

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APRIL 27, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Delegations**
- 3. Public Portion**
- 4. Review bills and sign checks**
- 5. Consider and act on minutes of the April 13, 2021 Regular Virtual Meeting**
- 6. Review and act on Tax Refunds**
- 7. Update on FY 21/22 Town budget**
- 8. Discussion of COVID-19 and Town actions**
- 9. Discussion of sale of 24 North Canton Road property**
- 10. Update on Federal ARPA funding**
- 11. Update on Power Washer and UV-C funding**
- 12. Discuss and act on Municipal Grants-in-Aid**
- 13. Any other business**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – APRIL 13, 2021, MEETING MINUTES:

Note: This was a hybrid meeting – recording is available at the link below.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Nick Lukiwsky.

DELEGATIONS: No delegations were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments were made.

MOTION: On a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously, the minutes of the March 23, 2021, regular meeting were approved.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously to approve the following Tax Refunds:

Drew Paris	\$ 8.19	Refund
Rodney Stone	\$145.94	Refund
Lad Green	\$ 67.89	Credit
	\$ 96.10	Refund
Gary & Barbara DiLeo	\$232.52	Refund

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen reviewed the budget actuals and the tax collections through March 31, 2021. Terri Collins, Tax Collector, provided data that showed that her collections were \$230,000 over the budgeted amount through the end of March and that she thought it was feasible that the final figure could be over \$250,000. There are still some large payments expected and delinquencies being pursued, so the final surplus is still to be determined. The General Government budget is on-track to meet the budgeted amounts, based on the expenditures to-date. Salaries are also on track and the highway crew's overtime, Tools and Repairs, Tree Maintenance, and the Road Improvements budget will be adjusted via the use of Town Aid Road, as in past years. Town Counsel expenditures are still significantly over budget, but the activity seems to have slowed down, at least temporarily. The two tax appeal lawsuits and the property dispute are still active, but there has been only a little need at the moment for assistance from the attorneys. The Resident State Trooper line is still an unknown based on the temporary Trooper assigned to the Town. This line item could also be lower in the coming fiscal year depending on the salary grade of the new trooper who will be assigned to the Town. On the whole, we are at about 80% of the year's expenditures with only 3 months left in the fiscal year.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein reported that the Board of Finance had established a preliminary Revenue Sheet after the Budget Hearing, which showed a 2.72% tax increase, which is a mill rate increase of 0.84. The BOF is planning to use \$500,000 of surplus to keep the increase as low as possible. This use of surplus will be offset by the surplus in the tax collections and the elementary school expenditures, so the town's General Fund should remain at about 11% of the overall expenditures. The biggest driver in the expense increases is Regional 7, which is up 5.43% due to shifts in student population from the member towns. The Barkhamsted School budget is up 2.81%, much of which is the result of Special Education cost increases and the Selectmen's budget is up 1.01%. The capital budget had been zeroed out last year, but is budgeted at \$243,233 this year, based on the use of approximately \$137,000 of capital surplus, mostly accrued from the State reimbursement of the school heating oil tank reimbursement. The Annual Town Meeting to conduct town business will be held on May 4, and the Annual Budget Meeting will be delayed to May 25, in an effort to understand as much as possible about the Governor's budget and the Federal relief funds.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein reported that the infection rate for coronavirus in Town had spiked up by a few cases, but had leveled off again, and that there had been no deaths in that time period. The vaccination rate showed that 47% of the Town's residents had received at least their first shot and that basically 100% of the residents, aged 65 and over, had received either their first or second dose of the vaccine. The Selectmen discussed the groundrules for use of the Federal relief funds, which could total as much as \$1,000,000 to the Town. However, the allowable uses of these funds are not yet known. The first half of the funds will be received on May 11 and the second payment will be mid-May 2022. The State will act as a pass through, and will not have any control over the disbursement. The County portion of these funds will be distributed on a per capita basis to each of the towns. It is expected that guidance on the use of the funds will come in mid-May and that the Town will have until 12/31/24 to spend the money. Periodic reporting to the Federal government regarding expenditure of the funds will be a requirement.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen discussed both the request from the Highway Foreman for installation of a permanent car-washing capability in the Highway Garage and the possible installation in town facilities of UV-C ventilation systems. These items were tabled pending better understanding of how the COVID relief funds can be used.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously to remove Mike Kinsley as a member of the Stanclift Cove Authority. This vote is based upon the ordinance enacted at the Town Meeting of March 9, 2021, and due to the fact that Mr. Kinsley has missed the last 7 meetings of the Authority, dating back to June 15, 2020. Ratification of this vote and election of a new member will be on the agenda of the upcoming Annual Town Meeting on May 4, 2021.

MOTION: A motion was made by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to approve the attached warning for the Annual Town Meeting on May 4, 2021. The Annual Budget meeting, which normally is scheduled for the same day, has been postponed until May 25, as allowed by the Governor's Executive Order 10E.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously to postpone the Annual Budget Meeting to May 25, 2021, as allowed by the Executive Order 10E. The resolution for this action is attached.

MOTION: A motion was made by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to approve the attached resolution, which authorizes the First Selectman, Donald Stein, to execute the extension granted by the Amendment to the Grant Award for the Affordable Housing Plan Grant Technical Assistance Program.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM, on a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be – April 27, 2021, at 7:00PM.

To view the recording of this meeting, please click the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/NZq1uXePzXqH03Te5P9kZYKYw2PxPLM00GbdQW2skFx5jjQJuExqNVyH2qz1_r8.Z28GzowyqGUiGycl

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE
Barkhamsted Board of Selectmen

CERTIFICATION:

I, Holly P. Krouse, the Town Clerk of the Town of Barkhamsted, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Selectmen at its duly called and held meeting on April 13, 2021, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen has accepted planning grant funds to prepare and adopt an Affordable Housing Plan under the provisions of § 8-30j of the Connecticut General Statutes (“CGS”).

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Donald S. Stein, as First Selectman of the Town of Barkhamsted, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

The undersigned further certified that Donald S. Stein now holds the office of First Selectman and that he has held that office since January 1, 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this _____ day of
April 2021.

Holly P. Krouse, Town Clerk

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RESOLVED, that the Barkhamsted Board of Selectmen may, in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 10E, postpone the Annual Budget Meeting to May 25, 2021.

The undersigned further certified that Donald S. Stein now holds the office of First Selectman and that he has held that office since January 1, 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this _____ day of
_____ 2021.

Holly Krouse, Town Clerk

W A R N I N G

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021
7:00 PM**

Virtual Town Meeting – ZOOM information to be available on May 3, 2021

The legal voters of the Town of Barkhamsted and those entitled to vote at Town Meetings within said Town are hereby warned and notified that on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM, the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Barkhamsted will be held VIA ZOOM for the purpose of transacting business as follows:

1. To receive and act upon the report of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Board of Education and to hear and act on any other reports made at said meeting;
2. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement or agreements with the State of Connecticut, through the Department of Transportation Commissioner, thereof, as they deem necessary relative to Town Aid and Dirt Road Appropriation, so called;
3. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement or agreements with the State of Connecticut, through the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, thereof, as they deem necessary relative to Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP), so called and subject to the LoCIP capital improvement plan as approved by the Board of Selectmen;
4. To authorize the Board of Selectmen for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 to borrow money with the concurrence of the Board of Finance in anticipation of taxes from time to time to pay current expenses of said Town and its obligations and to execute and deliver the Town's obligations for the same;
5. To consider and act upon a proposal to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and expend any federal and or state grants for and by the Town;
6. To consider and act on a decision by the Board of Selectman to remove a member of the Stanclift Cove Authority.
7. To consider, discuss, and vote upon an appointment to Stanclift Cove Authority for the term from 5/5/2021 to 12/31/2024.

