



Town of Barkhamsted

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES July 14, 2026, 5:00 P.M. TOWN HALL

Present:

First Selectman Meaghan Cook
Selectman Ray Pech
Selectman Mark Mahoney

Review of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 23, 2026, Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting. Selectman Pech made a motion to accept the minutes with correction to **Any Other Business** wording to read “has adopted the figures proposed by the State for FY26-27”, seconded by Selectman Mahoney. The motion passed unanimously.

Tax Refunds and Credits

None

Review and Sign Checks

Completed.

Consider and Act On Town Clerk Resolution

Selectman Mahoney made a motion, second by Selectman Pech, the Board of Selectman may enter into with and deliver to the **State of CT Dept. of Energy Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security** and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate and that Meaghan Cook, as First Selectman of the Town of Barkhamsted, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the BOS and to do and perform all acts and things which are deemed to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents. All in favor, motion passed.

Consider and Act On Appointment to Commissions and Committees

Selectman Pech made a motion, second by Selectman Mahoney to appoint Richard Madara to the open Alternate position in EDC with a term ending December 31, 2029. All in favor, motion passed.

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

Lengthy discussion about legal fees already spent, pending and what potential concerns that may cause



the line item to increase.

Completed.

Consider and Act on TRIP Grant Proposal

The Board reviewed Apex Engineering proposal to assist with improvements to West River Road. The contract has been reviewed by DPW Foreman, Rich Novak and Inland Wetlands Official Deb Bryson, both in favor with no recommendations to edit. Selectman Mahoney made a motion, second by Selectman Pech, the Board of Selectman may enter into a contract with Apex to move forward with the proposed improvement to West River Road. All in favor, motion passed.

Consider and Act on EV Charging Station Grant Proposal

The Board reviewed the proposal from Gravity, Inc. an Electric Charging Station vendor to support the grant from DEEP to install EV Charging Stations at Town Hall. Fuss & O'Neill will act as the engineer on the project. Parking spaces will become limited and some consideration should be given. The project remains subject to additional requirements, including, but not limited to, negotiation and executions of a definitive site host agreement between the Town and Gravity, Inc. Selectman Mahoney made a motion, second by Selectman Pech, the Board of Selectman may enter into a contract with Gravity, Inc. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion of Traffic Concerns in Town

Selectman Cook presented a report on Resident Trooper activities with specific focus on July after a joint effort speed enforcement approach with New Hartford and North Canaan. Discussion on additional responsibilities expected from the Resident Troop, i.e. resident complaints about neighbors activities, serving warrants, gun permits, fingerprinting, responding to emergency calls, accidents, community events, investigation of crimes. Discussion on School Resource Officer and reimbursements.

Consider and Act on Updates to Policies and Procedures Manual

Tabled.

Executive Session

At approximately 6:46 pm. Selectman Pech made a motion to move to executive session for the purpose of discussing two items. One a personnel matter and two, lease negotiations on property managed by the Town, seconded by Selectman Mahoney. All in favor, motion passed. At approximately 6:51 pm. Selectman Pech made a motion to leave executive session, seconded by Selectman Mahoney All in favor, motion passed. No motions made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Any other Business

Discuss a vacancy in ACO. Discuss shortage in DPW part time work for mowing. Selectman Cook to speak to some of the Town organizations relying on the DPW efforts and equipment to be moved to the



individual groups. Work in kind review by the road crew for organizations in town, Stanclift Cove, West Hill Pond Dam, fire departments, etc. Discussion of office efficiency review for Town Hall, potential to have an outside source preform a review, current positions, retirements and possible job sharing.

[Adjournment](#)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Meaghan Cook
First Selectman