

**Town of Barkhamsted  
Board of Finance  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, February 13, 2024 -7:00pm  
Community Room – Town Garage**

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Richard Winn \_\_\_\_\_ called the meeting to order at \_\_7:10\_\_ Present  
were:

Matthew Kelly	Present, not seated
Frank Miceli	Absent
David Moulton	Present
Salvatore Tartaglione	Absent
Scott Thomas	Present
Richard Winn	Present
Christopher Buck (alt)	Present
Mark Hemenway (alt)	Absent

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**Also Present**

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First Selectman Nick Lukiwinsky Present

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**Motion to seat** Christopher Buck for Frank Miceli  
By Richard Winn Seconded by Dave Moulton  
Vote: Unanimous Yea

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**Election of officers**

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Motion to have Richard Winn serve as Chairman of the Board of Finance  
By Dave Moulton Seconded by Scott Thomas  
Vote: Unanimous Yea

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Motion to have Matthew Kelly serve as Secretary of the Board of Finance  
By Dave Moulton Seconded by Scott Thomas  
Vote: Unanimous Yea

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**Transfers**

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Discussion on Appointment of Auditor

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Board of Finance requests that the First Selectman Nick Lukiwinsky, obtain a quote from our current Auditor, George Sinnamon & Assoc.

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Review of General Government and Capital Budget Expenditures to-date, through 01/31/2024

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Reviewed with out action taken

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Discussion of FY 24/25 budgets, including General Government, Education, Capital, Road Plan and Budget Hearing

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Review led by Selectman Nick Lukiwinsky, who noted that voting cost will be up significantly with the extended voting days, much of which will be offset by a State Grant.

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The conversation continued with a discussion of the Selectman's compensation. Member Dave Moulton handed out a spread sheet he put together of area Selectman/Mayor compensations. With the opinion that the Barkhamsted Selectman with the current part-time hours should be lowered to \$60,000 from the proposed \$76,441.46.

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Motion to lower the Selectman's Salary to \$60,000.00 pending legal opinion as shown on the Mr Moulton's spreadsheet (attached)

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By Dave Moulton    Seconded by Scott Thomas

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Vote:

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This led to additional conversation on the legality and the desire to have a legal opinion.

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Motion to table the above motion until such time as we have a legal opinion from  
The Town's attorney.

By Chris Buck Seconded by Rich Winn

Vote: 3 (scott Thomas, Rich Winn, Chris Buck Yea Dave Moulton Nea

Motion to Table until a legal opinion if approved

Discussion and Action on Federal ARPA funds, expenditures to-date, and  
proposed projects

Discussion led by Selectman Lukiwinsky, noting that there will be a request for  
one more transfer with in the funds that will exhaust the funds, but no action taken

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of November 28, 2023

By Chris Buck Seconded by Richard Winn

Vote: Unanimous Yea

Correspondence

None

Any other business legal and proper to come before said meeting

Nothing brought forward

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. by Richard Winn

Seconded by Chris Buck

/ Unanimous

Respectfully submitted

Date: February 13, 2024

Secretary - BOF

## 2023 First Selectman Salaries

	Barkhamsted	Burlington	Canaan	Colebrook	Comwall	Goshen	Hamilton	Litchfield	Morris	New Hartford	Norfolk	Salisbury	Sharon	Warren	Washington
Population	3650	9520	1081	1360	1566	3148	5470	8165	2250	6652	1585	3598	2689	1348	3644
Salary	71,914	91,366	40,540	54,121	62,428	77,623	85,000	83,443	57,643	83,562	67,806	87,969	75,406	59,340	83,161
Hrs/Week	32	40	Full-time	full-time	FT	40	40+	40+	40	40+	40+	40	40+	40+	40+
Yrs/Position	15	1	4	13	30+	1 yr. 2 mos.	13	2	7	13	5	14	9	<13mth	2

Removed the following towns:

- Hartland – Secretary handles Selectman's duties
- Kent, North Canaan, Roxbury – Hrs are 35 or less per week (Average Salary = \$63,132)
- Winsted – Mayor
- Torrington – Mayor, Size of town

Average Salary of 14 towns with 40hrs/wk: \$72,086

Average Salary prorated to 32hrs/wk: \$57,668

Nick has committed to working ~ 25-30 hrs/wk

Average Salary prorated to 30hrs/wk: \$54,065

**Recommendation: \$60,000 Annual Salary**