Dated at Barkhamsted, Connecticut, this 13th day of April, 2021.

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

Raymond P. Pech
Selectman

Nicholas A. Lukiwsky
Selectman

MEMO FROM TAX OFFICE

April 16, 2021

RE: Tax refund due

Board of Selectmen,

Please process the attached refund form(s) at your next scheduled meeting.

REASON: Reval error discovered after RE tax was paid.
Ammary, Ibrahim I & Whitney A

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terri Collins".

Terri Collins, CCMC
Tax Collector

REQUEST FOR REFUND OF PROPERTY TAX

I, _____ of _____

in the Town of _____ hereby shall apply for a refund of

such part of my tax as shall represent: Reval error discovered after RE tax was paid.

*Refund to be sent to: _____

Assessment Date	Amount Paid	Due and Payable	Refund Amount Due
10-1-19	\$8,233.97	\$7,870.76	\$ 363.21

Taxpayer Signature

COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO GOVERNING BODY

It is recommended that a refund of property tax in the amount of \$ 363.21

be made to the above mentioned taxpayer in accordance with Connecticut State

Statute 12-129. Dated at Barkhamsted the 14th day of April, 2021.

Jessie Collins, ccmc
Tax Collector, Town of Barkhamsted

ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNING BOARD

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen, held on the _____ day of

_____, 2021, it was voted to refund property taxes amounting to

\$ _____ to the above mentioned taxpayer.

First Selectman, Town of Barkhamsted

*Please complete if refund should be mailed to an address other than what is on the tax bill.



201901000021

GENERAL DATA REAL ESTATE TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED

AS OF 04/16/2021

BILL NO: 2019-01-000021 ORIGINAL OWNER: AMMARY IBRAHAM I & WHITNEY A
 UNIQUE ID: 00176500 C/O:
 LINK# ADDRESS: 143 E WEST HILL RD
 FILE# ADDRESS2:
 BANK: CO CITY ST ZIP: BARKHAMSTED CT 06063
 ESCROW: COUNTRY:
 VOL/PAGE: 152-1029 PROP LOC.: 143 E WEST HILL RD
 LIEN VOL/PAGE: EXR PROP LOC:
 DISTRICT: M/B/L: 48 19 9

PROP ASSESSED: 253,900 ELD CODE: 0
 EXEMPTIONS: EXMPT CHANGE:
 COC CHANGE: -11,200
 NET VALUE: 242,700
 MILL RATE: 30.7700
 MILL RATE(D): 1.6600 D

*** BILLED ***

	TOWN	FIRE	TOTALS
INST1	3,906.25	421.47	4,327.72
INST2	3,906.25	0.00	3,906.25
INST3	0.00	0.00	0.00
INST4	0.00	0.00	0.00
ADJS	-344.62	-18.59	-363.21
TOT TAX	7,467.88	402.88	7,870.76
TOTAL PAID:	7,812.50	421.47	8,233.97

*** PAYMENTS ***

TYPE	CYCLE	DATE	ADJ	TERM/BATCH/SEQ	INST	AMOUNT	INTEREST	LIENS	FEES	TOTALS
Adj	10	04/06/2021	11 16317R	69/123/1	T	-363.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pmt	7	01/28/2021		90/4/191	T	3,906.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,906.25
Pmt	1	07/28/2020		90/1/364	T	4,327.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,327.72
TOTAL PAYMENTS						8,233.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,233.97

TOTAL BALANCE DUE AS OF 04/16/2021

	TOWN	FIRE	TOTAL
INT DUE	0.00	0.00	0.00
LIEN DUE	0.00	0.00	0.00
FEES DUE	0.00	0.00	0.00
TAX DUE NOW	-344.62	-18.59	-363.21
TOT DUE NOW	-344.62	-18.59	-363.21
BALANCE DUE	-344.62	-18.59	-363.21

*** FLAGS ***

Circuit Breaker Amount 0 Benefit Year 0
 Invalid Address Flag No
 Last Adjustment Reason CORR SECT 2 BATHS

