

BOARD OF SELECTMEN –April 24, 2018 MINUTES:

Meeting called to order at 5:04 PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech (arrived at 5:15) and Nick Lukiwsky. Also present was Tom Hyde, a Barkhamsted resident.

DELEGATIONS: No delegations were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was made.

DISCUSSION: John Simoncelli, Executive Director of the Greenwoods Counseling Referrals, Inc., presented information on his organization to the Selectmen. It is based in Litchfield and provides mental health assessments at no cost throughout the County. It refers patients to a roster of 150 providers and will help pay for the services if the patient cannot afford to pay on their own. This is becoming more critical as many insurance policies have increasing co-pays and higher deductibles. They do 500-600 assessments per year and try to match individuals to the best fit for their needs. They also work with Youth Service Bureaus in the region to work with kids in need, and are trying to address the opioid crisis as there are not enough providers who can prescribe the medications that can help with an overdose. Litchfield County is considered to be a needy area and they are working with schools and other organizations throughout the region. All of their funding is private (Barkhamsted contributes \$500), and because of this, they are starting to offer counseling services in addition to the referral assessments in an effort to increase their resources.

MOTION: A motion was made by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Don Stein, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2018, special meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Don Stein, and passed unanimously to add the correction of the minutes of the March 27, 2018 meeting to the agenda.

MOTION: A motion was made by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Don Stein, and passed unanimously to correct the minutes of the March 27, 2018 meeting to reflect that a duplicate check was processed for Pamela Eckhardt at that meeting, due to the original check having been inadvertently destroyed. The minutes as approved at the April 10th meeting were incorrect regarding the individuals for whom the duplicate check was made.

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

\$260.25	Philip M. Kennedy	refund
\$645.42	Nissan Infinity LT	refund

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen discussed the four properties that the Town now owns that were not sold at the Tax Sale in October 2017. These properties are 67 New Hartford Road, 67 Riverton Road, 56 Riverton Road and

34 North Canton Road. The process which was decided upon is that a local realtor will evaluate the properties for salability and a fair market price, and then the Selectmen will advertise the properties for sale, most likely a sealed bid with a minimum price that will be a percentage of the market price. The intention is to sell the properties as soon as possible such that they can go back on the tax rolls and help the town financially. The abutting property owners will be notified, as well as the sale being advertised in the newspapers.

MOTION: A motion was made by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to approve the call for the Annual Town Meeting (attached).

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously to approve the call for the Annual Budget Meeting (attached).

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously to approve the three ordinance changes to be proposed for action at the Annual Town Meeting (attached). It was agreed by the Selectmen that the Town Attorney should review these prior to the Annual Meeting and that changes would be incorporated for approval, if needed.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously to appoint Nora Bishop to the Recreation commission for the term from April 25, 2018 to December 31, 2021.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously (Don Stein abstained) to appoint Deb Simon to the Recreation commission for the term from April 25, 2018 to December 31, 2020.

MOTION: A motion was made by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Don Stein, and passed unanimously (Ray Pech abstained) to re-appoint Ray Pech to the Northwestern CT Transit District Board of Directors as Barkhamsted's representative for a four-year term starting April 25, 2018.

Other Business: Don Stein notified the Selectmen that Francine Beland had resigned as the Town's Assessor to accept another position. She will be working off-hours after May 7, which is critical to the success of the revaluation which must be completed this year. The Town will post the want ad on the Town website and on the CAAO (Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers) website.

Don Stein also notified the Selectmen that there will an RFP posted for the Town Hall improvements previously discussed (bringing the staircases up to code, and modifying the kitchen area which is badly in need of improvement). This RFP will be sent to local contractors and will be posted on the Town website.

The Selectmen will hold their next meeting at 9:00 AM on May 8 rather than in the evening to avoid potential conflicts with the Town Meeting and Regional 7 referendum, which are scheduled for that day.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

W A R N I N G

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018 7:00 PM

The legal voters of the Town of Barkhamsted and those entitled to vote at Town Meetings within said Town are hereby warned and notified that on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM, the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Barkhamsted will be held in the Barkhamsted Elementary School on Ripley Hill Road in Barkhamsted for the purpose of transacting business as follows:

1. To receive and act upon the report of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Board of Education and to hear and act on any other reports made at said meeting;
2. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement or agreements with the State of Connecticut, through the Department of Transportation Commissioner, thereof, as they deem necessary relative to Town Aid and Dirt Road Appropriation, so called;
3. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement or agreements with the State of Connecticut, through the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, thereof, as they deem necessary relative to Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP), so called and subject to the LoCIP capital improvement plan as approved by the Board of Selectmen;
4. To authorize the Board of Selectmen for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 to borrow money with the concurrence of the Board of Finance in anticipation of taxes from time to time to pay current expenses of said Town and its obligations and to execute and deliver the Town's obligations for the same;
5. To consider and act upon a proposal to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and expend any federal and or state grants for and by the Town;
6. To consider, discuss, and vote upon appointments to Stanclift Cove Authority for the term from 5/9/18 to 12/31/20 and for the term from 1/1/19-12/31/21.
7. To consider and act upon the elimination of ordinance Chapter 63-10A. regarding penalties for commencing work without first obtaining an Approved Building Permit.

8. To consider and act upon an ordinance Concerning Bingo Games, Bazaars and Raffles, in accordance with CGS §7-169 to §7-186, inclusive, as amended by Public Act No. 17-231, effective January 1, 2018.
9. To consider and act upon an ordinance establishing a Property Tax Exemption – Gold Star Parents and Spouses, in accordance with Public Act No. 17-65, effective October 1, 2017.

Dated at Barkhamsted, Connecticut, this 24th day of April, 2018.

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

Raymond P. Pech
Selectman

Nicholas A. Lukiwsky
Selectman

**ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Barkhamsted and those entitled to vote at Town Meetings in said Town are hereby warned and notified that the Annual Budget Meeting of said Town will be held in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes and Ordinances of the Town of Barkhamsted on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, immediately following the Annual Town Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Barkhamsted Elementary School on Ripley Hill Road in Pleasant Valley in said Town for the transaction of business as follows:

1. To consider and act on a report from the Board of Finance, including its estimates and expenditures and to adopt a budget for the Town of Barkhamsted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019;
2. To consider and act on returning funds to the Capital Reserve Fund from the following projects:

Town Hall Drainage	\$ 21,549.18
School Desks and Chairs	\$ 6.61
Plan of Conservation & Development	\$ 12,512.96
Refurbish 2001 International	\$ 282.62
Refurbish 2006 & 2007 International	\$ 2,001.57
Senior Center Boiler	\$ 3,050.00
BES Bathroom Upgrade	<u>\$ 340.00</u>
	\$ 38,668.95

3. To consider and act on a transfer of \$233,130 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund:
4. To allocate \$336,475 from the Capital Reserve Fund for the following projects:

<u>Town Projects</u>	
Tax Sale (2002/2003)	\$ 1,075.00
Revaluation	\$ 35,000.00
Tax Sale	\$ 15,000.00
Replace 2002 International	\$ 180,000.00
 <u>School Projects</u>	
Main & Fire Door Replacement	\$ 10,000.00
Oil Tank Replacement	<u>\$ 95,400.00</u>
	\$ 336,475.00

Dated at Barkhamsted, Connecticut this 24th day of April, 2018.

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First Selectman

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~~§ 63-10 Penalties for failure to obtain permits prior to commencing work.~~

- ~~A. Building Fees: Effective July 1, 2007, any individual, homeowner or contractor commencing work without first obtaining an approved building permit will be subject to a fine of double the standard permit fee. Fines will be imposed at the discretion of the Town Building Official and the Building Official with have the option of determining the project cost.~~

This section regarding fines for failure to obtain an approved building permit is hereby deleted, as it is in conflict with Connecticut General Statutes 29-254a and 29-263, which establish penalties that must be administered through judicial action.

§ 178-34 Property Tax Exemption – Gold Star Parents and Spouses

- A. Any parent whose child was killed in action, or the surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action, while performing active military duty with the armed forces, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the general statutes, which parent or surviving spouse is a resident of such municipality, shall be entitled to an exemption from property tax, provided such parent's or surviving spouse's qualifying income does not exceed (A) the maximum amount applicable to an unmarried person as provided under section 12-81l of the general statutes, or (B) an amount established by the municipality, not exceeding the maximum amount under section 12-81l of the general statutes by more than twenty-five thousand dollars. The exemption provided for under this section shall be applied to the assessed value of an eligible parent's or surviving spouse's property and, may be in an amount up to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) or in an amount up to ten per cent of such assessed value.
- B. Claims and applications for benefits under this article shall be in accordance with Public Act No. 17-65, effective October 1, 2017 and may be amended from time to time.

ORDINANCE CONCERNING BINGO GAMES, BAZAARS AND RAFFLES

Section 1. Authorization.

The Town of Barkhamsted hereby adopts the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, §7-169 to §7-186, inclusive, as amended by Public Act No. 17-231, effective January 1, 2018. Terms as defined in the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by the Public Act, are hereby incorporated by reference.

Section 2. Bingo Games, Bazaars and Raffles.

The Town of Barkhamsted hereby confirms its prior authorization of bingo games, bazaars and raffles within the municipality, subject to the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act No. 17-231.

Section 3. Application Forms, Permit Fees.

The Town of Barkhamsted hereby authorizes the use of the application forms prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection and adopts the maximum permit fees authorized by the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act No. 17-231, and as may subsequently be amended by future legislation. ·

Section 4. Administration.

The First Selectman, as the chief executive officer of the Town of Barkhamsted, is hereby authorized to administer the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes applicable to bingo games, bazaars and raffles previously administered by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection and now delegated to the municipality pursuant to Public Act No. 17-231, effective January 1, 2018.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect as of May 9, 2018, effective upon publication of a summary of its provisions in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §7-157(b).