26 – canceled
- August 2 (9:00 AM) – special meeting
- August 9 – canceled
- August 23 - regular meeting