Town of Barkhamsted

	2016 - 2017		2017 - 2018		2018 - 2019		2019 - 2020		2020 - 2021		2021 - 2022		%
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	As of 02/28/21	Budget	Increase	
SALARIES													
6000100 · FIRST SELECTMAN	\$62,823	62,823.00	\$64,707	64,707.36	\$66,389	\$66,390	\$68,116	68,115.84	68,116.00	45,410.56	\$69,989	\$1,873	2.75%
6000200 · SELECTMEN	\$1,200	1,200.00	\$1,200	1,200.00	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	1,200.00	1,200.00	600.00	\$1,200	\$0	0.00%
6000300 · ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	\$48,296	48,296.00	\$49,745	49,744.80	\$51,038	\$51,038	\$52,365	52,365.12	53,674.13	35,782.88	\$55,150	\$1,476	2.75%
6000400 · TAX COLLECTOR	\$38,697	38,697.00	\$39,858	39,857.76	\$40,894	\$40,894	\$41,958	41,957.28	43,006.95	28,670.88	\$44,189	\$1,182	2.75%
6000500 · TAX COLLECTOR'S ASSISTANT	\$10,450	10,397.90	\$10,764	9,439.50	\$10,171	\$10,230	\$10,171	10,046.60	11,314.00	6,340.72	\$11,627	\$313	2.77%
6000600 · ASSESSOR	\$48,296	48,296.00	\$49,745	53,572.30	\$51,038	\$55,247	\$59,865	56,515.90	59,416.80	42,078.24	\$62,650	\$3,233	5.44%
6000700 · ASSESSOR'S ASSISTANT	\$24,274	24,274.00	\$25,002	25,722.80	\$25,652	\$34,347	\$25,652	20,872.82	20,871.76	14,162.46	\$21,986	\$1,114	5.34%
6000800 · TOWN TREASURER	\$500	500.00	\$500	500.00	\$500	\$500	\$500	500.00	500.00	250.00	\$500	\$0	0.00%
6000900 · TOWN CLERK	\$48,296	48,296.00	\$49,745	49,744.80	\$51,038	\$51,038	\$52,365	52,365.12	53,674.13	35,782.88	\$55,150	\$1,476	2.75%
6001000 · ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	\$10,450	8,800.63	\$10,764	8,880.65	\$10,758	\$6,949	\$10,758	9,845.87	11,314.00	8,310.31	\$11,627	\$313	2.77%
6001100 · BUILDING INSPECTOR	\$30,064	30,172.74	\$30,966	30,944.33	\$31,771	\$30,626	\$32,597	31,531.82	31,980.00	20,090.00	\$32,859	\$879	2.75%
6001200 · STAFF SECRETARY/LAND USE	\$48,296	48,595.92	\$49,745	49,535.57	\$51,038	\$50,609	\$52,365	52,144.83	53,674.13	35,782.88	\$55,150	\$1,476	2.75%
6001300 · ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	\$500	500.00	\$500	0.00	\$500	\$0	\$500	0.00	500.00	109.83	\$500	\$0	0.00%
6001600 · CUSTODIAN	\$16,566	16,555.44	\$17,063	16,344.20	\$17,507	\$16,773	\$17,962	16,462.82	18,411.05	10,767.06	\$18,917	\$506	2.75%
6001700 · REGISTRARS/ELECTION OFFICIALS	\$27,248	22,010.08	\$22,080	21,273.44	\$27,087	\$24,573	\$21,378	17,846.84	28,486.04	20,675.64	\$22,975	-\$5,511	-19.35%
6001800 · ROAD CREW FOREMAN	\$65,291	65,593.68	\$67,250	67,248.96	\$68,999	\$68,996	\$70,792	70,785.12	72,561.80	48,368.80	\$74,557	\$1,996	2.75%
6001900 · ROAD CREW FOREMAN OT	\$8,259	18,176.63	\$8,506	19,082.85	\$8,727	\$19,018	\$8,954	16,617.86	9,177.85	14,955.76	\$9,430	\$253	2.75%
6002000 · ROAD CREW MAINTAINERS	\$194,958	179,067.78	\$196,714	188,064.99	\$204,341	\$191,205	\$205,837	220,849.84	213,612.64	160,612.26	\$221,965	\$8,352	3.91%
6002100 · ROAD CREW MAINTAINERS OT	\$28,187	42,865.12	\$28,618	48,598.13	\$29,782	\$43,544	\$29,738	33,378.10	31,152.60	35,580.08	\$32,368	\$1,215	3.90%
6002500 - RECEIVABLES CLERK	\$8,036	7,087.68	\$8,277	8,845.90	\$8,492	\$8,597	\$8,713	9,073.32	8,930.83	7,171.85	\$9,177	\$246	2.75%
6002900 - EMERGENCY MGMT DIR	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!
TOTAL SALARIES	\$720,687	\$722,206	\$731,749	\$753,308	\$756,923	\$771,774	\$771,786	\$782,475	\$791,575	\$576,503	\$811,967	\$20,393	2.58%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS													
6050100 · SOCIAL SECURITY	\$48,121	\$47,418	\$49,195	\$48,712	\$49,903	\$49,530	\$50,736	\$48,492	\$51,954	\$35,724	\$53,522	\$1,568	3.02%
6050200 · INSURANCE-WORKMEN'S COMP	\$35,067	\$29,955	\$33,000	\$32,530	\$34,980	\$29,192	\$34,000	\$28,022	\$34,000	\$30,837	\$34,000	\$0	0.00%
6050300 · INSURANCE-EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$199,924	\$179,566	\$179,037	\$175,515	\$174,135	\$171,525	\$160,191	\$151,592	\$172,578	\$116,711	\$170,944	-\$1,635	-0.95%
6050400 · UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$1,000	\$16,505	\$1,000	\$340	\$0	\$1,276	\$0	\$2,808	\$2,000	\$111	\$2,000	\$0	0.00%
6050600 · PENSION FUND	\$62,076	\$63,263	\$59,286	\$55,272	\$58,573	\$56,640	\$52,439	\$52,150	\$62,906	\$61,364	\$61,066	-\$1,841	-2.93%
6050700 · LONGEVITY PAYMENTS	\$3,430	\$2,910	\$3,030	\$3,030	\$3,150	\$3,050	\$3,170	\$3,170	\$3,350	\$3,350	\$3,410	\$60	1.79%
6050800 · MEDICARE	\$11,223	\$11,090	\$11,474	\$11,392	\$11,476	\$11,584	\$11,871	\$11,341	\$12,156	\$8,355	\$12,523	\$367	3.02%
6051100 - SAFETY SHOES	\$750	\$750	\$1,000	\$907	\$1,250	\$1,082	\$1,500	\$1,334	\$1,500	\$541	\$1,500	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$361,591	\$351,457	\$337,022	\$327,698	\$333,467	\$323,877	\$313,907	\$298,909	\$340,445	\$256,994	\$338,964	-\$1,480	-0.43%

	2016 - 2017		2017 - 2018		2018 - 2019		2019 - 2020		2020 - 2021		2021 - 2022	4/26/2021	%
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	As of 02/28/21	Budget	Increase	Increase
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>													
6100100 · SELECTMAN'S OFFICE	\$500	\$1,268	\$750	\$385	\$750	\$790	\$750	\$1,059	\$750	\$40	\$750	\$0	0.00%
6100200 · GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$8,500	\$8,485	\$8,500	\$9,376	\$8,500	\$8,877	\$8,500	\$10,386	\$8,500	\$7,727	\$8,500	\$0	0.00%
6100300 · PRINTING	\$1,450	\$1,341	\$1,450	\$1,345	\$1,450	\$1,405	\$1,450	\$1,401	\$1,450	\$0	\$1,450	\$0	0.00%
6100400 · PROBATE COURT	\$3,062	\$2,738	\$3,010	\$2,085	\$3,105	\$3,476	\$3,179	\$2,677	\$3,258	\$1,312	\$3,258	\$0	0.00%
6100500 · ELECTION	\$12,810	\$9,424	\$7,680	\$5,873	\$10,520	\$7,916	\$9,380	\$3,729	\$10,995	\$5,556	\$9,365	-\$1,630	-14.82%
6100600 · TAX COLLECTOR	\$11,955	\$12,804	\$12,325	\$11,917	\$12,809	\$13,465	\$12,939	\$12,800	\$13,211	\$8,768	\$13,211	\$0	0.00%
6100700 · BOARD OF FINANCE	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$256	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0	0.00%
6100800 · AUDIT	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	0.00%
6100900 · ASSESSOR	\$16,655	\$16,037	\$17,420	\$15,392	\$16,835	\$13,531	\$17,703	\$15,515	\$22,751	\$15,542	\$19,744	-\$3,007	-13.22%
6101000 · BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0	0.00%
6101100 · TOWN COUNSEL	\$10,000	\$19,266	\$10,000	\$12,827	\$10,000	\$18,651	\$10,000	\$50,824	\$10,000	\$18,703	\$10,000	\$0	0.00%
6101300 · TOWN CLERK	\$10,520	\$10,661	\$10,750	\$10,146	\$9,950	\$9,432	\$9,950	\$7,996	\$9,950	\$5,339	\$9,950	\$0	0.00%
6101400 · INSURANCE - PROPERTY/CASUALTY	\$32,951	\$33,624	\$33,000	\$33,889	\$34,650	\$28,970	\$35,690	\$32,768	\$37,118	\$37,247	\$39,103	\$1,985	5.35%
6101500 · PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION	\$2,200	\$2,143	\$2,500	\$1,705	\$2,500	\$2,756	\$2,500	\$1,614	\$2,500	\$340	\$2,500	\$0	0.00%
6101600 · BUILDING/ LAND USE DEPARTMENT	\$4,100	\$2,313	\$4,345	\$1,698	\$5,000	\$3,015	\$3,000	\$2,433	\$4,445	\$710	\$4,445	\$0	0.00%
6101700 · CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$500	\$401	\$500	\$656	\$500	\$810	\$500	\$346	\$500	\$35	\$500	\$0	0.00%
6101800 · ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COM	\$1,000	\$466	\$1,000	-\$15	\$1,000	\$1,187	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
6101900 · COMPUTER EXPENSE	\$6,500	\$10,161	\$7,230	\$9,342	\$7,580	\$4,559	\$5,299	\$7,139	\$6,200	\$7,745	\$6,200	\$0	0.00%
6102000 · UTILITIES - FUEL OIL	\$3,002	\$2,552	\$3,000	\$3,767	\$3,000	\$3,639	\$3,400	\$3,409	\$3,400	\$1,383	\$3,400	\$0	0.00%
6102100 · UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY	\$17,750	\$21,850	\$20,000	\$20,590	\$22,000	\$18,247	\$23,500	\$14,886	\$20,000	\$10,598	\$20,000	\$0	0.00%
6102200 · UTILITIES - TELEPHONE	\$4,500	\$4,176	\$4,500	\$4,010	\$4,176	\$4,152	\$4,176	\$4,398	\$4,176	\$2,934	\$4,176	\$0	0.00%
6102300 · ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	\$250	\$111	\$250	\$85	\$250	\$77	\$250	\$86	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0	0.00%
6102400 · LEGAL NOTICES	\$3,500	\$2,482	\$4,000	\$2,885	\$3,500	\$2,522	\$3,500	\$2,096	\$3,500	\$1,529	\$3,500	\$0	0.00%
6102700 · INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION	\$1,000	\$928	\$1,000	\$592	\$1,000	\$490	\$1,000	\$404	\$1,000	\$591	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
6102800 · INTERNET TOWN HALL	\$1,675	\$2,209	\$14,045	\$11,619	\$8,050	\$7,750	\$8,050	\$6,444	\$8,050	\$3,991	\$8,050	\$0	0.00%
6103000 · CONTRACT - BANK SERVICE	\$3,000	\$3,846	\$3,500	\$3,524	\$2,197	\$2,539	\$2,197	\$2,729	\$2,197	\$2,598	\$2,197	\$0	0.00%
6103100 · ORDINANCES			\$0	\$0	\$1,150	\$834	\$1,150	\$715	\$1,150	\$0	\$1,150	\$0	0.00%
<u>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	\$172,680	\$184,285	\$186,055	\$178,946	\$185,772	\$174,090	\$184,363	\$200,956	\$191,651	\$147,687	\$188,999	-\$2,652	-1.38%
<u>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</u>													
6150100 · GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	\$40,000	\$29,180	\$35,000	\$13,618	\$35,000	\$22,254	\$35,000	\$30,305	\$35,000	\$28,386	\$35,000	\$0	0.00%
6150200 · SAND & SALT	\$85,000	\$80,401	\$95,000	\$130,277	\$95,000	\$94,587	\$95,000	\$81,701	\$95,000	\$80,347	\$95,000	\$0	0.00%
6150300 · GAS, GREASE, & OIL	\$52,000	\$33,745	\$45,000	\$35,092	\$45,000	\$38,491	\$36,000	\$33,538	\$36,000	\$17,621	\$36,000	\$0	0.00%
6150400 · TOWN GARAGE	\$9,000	\$9,336	\$15,000	\$15,181	\$15,000	\$17,151	\$15,000	\$19,372	\$15,000	\$9,728	\$15,000	\$0	0.00%
6150500 · TOOLS & REPAIRS	\$55,000	\$82,306	\$60,000	\$71,723	\$60,000	\$68,664	\$60,000	\$107,768	\$60,000	\$59,866	\$60,000	\$0	0.00%
6150600 · CONTRACT - SNOW PLOWING	\$25,000	\$30,603	\$20,000	\$28,121	\$20,000	\$17,014	\$20,000	\$15,588	\$20,000	\$20,684	\$20,000	\$0	0.00%
6150700 · ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	\$175,000	\$176,966	\$175,000	\$94,758	\$175,000	\$183,343	\$175,000	\$166,274	\$175,000	\$183,839	\$175,000	\$0	0.00%
6150800 · HEATING OIL	\$6,626	\$4,935	\$8,000	\$6,173	\$5,000	\$5,908	\$6,500	\$6,577	\$5,000	\$2,706	\$5,000	\$0	0.00%
6150xxx · TREE MAINTENANCE			\$5,000	\$23,003	\$5,000	\$23,972	\$12,000	\$24,634	\$15,000	\$17,820	\$15,000	\$0	0.00%
<u>TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</u>	\$447,626	\$447,471	\$458,000	\$417,946	\$455,000	\$471,384	\$454,500	\$485,756	\$456,000	\$420,997	\$456,000	\$0	0.00%

