

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – JULY 28, 2022
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL

Meeting called to order at 2:01PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech. Nick Lukiwsky was absent

DELEGATIONS: No delegations were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments were made.

MOTION: Ray Pech made a motion, seconded by Don Stein, to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2022 meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Don Stein, and passed unanimously to approve the following Tax Refunds:

Richard Michna	\$ 262.54	Refund
Gordon Griswold	\$ 5.31	Credit
John Stankelis	\$ 25.73	Credit
Louise Reina	\$ 565.57	Refund

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen reviewed the end-of-the year expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022. Once Town Aid Road (TAR) is applied to the Highway Department expenses, the General Government budget will return a small surplus to the General Fund. It was noted that the Building Inspector line item was over budget due to the level of activity in Town and that the Town Attorney line item which was also over budget should do better this coming year since the three outstanding lawsuits had been settled. The road crew overtime was over budget since that is budgeted at a nominal level since it is impossible to predict winter requirements and that is also true for road salt. The Maintainers' line was over due to the change in personnel, but the Benefits was lower due to having new employees who did not yet qualify for retirement benefits. The Resident Trooper line item was slightly over as the current Trooper was more costly than expected due to his seniority.

The transfers to the overall budget from TAR will be made and the individual line item balancing will take place in August for approval by the Selectmen and the Board of Finance.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Don Stein, and passed unanimously to approve two projects for the use of ARPA funds. These projects are:

- Repair school driveway tank cover (\$8,800) – requested by Jim Agostine due to a dangerous situation in the school driveway entrance
- Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) class and additional EMS supplies (\$15,000) – requested by Norman Bird since this class is currently in progress, is outside of the normal fire department budget, and is critical to the health and safety of our residents. This is due in a large part to a shortage in ambulance staff in our region and the resulting shortage of responders.

Due to the urgency of both of these items, it was agreed by the ARPA Committee to request that the BOS approve them and authorize the payments prior to the BOF approval. Since these are fairly small in \$ value and important items, Rich Winn (Chairman of the BOF and a member of the Committee) agreed to this approach.

DISCUSSION: The following items were discussed briefly and will be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting:

- The request by the Farmington Valley Health District for a stipend from ARPA funds for social service outreach funding and other uses. Don Stein also stated that it is appropriate to review this request and whether the town should consider an affiliation with the Torrington Area Health District as an alternate.
- Review of whether the Town should seek grants for the installation of an electric car charging station and where it would be located. Part of this review will also be the cost to the town of the installation once grants are factored in.
- A request by the Planning & Zoning Commission that the BOS consider trying to purchase the 45-acre property at 57 River Road or a portion of it. This property may be under contract, so that any action will depend on the ultimate resolution of the sale.
- A potential candidate for the Stanclift Cove Authority has come forward and is recommended by other members of the Authority. Members need to be elected at a Town Meeting and this individual seems to be very qualified. The incumbent member who has indicated an interest in stepping down will be approached to confirm his intentions. Assuming this is the case, this would be put on the agenda for the next town meeting.
- Don Stein received a request to consider making videos of BOS meetings generally available, which is not the current policy. It is required for Zoom and hybrid meetings. This will be a consideration by the full board and also may involve other boards in Town. There are obviously plusses and minuses (financial and workload)

to be considered when it is discussed.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Don Stein, and passed unanimously to authorize Holly Krouse, Town Clerk, to apply for and administer the State of Connecticut Historical Preservation program grant for FY22/23

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Don Stein, and passed unanimously to authorize the First Selectman to accept on behalf of the Town of Barkhamsted, a 2022 Connecticut STEAP Grant in the amount of no more than \$500,000 for the Extension of Water Lines from Winsted into Barkhamsted; and to authorize him to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said 2022 STEAP Grant with the State of Connecticut.

The full resolution is attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be the Regular Meeting on August 23.
The meeting scheduled for August 9 has been canceled.

Municipal Certification of Resolution - STEAP 2022

I, Holly P. Krouse, Town Clerk of the Town of Barkhamsted, a municipality organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, hereby certify that the following is a true copy of the resolution adopted at the Board of Selectmen’s meeting of said municipality at the Special Monthly Meeting held on July 28, 2022:

“RESOLVED, that First Selectman Donald S. Stein be, and hereby is, authorized to accept on behalf of the Town of Barkhamsted, a 2022 Connecticut STEAP Grant in the amount of no more than \$500,000 for the Extension of Water Lines from Winsted into Barkhamsted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that First Selectman, Donald S. Stein is hereby authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said 2022 STEAP Grant with the State of Connecticut.”

AND I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the above resolution has in no way been altered, amended or revoked, and is in full force and effect.

AND I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that Donald S. Stein is the First Selectman of the Town of Barkhamsted and has been since January 1, 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Barkhamsted this day of August, 2022.

TOWN SEAL

Signature/Town Clerk