BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2026, 5:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

Present:
First Selectman Meaghan Cook
Selectman Ray Pech
Selectman Mark Mahoney

Public: Rob Brainard

Review of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 26, 2026, Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting. Selectman Pech made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Selectman Mahoney. The motion passed unanimously.

Tax Refunds and Credits

None

Review and Sign Checks

Completed.

Review and Sign Stanclift Cove Proclamation

Completed. The BOS congratulates the efforts of the Stanclift Cove Committee for their continued efforts to provide a safe and enjoyable summer recreation spot for the community.

Discussion of Eversource Assessment Appeal and Pending Litigation

Assessor, Carmen Smith offered a limited update current action and answered questions of the board.

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

Discussion about DPW overtime hours, growing legal fees

Consider and Act on Updates to Policies and Procedures

The Board reviewed the Town's existing ordinance regarding penalties for unlawful parking. It was noted that the Resident Trooper requires official Town of Barkhamsted parking tickets in order to issue citations to violators. Discussion also included concerns related to habitual parking offenders.
Motion: Selectman Pech moved to approve the expenditure of $1,567 to Goulet Printery for the printing of 1,000 parking tickets. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mahoney.
Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion carried.
The Board also reviewed the proposed Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Policy applicable to all municipal employees of the Town of Barkhamsted. Several edits were presented for consideration. Following discussion, the Board voted to table the item and return the draft policy to Town Department Heads for additional review and input prior to adoption.

Correspondence

A letter was received from The Log House Restaurant with concerns about traffic policies during emergencies.
State Comptroller Sean Scanlon provided information about Array RX.

Any other Business

Selectman Mahoney raised the possibility of pursuing Brownfield Remediation funding for the former Valero gas station property. He will follow up with the Fire Marshal regarding the measurement and assessment of the contents of the underground storage tanks as part of the evaluation process. First Selectman Cook will speak to First Selectman Jerram for his experience in the matter.

Resident Rob Brainard requested that the Town pursue changes to traffic patterns on Ripley Hill Road (Connecticut Route 318) to reduce or eliminate heavy tractor-trailer traffic and direct such vehicles to an alternate route. The Board discussed the concern and potential options for further review.

Adjournment

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

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for June 23, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Meaghan Cook
First Selectman