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Town of Barkhamsted
Board of Finance
Regular Meeting
Tuesday October 20, 2026 – 6:30 pm
Barkhamsted Elementary School

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Chairman _____ Richard Winn _____ called the meeting to order at __6:31pm__ Present were:

Christopher Buck	Present
Matthew Kelly	Present
David Moulton	Present
Salvatore Tartaglione	Absent
Scott Thomas	Absent
Richard Winn	Present
Juan Jaramillo (alt)	Absent
Mark Hemenway (alt)	Present (7:03)

Also Present	
First Selectman Meaghan Cook	Present
Superintendent Erica Sacharko	Present
BOE Chair Rob Brainard	
BOE Caitlin Chabot	
BOE Tim Gerand	
Amanda North	

Motion to seat Mark Hemenway for Sal Tartaglione

By Matthew Kelly Seconded by Dave Moulton

Vote: Unanimous Yea

Walk-through of Barkhamsted Elementary School

Tour led by Superintendent Erica Sacharko As the walk progressed a number of past, present and possible Capital Projects were pointed out including the following: The Fob Access Control system, Cafeteria Air Handler system that is sandwiched between the original roof over the cafeteria and the sloped roof installed of the original. A discussion on the aging cafeteria tables and possible replacement programs. A discussion of the Generator fuel system A number of bathrooms floors were pointed out, ones that were original and ones that had coating installed a number of years ago. Planked floors through out as well as older floors were also shown. The gymnasium floor was also discussed. The furnace rooms were looked at with issues with burners discussed. The domestic water tank was also discussed as it had been a number of years ago. Also discussed were classroom tables and playground chip replacement. The area

of the drain pipe issues and repair was also discussed. This is a general overview as there were a number of sidebar discussions on other items.

Discussion with Board of Education members on Capital and General Budget Process

The school's domestic water tank replacement is roughly \$100,000 will be addressed at the next Capital Projects meeting.

Update on Town Hall Air Conditioners

Two mini splits are in the process of being replaced with installation to begin starting Friday. First Selectman Cook expressed appreciation to board member Mark Hemenway for research done on these repairs in addition to a truck sale from our Road Crew.

Review of general Government, Capital budget and Expenditures to-date

Review led by Selectman Meaghan Cook with nothing out of the ordinary showing up. A discussion also ensued about the Co-mingling of the electric bills of the school and town hall offices as this could benefit the overall electrical cost utilizing more of the excess solar generation. The selectmen have enlisted an energy expert to look at the current options.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 2026 Board of Finance Meeting

By Dave Moulton Seconded by Matthew Kelly

Vote: Unanimous Yea

Correspondence

Letter from the Zoning board on requirements for updating items

Fire Dispatch letter to be signed by Selectman and Fire District regarding billing

Any other business legal and proper to come before said meeting

Chairman Winn will invite the Little League president to our next meeting as with the tour, it would not have worked at tonight's meeting.

The Cookie Jar fund was discussed and the desire for funds to be put into town STIF accounts as it will earn more interest. Discussion included the board receiving quarterly statements regarding funds in and out. A set of Bylaws was included in the discussion (attached)

Discussion of the Rec. Dept. and their desire to have Venmo (or the like) for receiving fees for various events.

Motion to allow the Recreation Department to utilize Venmo or similar for 2-3 trial events, with Spencer's position as the receiver of fund brought in.

By Mark Hemenway Seconded by Dave Moulton

Vote: Unanimous Yea

Lastly, Selectman Meaghan Cook showed a number of photos of town hall building issues that are being looked in to.

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. by Dave Moulton

Seconded by Matthew Kelly

/ Unanimous

Respectfully submitted

Date: October 20, 2026

Secretary - BOF

