

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
BOARD OF FINANCE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017**

Chairman Rich Winn called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM. Members present were Richard Winn, Matt Kelly, David Moulton, John Doyle (8:19 PM), and alternates Julia Pattison and George Walsh. Also present was First Selectman Donald Stein, Tax Collector Terri Collins, and Assessor Francine Beland.

Motion to Seat:

Motion by Dave Moulton to seat Julia Pattison for Steve Egbertson. Seconded by Matt Kelly and passed unanimously.

Motion to Seat:

Motion by Dave Moulton to seat George Walsh for Salvatore Tartaglione. Seconded by Matt Kelly and passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

- (1) Letter from Resident regarding Budget Hearing. (attached)
- (2) Letter from Selectman Stein regarding appointment of Auditor. (attached)

Consider and Act on Revenue Sheet:

Motion by Dave Moulton to approve the Revenue Sheet as presented.
Seconded by George Walsh and passed unanimously.

Consider and Act on Mill Rate:

Motion by Matt Kelly to set Mill Rate at 29.37.
Seconded by Dave Moulton and passed unanimously.

Consider and Act on Authorizing Don Stein, First Selectman, to apply for and administer the State of Connecticut Neglected Cemeteries Grant (\$2,000.00):

Motion by John Doyle to authorize Don Stein, First Selectman, to apply for and administer the State of Connecticut Neglected Cemeteries Grant.
Seconded by George Walsh and passed unanimously.

Transfers:

None

Consider and Act on Tax Collector Suspense List:

Motion by Matt Kelly to accept the Tax Collectors Suspense List as presented.
Seconded by John Doyle and passed unanimously.

Update on tax sale strategy:

Reviewed with Tax Collector, Terri Collins, with the number of properties and possible revenues.

Don Stein

From: Don Stein
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 2:22 PM
To: Rich Winn
Cc: Erica Dyndiuk
Subject: RE: Board of Finance Minutes Special Meeting - 4-25-16 regarding Appointment of Town Auditor

Importance: High

Subject: Board of Finance Minutes Special Meeting - 4-25-16

Rich,
I just talked to George Sinnamon, and based on the attached minutes from last year, the Board of Finance appointed him to do the FY '16/'17 audit. Therefore, an RFP for auditing services would start with FY '17/'18. It is appropriate for the Town to send the position out to bid next January to give the accounting firms adequate time to bid and the Board enough time to evaluate the responses.. If you and the other Board members are ok with this approach, I will notify OPM that George is the auditor for the current year. The BOF can then make the decision after receiving responses for the coming fiscal year. We do not have to notify the State until May '18 for FY '17/'18, which is why we can wait until next winter to send out the request for bids.

Regards,
Don

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May 4th, 2017

Barkhamsted Board of Finance
Richard Winn; Chairman
67 Ripley Hill Rd
Barkhamsted, CT 06063

Dear Chairman Winn,

I am writing this as a parent of children in both the Barkhamsted School and of the Regional High School. I attended the Board of Finance hearing on the evening of April 18th.

Every so often, I bring my sons to various town meetings. To be quite honest, it's not their favorite thing to do, but I feel that it's important for them to see how our town government works. I am quite relieved that I did NOT bring them to this past meeting. One of your board members, Mr. Tartaglione, gave quite a show on "how not to act at a public meeting". I respect the fact that different people have different opinions. However, I did not hear respect in his repeated verbal attacks on the School Superintendent.

My sons would have witnessed bullying behavior on the part of an elected official. They would have witnessed that if one does not agree with another, that it's acceptable to berate a fellow person. My sons would have witnessed a board member not giving another person the chance to reply. My sons would have witnessed a board chairman who chose not to control his board.

This is not the kind of behavior that I expect nor tolerate with my sons and I certainly did not expect nor should have had to tolerate at a town meeting. Consider this a request: that future meetings be held in a very different manner. A manner in which dissenting opinions would be welcome and respectfully debated. A manner in which adults would act as role models of such expected behavior. A manner in which, if needed, a chairperson would step in and control their board. You have an opportunity to show my sons and all attendees that a public meeting can and should be held with civility.

