

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN –January 22, 2019 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:** Dave McNally (President of the Laurel Acres Property Owners Association (LAPOA) was present to discuss a request from the West Hill Pond groups for the Town to provide a stipend for lake maintenance (see below)

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019, Special Meeting, with a correction to the spelling of Rich Tutunjian’s name in the minutes.

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

\$ 110.77	Estate of James Nikstad	refund
\$ 623.18	Jennifer Lefkowski	credit
\$ 92.67	Gary Beeman	credit
\$ 29.78	Gary Beeman	refund
\$ 407.21	Toyota Lease Trust	refund

**DISCUSSION:** Dave McNally requested that the Board of Selectmen include \$5,000 as a line item in the budget for the ‘19/’20 fiscal year. There are three owners of the dam (Town of Barkhamsted owns the road over the dam, and LAPOA and West Hill Pond Association own the dam itself and the lake). He thanked the Town for its contribution to the repair of the dam which cost \$105,000 in total. The Town contributed \$5,000, plus in-kind effort from the highway department. Today the Association is spending in excess of \$20,000 per year for weed remediation, emergency action planning, spillway maintenance, water analysis and other needed activities to keep the lake and dam in their current pristine, safe condition. They will also be hiring people to monitor the boat launch to prevent boats from bringing in invasive species on their hulls. New Hartford is budgeting \$15,000 since 2/3 of the lake is in New Hartford and they also have Brodie Park and its lake front recreation area. The Selectmen agreed to consider this request, but did not make any commitments.

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen reviewed the General Government and capital budget drafts for FY ‘19/’20. The budget requests from each of the departments are being incorporated, including personnel salaries and benefits. The only department facing a substantial increase is the Assessor’s office due to changes that will be required by the vendor for the assessing database. Options are still being considered and will be presented at the next meeting. Don Stein and Rich Novak are updating the road plan, including tree expenses and the needed capital equipment, and this will also be presented at the next meeting. The Capital Committee will meet on February 5<sup>th</sup> in accordance with Town policies and will review and approve capital projects for presentation to the Board of Finance. The objective is to finalize all budgets controlled by the BOS for presentation to the Board of Finance at their meeting on February 19.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously to approve the attached resolution authorizing the use of the Incentive Housing Zone (IHZ) Adoption Grant funds, as defined in the resolution. These funds will be used by the Barkhamsted Housing Trust and do not expose or obligate the Town to provide any additional funding once the grant funds are exhausted.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to form a School Building Committee for The Barkhamsted School underground tank replacement. This project is eligible for approximately 50% reimbursement by the State and requires that a building committee be appointed.

**DISCUSSION:** Ray Pech inquired whether there were any nuisance ordinances or noise ordinances regarding constant shooting by a resident on Warner Road. The Town has no ordinances in this regard, and can only regulate to ensure that the shooting is being done in a safe manner and that it is not being done as a business.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to add discussion and action on Bill No. 5765, An Act Establishing the Federal Shutdown Affected Employees Loan Program and Providing Additional Assistance to Federal Employees to the agenda.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Pay Pech, seconded by Don Stein, and passed unanimously to authorize the First Selectman and the Tax Collector to establish a program in accordance with Sec. 7 of Bill No. 5765, which allows the Town to establish a program that defers the due date of property taxes owed by affected employees. The program will comply with the subject section, including all of the protections to the Town contained in the Bill and intended to prevent abuses of the assistance program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM on a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein  
First Selectman



## RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: that the Honorable Donald S. Stein, First Selectman, is hereby authorized “to form a Building Committee for the Elementary School underground tank replacement”.

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Barkhamsted, Connecticut, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2019.

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Holly P. Krouse, Town Clerk

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Date