



Town of Barkhamsted

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2026, 5:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

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Present:

First Selectman Meaghan Cook
Selectman Ray Pech
Selectman Mark Mahoney

Members of the Public: Linda Gosselin, Amanda North, Angela Martin, Kevin Noblet

Consider and Act on Appointments to Stanclift Cove and EDC

Selectman Cook made a motion to accept Angela Martin and Taylor Barberett to the Stanclift Cove Authority, second by Selectman Pech. Discussion took place. The positions are subject to approval from residents at the next Town Meeting. All in favor, motion passed.

Selectman Mahoney made a motion to accept Linda Gosselin to Alternate on Economic Development Committee, second by Selectman Pech. Some concern about the number of members (3) from one family was discussed. No regulations or restrictions are present. All in favor, motion passed.

Review of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the September 2, 2026, Board of Selectmen Special Meeting. Selectman Mahoney noted an amendment to the minutes to reflect the action of budget transfers should be more transparent. Selectman Mahoney made a motion to accept the minutes with the amendment, seconded by Selectman Mahoney. All in favor, motion passed.

Tax Refunds and Credits

Zachary Marek refund \$115.42

June Kish refund \$1,985.01

Jess Herrera refund \$383.81

A motion to approve payment of tax refunds and credits made by Selectman Pech, second by Selectman Mahoney. All in favor, motion passed.

Review and Sign Checks

Completed

Discussion of Noise Concerns in Town

Kevin Noblet of West River Road made a presentation and provided information about a new State Law allowing towns to establish Noise Ordinances. Jake Breaks, certain motor vehicles and motor cycles are creating some disruption to the rural character of Barkhamsted. There may be some new technology available to measure the amount of noise. Two towns in CT already have programs in place, West Haven and East Hartford. If the BOS is in support, Kevin offered to do further research with regard to vendor options, costs vs revenue, and alike. The Board was in agreement to continue information gathering.



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Consider and Act on Updates to Policies and Procedures Manual

Continued work on a draft of policy for management and safeguarding of town finances has been created with the input from BES Superintendent and Town Treasurer. Typos are in need of attention. Discussion with regard to signatures on reimbursement checks. No action taken.

Discussion of Town Hall Building Improvements

Two central air units are now broken beyond repair. Bids have been reviewed and approved by BOS at a prior meeting. Selectman Cook presented the expenditure of \$32,000 to the Board of Finance on 9/15. BOF made a request for additional review with Selectman Cook and Board member Mark Hemingway. Cook & Hemingway continued due diligence and confirmed the BOS original recommendation. Funding by way of a \$20,000 capital grant was received from the State, remaining capital improvement for Town Hall budget line is \$7,900. The balance could be made from the General Fund. No additional action from the Board is needed.

Public Concerns

Amanda North expressed gratitude for the steps taken to improve traffic concerns on Old New Hartford Road.

Communication

Beardsley Library has sent a request for a more formal document to confirm the Library serves as the designated public library for Barkhamsted. Selectman Pech made a motion to sign a formal Memorandum of Agreement between Beardsley Library and the Town of Barkhamsted, second by Selectman Mahoney. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion of Traffic Concerns on Ripley Hill

Selectman Cook presented communication from UCONN Traffic coordinators with regard to reduce or limit tractor trailers using Route 318. The original request was dated June 10, 2026. Statistics were presented. The general response was that "restricting truck traffic on a state road is usually a no-go". The request was forwarded to DOT. Rerouting truck traffic to River Road only shifts the issue.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 P.M.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for October 13, 2026. BOS meeting on October 27, 2026 is canceled. No date to reschedule at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Meaghan Cook
First Selectman