



Town of Barkhamsted

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2026, 6:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

Meeting called to order at 6 P.M. Present were First Selectman Meaghan Cook, Selectman Ray Pech and Selectman Mark Mahoney via phone.

REVIEW MINUTES from February 26, 2026 Board of Selectman Regular Meeting. Spelling error noted. Selectman Pech made a motion to accept the minutes with spelling correction, second by Selectman Mahoney, and passed unanimously.

TAX REFUNDS AND CREDITS: None

REVIEW AND SIGN CHECKS: None

Act on Appointments of Commission and Board Members: Motion made by Selectman Mahoney and seconded by Selectman Pech, and passed unanimously to appoint Jeffrey Mazzetta as Alternate to the Inland Wetland Commission.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON BIDS FOR DOWNSTAIRS IMPROVEMENTS: Discussion was held with regard to flooring replacement in the lower level, excluding the vault area. The plan would be to proceed at the end of April to early May with minimal disruption to Town Hall hours of operation. Selectman Pech made a motion to accept the bid from Dalene Flooring Company, second by Selectman Mahoney, and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Selectman Mahoney and seconded by Selectman Pech to accept the painting bid from Jim Parrott, all in favor.

UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF CURRENT GRANTS: EV charger station grant has had required documents and maps presented to start the engineering. The guidelines for this grant differ from others, the charging stations will be provided from Gravity Technologies, the engineer will be Fuss and O'Neil. Selectman Mahoney expressed concerns about safety in operation from electric vehicles using the stations within close proximity to Town Hall and BES. Concerns about ongoing maintenance and care of the equipment. Selectman Cook will speak with Winsted and Litchfield about their experience with EV charging stations and if there is a public benefit. One item to consider is Insurance costs. Consider tabling this grant until more information is obtained.

Reviewed and discussed the West River Road improvements, utilizing the TRIP Grant. The selection of an engineer was discussed. Apex seemed to be the most interested in working on the project.



Cardinal was not receptive. There is a need to be creative about “infrastructure” for bicycle travel. There is a need to work within the current width of the road. There is currently no room for a “bike lane”. Signage options are being explored so that we can meet the qualifications of the grant. Sharrows are painted signs in the road but only an options for roads with 25 MPH. Drainage maintenance issues should be addressed outside of the grant with our current DEEP agreements in place.

DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS FROM THE TOWN FIRE MARSHAL: Replacement of fire lane signage along the Hitchcock Building on School Street, a letter was sent to the owner of the building.

A recommendation to board up the Valero station has been made from the Fire Marshal and the Town Building official to the owner. No action had been taken. There may be a need to seek legal advice to move forward.

Additional items will be tabled to allow the Board of Selectmen to attend the 7:00 PM Special Town Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for March 24, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Meaghan Cook, First Selectman