



Town of Barkhamsted

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 29, 2026, 5:06 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 July 14, 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

Louis Sczygiel refund \$21.48
Marino Fulton refund \$131.87
David Hughes refund \$14.42
Colleen Bottalico refund \$131.42

Review and Sign Checks

Completed.

Discussion of Lawn Mowing For Non-profit Locations

Selectman Mahoney questioned if a vote was needed from the BOS to make a change in this work detail for DPW. He shared that members of the Riverton Baseball had questions. Clarified that the change in policy was a request from DPW Foreman. Did the Town purchase equipment specifically to mow the baseball fields? First Selectman pointed out that the Town is short staffed and that this property is private not public. Will the Historical Society and the Old School House be approached too?

Public comments – Amanda North requested the First Selectman should make a phone call to the President, Mark Pericolosi to address his concerns. Is there an opportunity to pay the Town to mow? Dave Moulton suggested if there is enough public interest, it may be something to bring to the Board of Finance.

Question from the Public – Who owns the fire Hydrant on Old New Hartford Road

Interlocal Water Agreement states in Article Two “Winchester shall be solely responsible for the maintenance and repair of waterlines and related infrastructure in Barkhamsted.” A copy of the



agreement was provided to Amanda North.

Discussion of Town Ordinance Chapter 146 Peddling and Soliciting

Selectman Pech brought up concerns on behalf of the public for clarity on the term Soliciting. A reminder to the public is recommended as we enter a new political season, No Trespassing Signs should be respected. Selectman Pech will draft a public reminder to be sent out in the weekly newsletter.

Discussion of Traffic Concerns in Town

The State of CT is proposing a High Friction Surface Treatment on a portion of CT Route 219. Town agreement is requested. Selectman Mahoney questioned if a public meeting is required for approval. Selectman Mahoney suggested the press release provided by the State should be added to the weekly newsletter. A motion to sign the contract with the State to install the HFST on a portion of CT Rout 219 is made by Selectman Pech, second by Selectman Mahoney. All in favor, motion passed.

Consider and Act on Updates to Policies and Procedures Manual

Selectman Cook informed the Board that Town employees and the school Superintendent have been asked to review the existing financial policy and procedure for handling monies and writing checks. A meeting with the combined departments at Town Hall will take place prior to the next Selectman meeting.

The Board for the Cookie Jar will be updating their bylaws. No action taken.

Review a holiday schedule for next year.

Review snow day policy. Review work from home policy.

Public Concerns

Linda Gosselin and Carol Swanson had questions about proposed or potential construction on Eddy Road. They were directed to the Building Department for the most up to date answers.

Executive Session

At approximately 6:15 pm. Selectman Pech made a motion to move to executive session for the purpose of discussing one item. Discussion about current rental values for lease negotiations on property managed by the Town, seconded by Selectman Mahoney. All in favor, motion passed.

At approximately 6: 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

Discussion of Town Leases and Rental Agreements

Selectman Pech made a motion to renew a one year rental agreement, starting October 1, 2026, for \$660 per month, second by Selectman Mahoney. Further discussion, Selectman Cook will draft a letter to be approved by board members, and to accompany the new lease agreement. All in favor, motion passed.



[Adjournment](#)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

[Next Meeting](#)

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for August 11, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Meaghan Cook
First Selectman