	2016 - 2017		2017 - 2018		2018 - 2019		2019 - 2020		2020 - 2021		2021 - 2022	4/26/2021	%
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	As of 02/28/21	Budget	Increase	Increase
<u>HEALTH/PUBLIC SAFETY</u>													
6200100 · NEW HARTFORD AMBULANCE	\$40,665	\$40,665	\$45,504	\$45,401	\$45,504	\$45,401	\$44,319	\$44,319	\$40,000	\$32,714	\$43,619	\$3,619	9.05%
6200200 · FARMINGTON VALLEY HEALTH	\$19,451	\$19,451	\$19,715	\$19,715	\$20,152	\$20,152	\$22,089	\$22,089	\$23,556	\$27,882	\$25,242	\$1,686	7.16%
6200300 · FOOTHILLS VISITING NURSE	\$11,886	\$11,886	\$11,886	\$11,886	\$11,886	\$11,886	\$11,886	\$11,886	\$11,886	\$8,915	\$11,886	\$0	0.00%
6200500 · WINSTED AMBULANCE FUND	\$7,350	\$7,350	\$7,350	\$7,350	\$7,350	\$7,350	\$7,350	\$7,350	\$7,350	\$7,350	\$7,350	\$0	0.00%
6200600 · HELPING HANDS SERVICE	\$750	750.00	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$0	\$750	\$0	0.00%
6200700 - NW MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL	\$408	408.00	\$405	\$405	\$403	\$403	\$402	\$403	\$402	\$0	\$402	\$0	0.00%
6200800 · BUREAU OF YOUTH SERVICES	\$6,236	6,236.00	\$6,423	\$6,423	\$6,423	\$6,423	\$6,423	\$6,423	\$6,423	\$6,423	\$6,616	\$193	3.00%
6200900 · SUSAN B. ANTHONY HOUSE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
6201000 · PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT	\$30,845	\$27,490	\$30,845	\$29,545	\$24,906	\$24,906	\$24,906	\$24,906	\$24,906	\$18,680	\$24,906	\$0	0.00%
6201200 · RESIDENT TROOPER	\$164,063	\$169,849	\$168,985	\$184,351	\$189,260	\$189,460	\$199,188	\$176,045	\$180,708	\$1,059	\$176,470	-\$4,238	-2.35%
6201300 RESIDENT TROOPER OVERTIME	\$500	\$122	\$500	\$568	\$500	\$1,389	\$500	\$3,444	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0	0.00%
6201400 ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM	\$1,297	\$1,297	\$1,377	\$1,377	\$1,136	\$1,136	\$1,468	\$1,468	\$1,466	\$1,466	\$1,222	-\$244	-16.64%
6201500 TOWN CONSTABLE	\$52,788	\$50,506	\$54,329	\$45,482	\$55,742	\$44,506	\$57,191	\$38,296	\$58,621	\$23,499	\$60,379	\$1,759	3.00%
6201600 - FISH	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0	0.00%
<u>TOTAL HEALTH/PUBLIC SAFETY</u>	\$336,739	\$336,509	\$348,569	\$353,752	\$365,512	\$355,262	\$377,972	\$338,879	\$358,067	\$128,987	\$360,842	\$2,774	0.77%
6300200 · STANCLIFT COVE	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500	\$0	0.00%
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>													
6350100 · TOWN HALL - M&R	\$9,000	\$7,857	\$9,000	\$9,753	\$9,000	\$7,299	\$9,000	\$11,120	\$9,000	\$11,834	\$9,000	\$0	0.00%
6350300 · LIBRARY	\$35,403	\$35,403	\$35,747	\$35,747	\$35,747	\$36,104	\$36,826	\$36,826	\$37,931	\$37,931	\$38,690	\$759	2.00%
6350400 - RIVERTON PARK	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$1,612	\$1,500	\$1,794	\$1,700	\$2,018	\$1,700	\$1,120	\$1,700	\$0	0.00%
6350500 - FRWA	\$480	\$480	\$556	\$556	\$556	\$556	\$556	\$556	\$571	\$571	\$571	\$0	0.00%
6350600 · EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$1,000	\$338	\$1,000	\$1,416	\$1,000	\$107	\$1,000	\$3,575	\$2,000	\$64	\$2,000	\$0	0.00%
6350900 · CCM	\$2,347	\$2,347	\$2,347	\$2,422	\$2,422	\$2,347	\$2,422	\$2,347	\$2,422	\$1,174	\$2,422	\$0	0.00%
6351000 · NHCOCG	\$2,964	\$2,964	\$2,948	\$2,948	\$2,948	\$2,931	\$2,921	\$2,921	\$2,900	\$2,899	\$2,885	-\$15	-0.52%
6351700 · COST	\$725	\$725	\$725	\$725	\$725	\$725	\$725	\$810	\$725	\$975	\$975	\$250	34.48%
6351800 · NWCD	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0	0.00%
6351900 · NW CT RURAL TRANSIT DISTRICT	\$801	\$801	\$801	\$801	\$801	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$0	0.00%
6352100 - GREENWOODS COUNSELING	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
<u>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS</u>	\$55,620	\$53,815	\$56,324	\$57,679	\$56,399	\$54,363	\$57,650	\$62,673	\$59,749	\$59,068	\$60,743	\$994	1.72%
<u>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	\$2,101,443	\$2,102,243	\$2,124,219	\$2,095,830	\$2,159,573	\$2,157,251	\$2,166,678	\$2,176,147	\$2,200,987	\$1,590,236	\$2,221,016	\$20,029	0.91%

