

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – AUGUST 15, 2023
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL
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Meeting called to order at 7:36 PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectman Nick Lukiwsky. Selectman Ray Pech joined the meeting on Zoom.

DELEGATIONS: No delegations were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was made

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen reviewed the current road plans and the use of LOCIP (Local Capital Improvement Program) and STEAP (Small Town Economic Assistance Program) funding for projects. Don Stein informed the Selectmen that the Town's current balance of \$131,000 would be used to offset the cost of repaving Briarwood, which is estimated to be \$205,000. The balance would be covered by Town Highway Department funds.

The State is making grants available up to \$500,000 in the STEAP program, with a request for cost sharing of approximately 20% of the project cost. This program is competitive and the results will be available in September or October. The Town's application is to repave Ratlum Mountain Rd. and the combination of Deer Run Rd. and Woodridge Drive. The total cost of this project is \$477,646, and the grant request is for \$342,686, with a match of \$95,000 plus in-kind work. The grant application is due on August 18, 2023.

MOTION: Ray Pech made a motion, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky and passed unanimously to authorize the First Selectman, Don Stein, to apply for the STEAP grant in the amount and cost share listed in the previous paragraph.

MOTION: Nick Lukiwsky made a motion, seconded by Ray Pech and passed unanimously to make the following appointments to the Inland Wetlands Commission:

- Linda Ciborowski – member – term ending 12/31/2023
- Jerry Maher – alternate – term ending 12/31/24

DISCUSSION: Don Stein informed the Selectmen that Josh Kelly, the Winsted Town Manager, has been working with Blue Earth, a composting contractor, to develop a plan to implement composting at RRDD #1, and to bring curbside pickup to those who wish to sign up with them. Curbside pickup is ~\$27.50 month and would be a private arrangement, and the cost to set up a facility at the transfer station would be \$348/month or \$4176 per year. The goal is to reduce the amount of solid waste that needs to be shipped, while providing a product that can be used as fertilizer for gardens. Barkhamsted's share of the facility would be ~\$700 per year and could be covered from the revenue received from the State for nip bottle sales. This revenue is well above \$700 and must be used for environmentally friendly technologies. The Selectmen

agreed, by consensus, that this was a good idea, and would vote on it when there was a further, more detailed plan available.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

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