

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – August 11, 2020, MEETING MINUTES:

(Note: This is a virtual meeting and the recording of the meeting is available at

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Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Nick Lukiwsky.

DELEGATIONS: No delegations were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments were made.

MOTION: On a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously, the minutes of the July 21, 2020 special meeting were tabled to the next regular meeting, since neither Selectman had been able to read the minutes prior to the meeting due to the power outages that resulted from the hurricane. It was noted that there was a typo in the minutes; i.e., the meeting was called to order at 5:43 PM, not 7:43 PM. That will be corrected when the minutes are voted on.

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

\$ 61.30	Olivia Covelli	refund
\$ 66.73	Charles Kimnach	credit
\$ 19.98	James Kulinski	refund

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen reviewed the General Government budget expenditures through July 31, 2020. Since this is the first month of the fiscal year, several expenditures (health insurance, certain agencies, software packages) are paid in full which makes the first month somewhat higher than would otherwise be expected. Other than those expenses, the balance of the budget looked normal for the summer months.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen briefly discussed steps that may be taken relative to re-opening Town Hall and the Town Garage to the public, but the First Selectmen stated that there was still not a firm plan since the next few weeks are critical as to what may be feasible. If the positive trend in infection rate continues, re-opening phases could take place in late August or early September, but if there is a spike in cases, the re-opening will be done quite slowly. The Town will await guidance from the State. We have not received any complaints about the process in place now with the doorbell and outside service, but as the weather starts to cool down, that approach will become problematic.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein informed the Selectmen that he had not been able to follow up with Eversource regarding the Riverton street light issue. Now that the power has been restored, he will reach out to the Eversource rep to figure out next steps.

MOTION: A motion was made by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to authorize the First Selectman to apply for a 2020 STEAP grant and to approve the attached Municipal Certification of Resolution – STEAP 2020. Don Stein informed the other Selectmen that the Riverbank Restoration project was about a \$205,000 project, and that with the grant of \$128,000, the Town would need to spend about \$45,000 in match and the balance could be in-kind labor. There is no guarantee that the Town will be awarded the grant, but the State is trying to make sure that as many towns as possible will receive STEAP grants.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen briefly discussed the outages (electrical, cable, and phone coverage) and were pleased that full electrical power had been restored, although some residents were out for about a week. Cable TV and internet and landlines were not yet fully restored, but the providers were working on this issue. There was consensus that Eversource failed miserably in the restoration activities and that the Town needs to participate in any activities that will be taken to try to rectify the utility's poor performance for future storms. The water supply and charging stations available at town hall and the firehouses, and the Wi-Fi hot spot provided at Town Hall, were deemed to be a big success. The Town is also making a dumpster at the Senior Center and one at the Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church available to residents who need to dispose of spoiled food waste.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be the regular meeting on August 25 at 7:00PM.

Municipal Certification of Resolution - STEAP 2020

I, Holly P. Krouse, Town Clerk of the Town of Barkhamsted, a municipality organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, hereby certify that the following is a true copy of the resolution adopted at the Board of Selectmen Meeting of said municipality at the Regular Monthly Meeting held on August 11, 2020:

“RESOLVED, that First Selectman Donald S. Stein, be, and hereby is, authorized to accept on behalf of the Town of Barkhamsted, a 2020 Connecticut STEAP Grant in the amount of \$128,205 for Farmington River Riverbank Restoration and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that First Selectman Donald S. Stein is hereby authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said 2020 STEAP Grant with the State of Connecticut.”

AND I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the above resolution has in no way been altered, amended or revoked, and is in full force and effect.

AND I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that Donald S. Stein is the first selectman of the town of Barkhamsted, and has been since January 2, 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Barkhamsted this 12th day of August, 2020.

Holly P. Krouse, Town Clerk
Town of Barkhamsted