6500300 · NO APPR. - TAX REFUNDS		\$18,216		\$35,480			\$0	\$11,932		\$8,189		\$0	#DIV/0!
6550100 · REGIONAL SCHOOL #7	\$5,283,054	5,254,633	\$5,380,228	\$4,842,205	\$5,692,842	5,692,842.00	\$6,026,962	\$6,026,962	\$5,976,331	\$4,123,902	\$6,300,720	\$324,389	5.43%
6550200 · RRDD #1	\$76,308	\$76,308	\$66,980	\$50,235	\$67,650	\$67,648	\$67,650	\$67,652	\$67,650	\$50,739	\$69,680	\$2,030	3.00%
6550300 · BARKHAMSTED SCHOOL	\$4,242,886	\$4,194,546	\$4,208,823	\$2,910,353	\$4,122,870	\$4,149,886	\$4,084,096	\$4,204,067	\$4,326,394	\$2,393,344	\$4,448,560	\$122,166	2.82%

	2016 - 2017		2017 - 2018		2018 - 2019		2019 - 2020		2020 - 2021		2021 - 2022		4/26/2021	%
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	As of 02/28/21	Budget	Increase		
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>														
0000000 - BES SCHOOL ROOF PRINCIPLE	\$0	\$515,000	\$110,000	\$105,000	\$110,000	\$105,000	\$110,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$0	\$105,000	\$0	0.00%
0000000 - BES SCHOOL ROOF INTEREST	\$68,000	\$34,903	\$20,742	\$21,588	\$18,009	\$18,874	\$15,319	\$16,203	\$12,544	\$0	\$9,936	-\$2,608	-20.79%	
6550600 - TOWN GARAGE PRINCIPLE	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$0	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$0	\$95,000	\$5,000	5.56%	
6550700 - TOWN GARAGE INTEREST	\$44,300	\$44,300	\$42,600	\$21,300	\$40,900	\$40,900	\$39,200	\$39,200	\$36,950	\$18,475	\$34,700	-\$2,250	-6.09%	
<u>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</u>	\$197,300	\$679,203	\$258,342	\$147,888	\$253,909	\$249,774	\$254,519	\$250,403	\$244,494	\$18,475	\$244,636	\$142	0.06%	
7101000 - BUDGET TRANSFER RECREATION	\$10,100	\$10,100	\$10,300	\$10,300	\$10,568	\$10,568	\$10,843	\$10,843	\$11,114	\$11,114	\$11,420	\$306	2.75%	
7102000 - BUDGET TRANSFER CAPITAL RES	\$44,000	\$44,000	\$232,200	\$232,200	\$233,130	\$233,130	\$374,600	\$374,600	\$0	\$0	\$243,233	\$243,233	#DIV/0!	
7103000 - BUDGET TRANSFER DOG FUND	\$10,100	\$10,100	\$10,100	\$10,100	\$10,100	\$14,100	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	0.00%	
7105000 - BUDGET TRANSFER SENIOR FUND	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$20,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$0	0.00%	

**Actuals are prior to audit and do not reflect any adjustments

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – June 12, 2018 MINUTES:

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Nick Lukiwsky.

DELEGATIONS: No delegations were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was made.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2018 meeting.

No tax refunds were received from the Tax Collector.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen discussed the revenues and expenditures through May 31, 2018, which indicate that the Town will end the fiscal year with a surplus primarily due to the tax sale, which will help to overcome the shortfall in State revenues for the current fiscal year and for FY 2018/2019. That should help the General Fund remain at the current level or actually increase by a small amount. On the expenditure side, the General Government budget should come in with a small surplus due to the application of Town Aid Road funds to help cover highway department overtime and road salt expenditures during this winter. In other budget areas, the Resident State Trooper will be about \$14,000 over budget due to an appropriation that did not accurately reflect the State invoice, and an increase since the State estimated the cost last year. The salary account is down due to a changeover in personnel, which also helps with Social Security/Medicare costs, utilities are under budget, while tree work and computer expenses are over budget.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen reviewed the two bids received on the four properties that had not sold at the tax sale, and which were recently advertised for sealed bid. Hoskins Greenway, LLC bid \$20,050 for 34 North Canton Road, which was over the minimum required bid, so the town and he will proceed to closing on the property. There was a single bid of \$5,000 for 67 New Hartford Road, which had a minimum of \$10,000, so that bid was not accepted. The other two properties on Riverton Road (Nos. 56 and 67) received no bids. The Selectmen agreed that they would take further action on the properties that did not sell in the future as plans for another tax sale develop.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein informed the Selectmen that Carmen Smith was hired to replace Francine Beland in the Assessor's office, and that Donna Murphy, a certified Assessor, will be hired for 5 hours per week to provide mentoring and to sign certain documents that must be signed by a person with the appropriate certifications. The Town will be reviewing applications and resumes received for the Assessor's Assistant and for the opening in the Highway Department. Once people are selected for interviews, a committee which will include Selectmen and the department heads will be convened to select candidates.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein informed the Selectmen that Mayor O'Leary of Waterbury, who is Chairman of the Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board, has sent out a letter stating that due to some of the concerns of the Towns, they would hold a forum on June 18th to discuss this organization, its finances and the

4:12 PM

04/21/21

General Fund
Vendor QuickReport
July 1, 2018 through April 21, 2021

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Clr	Split	Amount
Ackerly - Brown LLP							
Bill	05/12/2020	25786		2000000 · *Account...		1530200 · DU...	-5,096.50
Bill Pmt -Check	05/12/2020	109935		101000 · General A...	X	2000000 · *Ac...	-5,096.50
Bill	06/09/2020			2000000 · *Account...		1530200 · DU...	-97.50
Bill Pmt -Check	06/09/2020	110019		101000 · General A...	X	2000000 · *Ac...	-97.50
Bill	09/22/2020	26129		2000000 · *Account...		6101100 · TO...	-292.50
Bill Pmt -Check	09/22/2020	110413		101000 · General A...	X	2000000 · *Ac...	-292.50
Bill	10/27/2020	26215		2000000 · *Account...		6101100 · TO...	-265.00
Bill Pmt -Check	10/27/2020	110519		101000 · General A...	X	2000000 · *Ac...	-265.00
Bill	04/13/2021	26534		2000000 · *Account...		6101100 · TO...	-1,032.00
Bill Pmt -Check	04/13/2021	111011		101000 · General A...		2000000 · *Ac...	-1,032.00

\$6783.5

Don Stein

From: Scott Hoskins <hostruck@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 9:48 PM
To: Terri Collins; Don Stein
Subject: 34 North Canton Road

Hi Terri, I am releasing my right to purchase the land at 34 North Canton Road. I have been advised by my attorney Ellen Marino the land is not title insurable. This makes the land unmarketable. The title company CATIC found problems within the deed.

