



Town of Barkhamsted

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
February 26, 2026, 5:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

Meeting called to order at 5:12 P.M. Present were First Selectman Meaghan Cook, Selectman Ray Pech, Selectman Mark Mahoney and Town Clerk, Holly Krouse.

DELEGATIONS: Superintendent Erika Sacharko and Amy Coulter

REVIEW MINUTES from February 10, 2026 Board of Selectman Regular Meeting. Spelling error noted. Selectman Mark Mahoney made a motion to accept the minutes with spelling correction to Ray’s last name, second by Selectman Ray Pech, and passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND SIGN CHECKS: Checks were signed by Selectman Pech, First Selectman Cook and Spencer Monroe.

TAX REFUNDS AND CREDITS: Motion made by Selectman Mahoney and seconded by Selectman Pech, and passed unanimously, to approve the following tax refunds or credits as presented by Tax Collector Terri Collins:

Thomas Banach	\$78.19	Credit
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Act on Appointments of Commission and Board Members: Motion made by Selectman Mahoney and seconded by Selectman Pech, and passed unanimously to appoint Mike Deroehn as Alternate to the Inland Wetland Commission.

DISCUSSION TO CONSIDER TRANSFER OF FUNDS: Board of Education is anticipating an excess in the current budget year 2025-2026 for Special Education line items. Superintendent Sacharko was able to respond to questions presented by the board. Motion made by Selectman Mahoney and seconded by Selectman Pech, and passed unanimously to transfer funds from the Undesignated Surplus Fund to the Board of Education not to exceed \$220,000.

Discussion held on funding of the Drone Light Show scheduled for June 6, 2026. A contract in the amount of \$25,000 was approved and signed in October 2025. Funds were approved in the amount of \$19,900 by the Board of Finance. Selectmen’s Pech and Cook expressed reservations with the funding path for this expense. Town approval is required for an amount in excess of \$20,000. Motion was made by Selectman Mahoney and seconded by Selectman Pech and passed unanimously to transfer funds from the Undesignated Surplus Fund to the General Government Fund not to exceed \$5,100.

Both motions will be presented and voted upon at a Special Town Meeting to be set by the Board of



Selectmen.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for March 10, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Meaghan Cook, First Selectman