

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – October 13, 2015

MINUTES:

Meeting called to order at 7:15PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectman Ray Pech. Also present were John Noelke and Chuck Lombard.

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 September 29, 2015 Special Meeting.

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

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| \$ 286.30 | Chase Auto Finance Corp. | refund |
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DISCUSSION: The discussion with Mike Muszynski of CCM (their liaison to the Town) was postponed until the 10/27/15 meeting in order to have all 3 Selectmen available.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen reviewed the expenditures and revenues through September 30, 2015. The only area of concern was that the Legal Counsel line item was a bit high for this time of the year, due to a few issues necessitating consultation with the Town Attorney. The expenditure through the first 3 months represents 20-25 hours of work. The revenues and the Town's cash position were both quite good, which reflects a positive rate of tax collections for the current fiscal year.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen discussed the status of the Greenwoods recreational path currently under consideration. Don Stein reported that nothing had taken place since the last joint meeting with New Hartford, except that the current path GPS coordinates were available, and that he was trying to schedule a walk with key individuals to determine if there were alternate routes that would be less intrusive on the habitats currently bisected by the existing path/trail.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein informed Ray Pech that the correspondence with K.T. Worth concerning her Freedom of Information Requests has been turned over to the Town Attorney, due to her continuing requests for information that does not exist. There have been 7 letters from her to-date, and Andrew Glassman has responded to her last letter.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen discussed the status of the transfer of the right of way from Eddy Road parallel to Hearthstone Drive. Don Stein is working with Bill Sanders, Richard Lavieri and other abutting property owners to determine the best course of action for the Town to abandon this 50' right-of-way. Once all the property owners agree, the Selectmen will call a

Town Meeting to vote on this issue and the others that were noted in previous meeting minutes.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen discussed the status of the Plan of Conservation and Development and the progress being made by the UCONN Intern, Natalia Zagula. Don Stein and Ray Pech both attended the discussion among the various boards. The next steps will be to set up the community forums as discussed at that meeting and to select independent moderators (not currently on a Board) to run those meetings.

The call for the Town Meeting and the date for the meeting were tabled pending completion of the various items that will be presented to the Town's voters. Primarily, this depends on the completion of the transactions associated with the Hearthstone/Eddy Road right-of-way.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

Whereas, the history and culture of our great nation have been significantly influenced by American Indians and indigenous peoples; and

Whereas, the contributions of American Indians have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today, and

Whereas, their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States; and

Whereas, Native American Awareness Week began in 1976 and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George Bush in August 1990, designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month; and

Whereas, in honor of National American Indian heritage Month, community celebrations as well as numerous cultural, artistic, educational and historical activities have been planned;

Now Therefore, I, Donald S. Stein, by virtue of the authority vested in me as First Selectman, of the Town of Barkhamsted, do hereby proclaim November as the National American Indian heritage Month, in the State of Connecticut, and urge all our citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Barkhamsted to be affixed this 30th day of September, the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen.

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman