

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN – April 8, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:**

Meeting called to order at 10:50 AM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech (arrived at 10:55) and Nick Lukiwsky.

**DELEGATIONS:** No delegations were present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public was present.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Don Stein, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2019, Special Meeting.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Don Stein, and passed unanimously to approve the following tax refunds:

\$ 264.08	Daimler Trust	refund
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**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen reviewed the FY 2018/19 General Government budget expenditures through March 31, 2019. In general, the expenditures are on budget, with funds required for the Assessor's office for the additional help required in the transition from the prior Assessor and this year's revaluation/grand list activities. The Town Aid Road and other State grant funds have not yet been applied to the respective Highway Department projects, which will bring those line items into alignment with the budgeted figures. It is expected that the General Government budget will be able to provide a small surplus at the end of the fiscal year.

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen reviewed the FY 2019/20 General Government budget and Capital budget that had been approved by the Board of Finance for presentation at the Annual Budget Hearing on April 9. Since these budgets were presented, the need for an additional \$7500 for the Certified Assessor who is assisting Carmen Smith and who signs off on State documents like the Grand List was presented by the Assessor. In addition, the final quote for the capital project to replace the underground fuel oil tank came to \$201,000 including the engineering and the contingency. This additional \$26,000 compared to the previous budget must be included in the figure that the Town approves to make it eligible for State reimbursement. It is also likely that the contingency will not be required, but the final need for funds will not be known until the old tank is removed. A motion was made by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to approve these changes to the budgets for presentation at the Budget Hearing on April 9.

**DISCUSSION:** Don Stein informed the Selectmen that the discussions with the Winsted Sewer Commission are proceeding and that the feasibility study was presented at a Winsted Sewer Commission meeting on March 26. A follow-up meeting was held that included a consultant that works on behalf of the USDA to assist Towns in applying for Rural Development funding. The two Towns and the developer will continue discussions in an effort to create a strategy for funding the sewers in as timely and cost effective fashion as possible. In addition, Winsted and Barkhamsted will need to renew the expired interlocal agreements for public water and sewer extensions into Barkhamsted. Hopefully, those agreements will be available for the Annual Town Meeting on May 7.

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen reviewed preliminary copies of the calls for the Annual Town Meeting and the Annual Budget Meeting. These agendas will be approved at the meeting of April 22. At this time, a possible additional item will be added for the water and sewer agreements. Additional items may be added to these meetings as needed.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to authorize Holly Krouse, Town Clerk, to apply for and administer the State of Connecticut Historical Preservation program grant for FY19/20.

The Selectmen will hold a Special Meeting at 11:45 AM on April 9, to act on an agreement with Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church to create and maintain a Community Garden on their property.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein  
First Selectman