



Town of Barkhamsted

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

Present:

First Selectman Meaghan Cook
Selectman Ray Pech
Selectman Mark Mahoney (via phone)

Public:

Terri Collins

Review of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the March 23, 2026, Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting.

Selectman Mahoney made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Selectman Pech. The motion passed unanimously.

Tax Refunds and Credits

Selectman Pech made a motion to approve a tax credit for Carol St. Hilaire in the amount of \$29.99. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mahoney. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

Review and Sign Checks

Completed.

Consider and Act on Town Policy for Alcohol on Town Property

The Board reviewed Board of Selectmen minutes from September 5, 2025. Discussion focused on identifying town-sponsored events and town-supported groups. Future discussion regarding a hall/community area rental policy was suggested.

Selectman Pech made a motion to adopt the policy put forth by the Town's insurance company requiring that any outside group provide a Certificate of Insurance listing the Town as an additional insured prior to use or rental of community space. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mahoney.

An amendment to the motion was proposed requiring that the Certificate of Insurance be provided no later than 10 days prior to the event.

All were in favor, and the motion, as amended, passed.

Consider and Act on Proposed Ordinance Updates

Burn Ordinance:

Tabled.

Taxation Waiver (Section 178-6 A-C):

Discussion took place regarding edits and updates to align the Town policy with Connecticut General Statutes.



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Selectman Pech made a motion to:

- Add Section 178-6(B)(3): *“Any such waiver shall be consistent in all respects with the terms of C.G.S. Sec. 12-63c(a), as may be amended from time to time.”*
- Remove Section 178-6(C).
- Revise Section 178-6(A) to read:
“Pursuant to C.G.S. § 12-144c, the Tax Collector of the Town of Barkhamsted is hereby authorized and directed to abate and waive any tax bill due in an amount less than five dollars (\$5.00) before the tax is due, and to abate and waive any portion due in an amount less than two dollars (\$2.00) at any given time.”

The motion was seconded by Selectman Mahoney.
All were in favor, and the motion, as amended, passed.

Review of Year-to-Date Capital and General Government Budget Completed.

Discussion on DPW Fleet Update

Road Crew Foreman R. Novak provided information regarding an existing vehicle, a 2006 International 7400 (Truck #9), with an estimated value of \$17,400. The vehicle may be traded for a 2007 International 4400 cab and chassis currently owned by Marola Motor Sales in Barkhamsted.

In addition to the 2007 truck, the proposed agreement includes:

- Installation of a body already owned by the Town
- Purchase of a rear hitch plate and adapter coupling
- Completion of new paint work on the 2026 Western Star truck by Marola Motor Sales

These items together would constitute an even trade.

Selectman Pech made a motion to approve the trade. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mahoney. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

Adjournment

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

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for April 28, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Meaghan Cook
First Selectman