After waiting one year after the deed was recorded and for the statute of limitations to undo a tax sale was over I contacted a second attorney Robert Webber. Mr. Webber again checked with CATIC and also tried to get title insurance From First American. Neither company is willing to insure and advised me not to purchase. If the town is willing to find someone to write title insurance and clear up the title issue I would be interested in purchasing the property for the bid price of 20500.00

Regards, Scott Hoskins

**Town of Barkhamsted
Incorporated 1779**

The Town of Barkhamsted is seeking bids for the purchase of four (4) parcels of land the Town acquired by foreclosure process through a tax sale. These parcels are as follows:

- 1) 34 North Canton Road. The parcel is approximately 1.52 acres and is recorded in Volume 168, Page 110 of the Land Records of the Town of Barkhamsted.

Sale Conditions: Minimum bid \$20,000.00; land is being sold as is with no due diligence on the part of the Town of Barkhamsted.

Interested bidders should forward their bid in a sealed envelope marked "34 North Canton Road" to the Selectmen's Office, 67 Ripley Hill Road, Barkhamsted, CT 06063 by 3:00 PM, Thursday, June 7, 2018.

- 2) 67 Riverton Road. The parcel is approximately 2.46 acres and is recorded in Volume 168, Page 108 of the Land Records of the Town of Barkhamsted.

Sale Conditions: Minimum bid \$15,000.00; land is being sold as is with no due diligence on the part of the Town of Barkhamsted.

Interested bidders should forward their bid in a sealed envelope marked "67 Riverton Road" to the Selectmen's Office, 67 Ripley Hill Road, Barkhamsted, CT 06063 by 3:00 PM, Thursday, June 7, 2018.

- 3) 67 New Hartford Road. The parcel is approximately 0.52 acres and is recorded in Volume 168, Page 112 of the Land Records of the Town of Barkhamsted.

Sale Conditions: Minimum bid \$10,000.00; land is being sold as is with no due diligence on the part of the Town of Barkhamsted.

Interested bidders should forward their bid in a sealed envelope marked "67 New Hartford Road" to the Selectmen's Office, 67 Ripley Hill Road, Barkhamsted, CT 06063 by 3:00 PM, Thursday, June 7, 2018.

**Town of Barkhamsted
Incorporated 1779**

- 4) 56 Riverton Road. The parcel is approximately 2.00 acres and is recorded in Volume 168, Page 106 of the Land Records of the Town of Barkhamsted.

Sale Conditions: Minimum bid \$15,000.00; land is being sold as is with no due diligence on the part of the Town of Barkhamsted.

Interested bidders should forward their bid in a sealed envelope marked "56 Riverton Road" to the Selectmen's Office, 67 Ripley Hill Road, Barkhamsted, CT 06063 by 3:00 PM, Thursday, June 7, 2018.

Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please feel free to contact the Selectmen's Office at 860-379-8285.

Don Stein

From: Don Stein
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 2:49 PM
To: jryan@ackerlybrown.com
Subject: FW: Barkhamsted -- title insurance question
Attachments: IDENTIFIED RISK 50-10794 - ALTA 34-06 Identified Risk Coverage (8-1-11).doc

Please pass this on to Mike Sconyers.

Regards,
Don

*Donald S. Stein
First Selectman
Town of Barkhamsted
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(860) 605-7380 (mobile)*

From: Don Stein
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 1:53 PM
To: hostruck@charter.net
Cc: Terri Collins <tcollins@barkhamsted.us>
Subject: FW: Barkhamsted -- title insurance question

I talked to this lawyer, and found that since this is an identified risk, they can insure it, but can't issue a clean policy. Without a "quiet title" resulting from a judicial action, this exception remains and they cannot be sure that the rights of the heirs of Ellen LeGeyt were erased. Their policy would insure everything but that one issue, and if the property were to be sold again, other title insurers might not be willing to issue a policy. At that point First American would reinsure, and if the heirs showed up, they would defend a lawsuit. But there is no assurance they would win.

His terminology was that this was an insurable title, but not a marketable title. The other problem is that it might be difficult to obtain a mortgage with this uncertainty as to title. The sale was done in accordance with the statutes, but the title insurance companies really don't like tax sales and prefer judicial foreclosures.

I am finding out more about the quiet title action. This would clearly resolve the issue, but I don't know how long that will take or how much it will cost. I'll let you know when I learn more.

From: Caron, Michael [<mailto:MCaron@firstam.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 9:35 AM
To: Don Stein <dstein@barkhamsted.us>; Luksberg, Joshua A <jluksberg@firstam.com>
Cc: Cohen, Adam J. <ajcohen@pullcom.com>
Subject: Barkhamsted -- title insurance question

Hi Don,

I would be willing to insure the transaction with an exception in the policy for the rights of "heirs of Ellen I. LeGeyt, if any, pursuant to the reversionary interest granted to them" in the 1952 deed. I would also give an ALTA 34-06

identified risk endorsement. Sample attached. Please let me know if you have any questions and/or how you would like to proceed.

-Mike

Michael J. Caron
AVP, Senior Underwriting Counsel



First American

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Goodwin Square Building
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Cell: 860-214-1973
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From: Don Stein <dstein@barkhamsted.us>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 9:28 AM
To: Luksberg, Joshua A <jluksberg@firstam.com>
Cc: Cohen, Adam J. <ajcohen@pullcom.com>; Caron, Michael <MCaron@firstam.com>
Subject: [External] RE: Barkhamsted -- title insurance question

Hi Josh,

Any update on this question regarding the property on North Canton Road?

Regards,
Don

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman
Town of Barkhamsted
(860) 379-8285 (office)

(860) 605-7380 (mobile)

From: Luksberg, Joshua A [mailto:jluksberg@firstam.com]
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 4:12 PM
To: Don Stein <dstein@barkhamsted.us>
Cc: Cohen, Adam J. <ajcohen@pullcom.com>; Caron, Michael <MCaron@firstam.com>
Subject: Re: Barkhamsted -- title insurance question

Sorry Don. Michael Caron is working on this and is out till later this week. He can update when he is back.

Joshua Luksberg, Esq.
Vice President, Connecticut State Manager



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On Sep 23, 2019, at 4:05 PM, Don Stein <dstein@barkhamsted.us> wrote:

Hi Adam and Josh,

I was wondering if there was an update on this question. It's been a few weeks now and I'd like to see if there is a possible resolution.

Thanks,
Don

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From: Cohen, Adam J. [mailto:ajcohen@pullcom.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2019 4:50 PM
To: 'Joshua Luksberg (jluksberg@firstam.com)' <jluksberg@firstam.com>
Subject: Barkhamsted -- title insurance question

Josh – I hope all is well with you. I'm writing at the request of the Town of Barkhamsted which acquired a property by tax sale in April 2018. They're looking for title insurance despite an unusual clause in an old deed.

The property was in the name of a corporation, whose secretary signed for the tax sale notices. There were no other choate encumbrancers, but a 1952 deed for the property said: "In the event the Association shall fail to function for a period of three years or shall fail to hold any meetings within a

period of three years, the herein granted land shall revert to the heirs of said Ellen I. LeGeyt." Nothing was found in the land records or anywhere else about who those heirs might have been or whether that condition was or was not met. Assuming that clause has not lapsed by operation of law, and even though those heirs weren't choate as the statute requires for notification, they were still listed in the newspaper notices under CGS 12-157(a) ("If no place of residence or business is known and cannot be determined by the tax collector for any owner, taxpayer, mortgagee, lienholder or other encumbrancer whose interest in the property is choate and will be affected by the sale, in lieu of notice by certified mail as provided in this subsection, the notice, together with the list of mortgagees, lienholders, and other encumbrancers of record whose interests in the property are choate and will be affected by such sale, shall be published in a newspaper published in this state, having a general circulation in the town in which such property is located at least twice, the first not more than eight weeks nor less than five weeks before such sale and the last not more than four weeks nor less than two weeks before such sale.").

Nobody has ever come forward to contest the sale's validity, and the one-year limitations period in CGS 12-159b has expired. I've attached copies of the tax sale materials and original title search. Would you mind reviewing these and telling me whether First American would be willing to insure title? Let me know if you need any additional information. Thank you.

Adam

Adam J. Cohen
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October 22, 2019

Via Email: dstein@barkhamsted.us

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman
Town of Barkhamsted

Re: Quiet title: heirs of Ellen LeGeyt

Dear Don:

Thank you for considering hiring Ackerly Brown LLP to bring a “quiet title” action to clear the title to the property on North Canton Road. The Connecticut Rules of Practice require Ackerly Brown LLP to set forth the basis for our fees in writing.

We charge an hourly rate for our time on behalf of clients in matters such as this. As I am the attorney responsible for this matter, you should know that my usual hourly rate for this type of matter is \$350.00 per hour, which is the rate I charge for litigation matters, but our rate in representing the Town of Barkhamsted in this case will be \$225.00, our usual rate in representing a municipality. We bill from \$100.00 to \$225.00 per hour depending upon who does the work. If our hourly billing rates increase during the course of our representation, the hourly rate we bill you will be adjusted accordingly. We also charge for our out of pocket expenses that may be incurred, such as state marshal's fees, filing fees, long distance telephone calls, mileage and the like. We do charge for telephone conferences, research and correspondence as the case may require. However, every effort is made to delegate work to associate attorneys, paraprofessionals and secretarial staff, for which we charge a substantially lower rate. For your information the court filing fee is \$360.00 and the state marshal's service fee is approximately \$100.00.

A quiet title action is an interesting procedure whereby the title to property is affirmed – at least, one hopes so – and technical defects in title are removed. It is unlikely that any heirs of Ellen LeGeyt, if there are any, have interest in the property. The way to find out is to bring the issue to the Superior Court for the Litchfield Judicial District.

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman
Town of Barkhamsted
October 22, 2019
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The critical part of the process is to make every effort to give notice to the potential claimants that the Town is seeking to clear any claim they may have to the property. This will require a search of the probate records and land records, which I assume has already been done by Pullman & Comley, and as before notice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Barkhamsted area.

The action is "commenced" by a summons and complaint setting forth the known facts including the details of the tax sale. After publication either the heirs show up, or they are defaulted for "failure to appear and defend." The goal is to clear the title.

The filing fee for this type of case is \$360.00, and we will have to contact the local newspaper to find out what will be charged for publishing the notice. We know that the Waterbury Republican charges \$400.00 for publishing a notice of foreclosure.

We will need to have all the documents etc. that relate to the tax sale, and authorization to Pullman & Comley to discuss the history of this matter.

If this proposal is acceptable, please sign and return a copy of this letter along with the notification to Adam J. Cohen that he may speak with me and provide copies of his file.

The matter will be placed on a periodic billing cycle which will allow you to be informed of your bill responsibility as fees accrue. We reserve the right to charge interest at 12% on all invoices sixty days past due. Our representation is limited to this specific matter and ends on resolution of the case either by Court decree or settlement with any heirs that come forward. Our representation includes all Court work in the Superior Court, but does not include any appeal.

We will be working closely with you and will provide copies of all correspondence and pleadings on a timely basis for your review. Ackerly Brown LLP will not accept any settlement offers without your prior approval. You remain in complete control of this matter – we work for you and will provide you with our legal counsel and advice, but ultimately you must make the decisions.

If these terms are acceptable to you and you wish to retain Ackerly Brown LLP to represent you with regard to bringing a quiet title action, please sign and return a copy of this letter. For your future payments, we can accept payment from major credit cards. If you wish to use a credit card, please contact our Bantam office at 860/567-0828 which can process credit card transactions. Your signature below indicates your acceptance of this proposal.

Don Stein

From: Terri Collins
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 1:10 PM
To: Don Stein
Subject: FW: 34 N Canton Road, Barkhamsted, CT

Don-

Here is Adam's reply.

Terri Collins, CCMC
Barkhamsted Tax Collector

From: Cohen, Adam J. [mailto:ajcohen@pullcom.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 11:54 AM
To: Terri Collins <tcollins@barkhamsted.us>
Subject: RE: 34 N Canton Road, Barkhamsted, CT

Hi Terri. The one-year delay is not legally required, but it is standard in the title insurance industry. The statute of limitations for suing to undo a tax sale is one year after the deed is recorded so most insurers wait out that year before they will even consider giving a policy.

The issue about deeds from the heirs is legally wrong. The 1952 deed for this property to the Association said: "In the event the Association shall fail to function for a period of three years or shall fail to hold any meetings within a period of three years, the herein granted land shall revert to the heirs of said Ellen I. LeGeyt." Either that condition was met by 1955 or it wasn't. (I assume it's impossible to know). If the Association didn't fail to do those things, then the heirs never had any ownership and therefore were not entitled to notice. If the Association did fail to do those things and the heirs acquired title, then because their names and addresses were never put into the land records, either their interests remained inchoate and therefore they were still not entitled to any notice, or they were entitled to notice by newspaper only instead of by mail. (The statute is CGS 12-157(a): "If no place of residence or business is known and cannot be determined by the tax collector for any owner, taxpayer, mortgagee, lienholder or other encumbrancer whose interest in the property is choate and will be affected by the sale, in lieu of notice by certified mail as provided in this subsection, the notice, together with the list of mortgagees, lienholders, and other encumbrancers of record whose interests in the property are choate and will be affected by such sale, shall be published in a newspaper published in this state, having a general circulation in the town in which such property is located at least twice, the first not more than eight weeks nor less than five weeks before such sale and the last not more than four weeks nor less than two weeks before such sale."). That is exactly what I did, which the newspaper ads in the affidavit prove.

I would recommend talking to First American Title about a title policy (after the one-year waiting period expires). CATIC is unfamiliar with tax sale laws and does not insure tax sale properties, but First American does.

I hope this information helps. Obviously we can't force anyone to buy or insure a property if they choose not to, but I stand by the procedure I used for this property because I followed the statutes to the letter.

Adam

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From: Terri Collins [<mailto:tcollins@barkhamsted.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 9:15 AM
To: Cohen, Adam J.
Subject: FW: 34 N Canton Road, Barkhamsted, CT

Good morning Adam-

The town had a buyer for 34 North Canton Road that we took at the tax sale and he has now backed out of the sale. I included everything his attorney sent to the town's attorney and our First Selectman, Don Stein, wanted me to check with you to see if they are misinterpreting the statutes.