Regards,



Jennifer M Kreske

cc: Don Stein

TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED BUDGET 2017/2018
BUDGET MEETING MAY 9, 2017
BARKHAMSTED SCHOOL

REVENUES	BUDGET 2015/2016	ACTUAL 2015/2016	BUDGET 2016/2017	BUDGET 2017/2018	% CHANGE 16/17 to 17/18
Taxes					
Current Year	\$ 9,282,574	\$ 9,288,403	\$ 9,648,718	\$ 9,992,959	3.57%
Prior Years	\$ 85,000	\$ 124,476	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	0.00%
Interest / Lien Fees	\$ 60,000	\$ 83,247	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	0.00%
Total Taxes	\$ 9,427,574	\$ 9,496,126	\$ 9,793,718	\$ 10,137,959	3.51%
Other Town Revenues					
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 30,000	\$ 25,168	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	0.00%
Interest on Investments	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,455	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	0.00%
Conveyance Tax	\$ 20,000	\$ 27,476	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	0.00%
Building Permits/PZC Fees	\$ 40,000	\$ 44,756	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	0.00%
BOS & Miscellaneous Fees	\$ 25,000	\$ 24,890	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	0.00%
Regional 7 SRO Reimbursement	\$ 51,500	\$ 42,536	\$ 51,500	\$ 51,500	0.00%
Total Other Town Revenue	\$ 171,500	\$ 172,281	\$ 171,500	\$ 171,500	0.00%
State Revenue					
BES ECS Grant	\$ 1,668,460	\$ 1,666,793	\$ 1,656,181	\$ 1,042,179	-37.07%
Special Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 548,719	n/a
School Transportation	\$ 19,181	\$ 17,331	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
PILOT State Owned Property	\$ 17,803	\$ 20,534	\$ 1,682	\$ 11,858	604.99%
Pequot Grant	\$ 16,431	\$ 17,958	\$ 16,970	\$ 16,480	-2.89%
Elderly Prop Tax Relief	\$ 18,000	\$ -	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	0.00%
PILOT, M & E, Rev Sharing	\$ 41,462	\$ 62,746	\$ 117,786	\$ 109,867	-6.72%
Retail Sales Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
Ad Ed, Vet Ex, Other	\$ 1,611	\$ 5,291	\$ 1,563	\$ 1,629	4.22%
Total State Revenue	\$ 1,782,948	\$ 1,790,653	\$ 1,812,182	\$ 1,748,732	-3.50%
Total Town & State Revenue	\$ 1,954,448	\$ 1,962,934	\$ 1,983,682	\$ 1,920,232	-3.20%
Previous year's surplus	\$ 255,000		\$ 200,000	\$ 245,000	22.50%
Total All Revenues	\$ 11,637,022	\$ 11,459,060	\$ 11,977,400	\$ 12,303,191	2.72%
EXPENSES					
General Govt Budget	\$ 2,071,533	\$ 2,068,304	\$ 2,101,752	\$ 2,124,218	1.07%
Board of Education Budget	\$ 4,165,082	\$ 4,163,999	\$ 4,242,886	\$ 4,208,823	-0.80%
NW Regional #7 Budget	\$ 4,939,577	\$ 4,939,577	\$ 5,283,054	\$ 5,380,228	1.84%
MSW&R	\$ 67,510	\$ 67,510	\$ 76,308	\$ 66,980	-12.22%
Debt Service	\$ 125,900	\$ 125,900	\$ 197,300	\$ 258,342	30.94%
	\$ 11,369,602	\$ 11,365,290	\$ 11,901,300	\$ 12,038,591	1.15%
TRANSFERS					
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 237,920	\$ 237,920	\$ 44,000	\$ 232,200	427.73%
Dog Fund	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,100	\$ 10,100	0.00%
Recreation Fund	\$ 9,500	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,300	3.00%
Senior Center Fund	\$ 12,000	\$ 9,500	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	0.00%
Total Expenses	\$ 11,637,022	\$ 11,632,710	\$ 11,977,400	\$ 12,303,191	2.72%

1 Mill =
\$347,306
New mill rate =
29.37
% tax increase =
3.57%
collection rate =
98%

Richard W. ... 05/09/17