

**Town of Barkhamsted**  
**Economic Development Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Barkhamsted Senior and Community Center**  
**August 14, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM.

**Attendees:** Tim Deschenes-Desmond, Shannon Chatfield, Linda Ganem, Bob Pulford (arrived at 7:45), Todd Winkler, and Don Stein. Also present was Terri Collins, Tax Collector

**Motion:** On a motion by Tim Deschenes-Desmond, seconded by Shannon Chatfield, the minutes of the meeting of June 2, 2025, were approved unanimously.

**Discussion:** There is confusion expressed by the Tax Collector and the Assessor about the abatement approved at the Town meeting for Tractor Supply and the property owner, Calco Construction, and what the actual terms should be. This goes beyond the summary that was approved at the Town Meeting. The First Selectman, Nick Lukiwsky, will consult with the Town Attorney to finalize the details of the abatement agreement for the Plaza. Terri Collins will send out a tax bill without the agreement but will include the definition of the abatement time period. The EDC will consider changes to the Abatement program that was approved in 2011, which says in Para. C that the Commission needs to create an agreement to be signed by the Town and the developer. The focus will be on the terms and the agreement will be a Town responsibility.

**Discussion:** Shannon Chatfield reported that the Farmers Market is doing well, and had a maximum attendance one Saturday of 64 customers. She is working with Greszyk Farms to sell their sweet corn and may work with them to put together a farmers' market on Wednesdays or Thursdays. However, they want to hold it in the Tractor Supply parking lot, so they are still discussing that. She is also selling Narcan to those who want to have it on hand. She has recently gotten approval to start selling dairy in conjunction with a dairy farm in Southbury.

**Other Items:**

- The Housing Trust expects to go to bid by the end of August.
- The EDC will work to update the Business Directory on the town website, which is very out-of-date. Don Stein will get a spreadsheet of all the businesses in town, and the EDC will divide it up to reach out to businesses to see who wants to be on the website and to get the needed information.
- There was discussion of what to do for a Business Meet and Greet. One item that was mentioned was to hold a business fair at the Riverton Fairgrounds where local businesses could set up tables to show off what they do for the attendees (town residents?). There could also be fun events at the same time to attract more people to come to this event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Don Stein, Chair

The next meeting will be the on September 8 since the first Monday is Labor Day,