Terri Collins, CCMC
Barkhamsted Tax Collector

From: Don Stein
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 4:03 PM
To: Terri Collins <tcollins@barkhamsted.us>
Subject: FW: 34 N Canton Road, Barkhamsted, CT

Is this consistent with our understanding or are they misinterpreting the rules?

Regards,
Don

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman
Town of Barkhamsted
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(860) 605-7380 (mobile)

From: Norman Rogers [<mailto:nrogers@rogerslawfirm.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 3:50 PM
To: Don Stein <dstein@barkhamsted.us>
Cc: Bethany Monda <bmonda@rogerslawfirm.com>
Subject: FW: 34 N Canton Road, Barkhamsted, CT

Hi Don FYI below. title issues with this lot. Skip

From: Ellen Marino [<mailto:emarino@ellenmarino.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 2:23 PM
To: Norman Rogers <nrogers@rogerslawfirm.com>
Subject: 34 N Canton Road, Barkhamsted, CT

Hi Skip, attached is the title search on 34 N Canton Road...per Bruce Zwadniak, property is neither insurable until April 5, 2019 (because of the appeal period in the tax deed) nor marketable unless

buyer gets deeds from the heirs of Ellen I Legeyt...attached is a link discovered which details the LeGeyt family and it appears Ellen had 9 children. It's a pretty interesting read. In any event, Scott is not willing to pay \$20,500.00 unless he were to get marketable and insurable title. He was very interested and was disappointed when he learned about the reverter and insurability issues but at this time is not going forward with the purchase.

<https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Search/Home?lookfor=%22%20LeGeyt%20family.%22&type=subject&inst>

*Regards,
Ellen C. Marino*

Please be advised that my office now accepts payments by credit card through paypal. If you prefer to pay by credit card, please notify me and I will send you an email with the appropriate payment link.

Please be advised that effective May 1, 2015, my mailing address will be to the physical property address. I no longer use a post office box. Thank You.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, PLEASE USE THIS EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ALL WORK RELATED EMAILS. I DO NOT REGULARLY CHECK MY PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESSES.

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Regional High School District 19	\$803,000
Andover School District	\$0
Ansonia School District	\$7,358,000
Ashford School District	\$471,000
Avon School District	\$711,000
Barkhamsted School District	\$58,000
Berlin School District	\$822,000
Bethany School District	\$507,000

Name	Allocation
Fairfield County	\$182,953,432
Hartford County	\$172,943,603
Litchfield County	\$34,974,475
Middlesex County	\$31,503,462
New Haven County	\$165,774,857
New London County	\$51,435,071
Tolland County	\$29,231,410
Windham County	\$22,649,150
Total	\$691,465,459

City/Town	County	Direct Allocation	Estimated Funding from County Allocation *	Total General Government Funding
Andover town	Tolland County	\$319,500	\$627,602	\$947,102
Ansonia town	New Haven County	\$1,841,763	\$3,617,828	\$5,459,592
Ashford town	Windham County	\$420,108	\$825,231	\$1,245,339
Avon town	Hartford County	\$1,804,442	\$3,544,518	\$5,348,960
Barkhamsted town	Litchfield County	\$356,031	\$699,361	\$1,055,392
Beacon Falls town	New Haven County	\$614,316	\$1,206,719	\$1,821,035
Berlin town	Hartford County	\$2,017,705	\$3,963,436	\$5,981,142
Bethany town	New Haven County	\$547,770	\$1,076,000	\$1,623,770
Bethel town	Fairfield County	\$1,954,911	\$3,840,088	\$5,794,999
Bethlehem town	Litchfield County	\$335,889	\$659,797	\$995,686

From: George Rafael
 To: Don Stein
 Subject: Appropriations/Finance Committees' Proposed FY 22 State Budget
 Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 7:47:31 AM
 Attachments: Image002.png



Municipal Resource and Service Center

April 22, 2021

Committees' Proposed FY 22 State Budget: Impact on Barkhamsted

On April 21, 2021, the Appropriations and Finance committees proposed their state budget for FY 22. Below are grant estimates for Barkhamsted for certain key programs.

Grant:	Current Year FY 21	Gov. Proposed FY 22	Comm. Proposed FY 22	Comm. FY 22 v. Gov. FY 22		Comm. FY 22 v. FY 21	
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(%)	(\$)	(%)
Adult Education	1,084	1,088	1,132	44	4.1%	48	4.4%
ECS Grant	1,494,242	1,494,242	1,458,159	-36,083	-2.4%	-36,083	-2.4%
LoCIP	35,337	35,337	35,337	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Pequot-Mohegan Grant	6,728	6,728	6,728	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
PILOT: Colleges & Hospitals	0	0	0	0		0	
PILOT: State-owned Property	9,887	9,887	0	-9,887	-100.0%	-9,887	-100.0%
PILOT: New Tiered Reimbursement	0	0	17,577	17,577		17,577	
Town Aid Road	195,098	195,098	195,098	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grants for Municipal Projects	41,462	41,462	41,462	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Municipal Transition Grant (Car Tax)	0	0	0	0		0	
Municipal Revenue Sharing	0	0	0	0		0	
Municipal Stabilization Grant	0	0	0	0		0	
Distressed Municipalities	0	0	0	0		0	
Total	1,783,838	1,783,842	1,755,492	-28,349	-1.6%	-28,345	-1.6%

Notes

The Appropriations Committee's proposal maintains the current phase-in schedule for ECS and makes changes to the formula. The governor's proposal paused the phase-in for two years.

The PILOT: New Tiered Reimbursement amounts contain both the PILOT: Colleges & Hospitals and PILOT: State-owned Property. A breakout of the two grants was not available.

The ESSER II funding that was included as municipal aid in the governor's proposal was removed in order to provide a better comparison.

More details on the FY 22 state budget and other legislation impacting municipal finance will be provided in the coming days. Updates will be available at <https://www.ccm-ct.org/state-budget-information>.

If you have any questions, please contact George Rafael at grafael@ccm-ct.org or 203-498-3063.

Erica Dyndiuk

From: Don Stein
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Erica Dyndiuk
Subject: FW: American Rescue Plan Act funding

Please put this in the Selectmen's folder.

Regards,
Don

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman
Town of Barkhamsted
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From: Nicholas Maltby [mailto:president@newhartfordambulance.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 12:20 PM
To: Dan & Carlene Jerram <djerram@town.new-hartford.ct.us>; Don Stein <dstein@barkhamsted.us>; 'Robert Lay' <vicepresident@newhartfordambulance.org>
Subject: American Rescue Plan Act funding

Dan and Don,

As you consider allocations for American Rescue Plan Act funding in the coming months, I'm hoping you will consider the Ambulance. We have two areas of specific need:

1. Replace our old AEDs
 - a. Our AEDs are all over 12 years old and no longer comply with AHA best practices. We have been looking to replace ours and also place a few more AEDs in the community. We applied for grant funding from Firehouse Subs but were unfortunately rejected. Optimally, we would acquire ten AEDs at a cost of \$1,700 each to equip our ambulances and first responders. However, partial funding would be welcome and we would put into service any AEDs that the Towns could help us with.
2. Replacement ambulance
 - a. Two of our ambulances are over 10 years old and at least one will need to be replaced soon. This is an expensive item as a new ambulance costs about \$200,000. Similar, to the AEDs, any partial funding could be put into escrow for when we actually purchase the ambulance.

Thanks,

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