

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – June 22, 2021, MEETING MINUTES:

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Nick Lukiwsky.

DELEGATIONS: No delegations were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments were made.

MOTION: On a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Don Stein, and passed 2-0 (Nick Lukiwsky abstained as he had not been at the meeting), the minutes of the June 15, 2021, Special Meeting were approved.

On a motion by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously, the minutes of the June 7, 2021, Special Meeting were approved.

No Tax Refunds were received from the Tax Collector

DISCUSSION: Consistent with the rest of the State, the Town's infection rate for COVID-19 has flattened out and there have been no new cases reported in the past month. The percentage of the Town's population that has been vaccinated is also steadily increasing. The hope is that this trend continues and that the worst of the pandemic is over. The Town staff will continue to monitor the situation and report and react if there are situations that need attention.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen discussed the latest information on the Federal funds coming to the town from the American Relief Plan Act. The Town will be receiving \$1,066,000 in total, spread over two years. The first half payment has been transferred by the State to the Town. Don Stein will be putting together a committee of the Selectmen, Board of Finance and Board of Education members, and staff to brainstorm the best uses of these funds. Besides the strict rules for how the money can be used, there is a ground rule that allows a percentage of the funds, based on lost revenue to the town due to the pandemic, to be used in a more unrestricted manner. This calculation will be verified and the committee recommendations will be implemented over the time period in which the money has to be spent.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen briefly discussed the outcome of this legislative session related to the budget, broadband expansion, zoning requirements and legalization of marijuana. The budget that was passed by the Legislature kept the State grants to the town intact, and therefore, the Town budget that was passed at the Annual Budget Meeting is consistent with the new State budget. There was significant legislation passed regarding zoning and housing requirements, which will need to be reviewed and acted upon by the Planning & Zoning Commission. The State did not pass the broadband legislation that would have made it easier to upgrade the wiring, but will be doing surveys to determine where there are underserved populations. They also included an increase in the bottle bill deposits to \$0.10 and provided incentives to towns who wish to improve their solid waste disposal practices.

MOTION: On a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously, discussion of Riverton sidewalks and the use of LOCIP funds for their replacement were added to the agenda.

This item was necessary since the sidewalks in Riverton will be paved over by the State when they repave Route 20 through the center of Riverton. These sidewalks were created when the streetscape in Riverton was done under a STEAP grant about 17 years ago, and reflect the historic architecture in the village.

On a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously, the Selectmen approved the expenditure of \$21,000 from LOCIP funds to restore these sidewalks, based on a quote from Rocco Ladorola contractors who uses a technique common throughout the State. This approval also reflects a change in the LOCIP 5-year Capital Improvement Program to include this item (see attached).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM on a motion by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Ray Pech.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

The next scheduled BOS meeting will be a Regular Meeting at 7:00PM on July 27.

Town of Barkhamsted
5-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

This plan covers the general description, need, and estimated cost of each individual capital improvement, and the proposed funding source for each individual capital improvement in the first year of the plan.

The CIP has been approved and adopted by the Board of Selectmen consistent with the approval of the Annual Town Meeting and is supplemental to the capital Improvements approved at the Annual Budget meeting to be funded by the Town's Capital Reserve Fund.

The projects below are to be funded by a combination of Town Highway Department funding (General Government Budget), and the State's Local Capital Improvement Program (LOCIP), Grants for Municipal Projects, and Town Aid Road (TAR) funds.

2021-2025	- Paving	\$150,000
(per year)	- Chip Seal	\$160,000
	- Crack Seal	\$ 15,000
2021/2022	- Re-do sidewalks in Riverton	\$ 21,000

Approved by Barkhamsted Board of Selectmen at meeting dated: June 22, 2021