

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – December 11, 2018 MEETING MINUTES:

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

DELEGATIONS: No delegations were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tom Sullivan, a Barkhamsted property owner, addressed the board relative to a concern he had about his building lot on Bridle Drive. He has received an unsigned letter from his neighbors concerning material he has stored on his property, while he is planning the building of a house. They requested that he cover-up the materials to make the lot less unsightly, so he was wondering about the rules for a storage shed or structure. He was informed that this is under the purview of Planning and Zoning, but that until he actually pulled a building permit, he was not allowed to have an accessory structure on the property. There are also other rules relative to the duration of the building process and he was advised to contact the Building/Zoning Office to get all the details.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018, meeting.

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

\$ 35.08	Donna Dellagli	credit
\$ 85.62	Paul and Mary Duran	credit
\$314.03	Joanne or Raymond Gaudette	credit

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen reviewed the budget actuals through November 30, 2018 and did not see any issues related to the expenditures. The overall budget is on track for 5 months of the fiscal year, and Ray Pech again noted that the low expenditures for the Town Counsel was quite pleasant after some of our prior years' issues. Our revenues are also in line with expectations for the first half of the year and the State is providing municipal grants as budgeted in their fiscal year budget.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein informed the Selectmen that A&A Office Systems was selected to replace the printers and copiers in Town Hall, including the wide copier for maps in the Town Clerk's office. This lease would include all needed service (parts and labor) and toner cartridges. The wide copier is well past its expected life, and needs major repairs (a new drum which is not available) and a new toner cartridge, both of which would be quite expensive. There will be a color copier/printer/scanner/fax upstairs and a b&w machine downstairs. With the exception of the printers in the Town Clerk's office and the Tax Collector's office, all of the other printers, faxes and copiers in Town Hall will be removed when there needs to be an expenditure of any sort.

MOTION: A motion was made by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to approve a resolution that RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and FURTHER RESOLVED, that Donald S. Stein, as First Selectman of the Town of Barkhamsted, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein informed the Selectmen that:

- He had not heard anything further from CONNDOT or CT DEEP regarding the changes to East River Road or permission to do a community garden at the Squires Tavern.
- He is also still discussing options for the Nature Camp with Molly Sexton-Read, but had nothing new to report on that subject.
- The Housing Trust is reviewing the potential acquisition of land in Barkhamsted that could be used for low/moderate/seniors housing and that once an agreement for an option on this land is agreed-to, the Selectmen will be requested to authorize the use of a grant received by the Town as a result of establishing an Incentive Housing Zone. This grant is not restricted and could be used for option payments to the property owner. Funds to purchase the land would not be from the Town, but would have to be raised by the Trust.
- Don Stein is also exploring replacing the fluorescent ceiling fixtures with LED fixtures and it appears that the payback for the lower electrical requirements would be less than 3 years. The Selectmen agreed that this is probably a worthwhile investment since the LED bulbs have a much longer life.
- Don Stein informed the Selectmen of two items that were discussed by the Farmington Valley Collaborative, which meets once a month. The attendees are the Selectmen from Avon, Barkhamsted, Burlington, Canton, East Granby, Farmington, Granby and Simsbury, plus associated State legislators. These items relate to the growing number of bear issues and the increase in the use of vaping products by young teenagers. There will be more discussion on these items in future meetings for consideration by the towns' Selectmen.

It was noted that the meeting scheduled for December 25, Christmas Day will be cancelled and the next meeting will be held on January 8. This will have to be a Special meeting, since the Selectmen did not approve the 2019 Meeting Schedule, which will be presented for approval at that meeting along with a start on the Town's budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman