

**Town of Barkhamsted**  
**Economic Development Commission**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**Barkhamsted Town Hall**  
**September 8, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM.

**Attendees:** Tim Deschenes-Desmond, Bob Pulford, Todd Winkler and Don Stein.

**Motion:** On a motion by Tim Deschenes-Desmond, seconded by Todd Winkler, the minutes of the special meeting of August 14, 2025, were approved unanimously.

**Mallory Brook Tax Abatement:** Don Stein informed the members that Nick Lukiwsky has asked the Town Attorney, Andy Glassman, to draft language to modify the Tax Abatement document and to draft the agreement for the tax abatement with Calco Construction. These documents will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Farmers Market:** Since Shannon Chatfield was absent, there was no update on the Farmers Market, but it has been consistently successful all summer. We will try to get an update at the October meeting.

**Business Meet-and-Greet/List of Businesses on Town Website:** Don Stein provided spreadsheets from the Tax Assessor of all the businesses registered in Town, but there were a lot of duplicates as well as big box or national chains. Todd Winkler is going to go through the list to simplify it and then we will try to narrow it down to locally owned businesses. The goal is to be able to update the business list on the town website so that it has today's business and to eliminate the ones that are no longer in existence. Then, we will try to schedule a business meet-and-greet where the businesses can set up to show off their businesses to the residents.

**DISCUSSION:** The members briefly discussed the following items:

- The Barkhamsted Housing Trust is still struggling to go out to bid for the site work for the affordable housing complex. The bid package is almost complete but the design for the water lines to the back of the Mallory Brook Plaza does not include the extension to the housing. The plan is to get the bid package together by the end of September.
- The Riverton Fair is October 10-12 and will have the usual vendors, rides and all of the agricultural exhibits. The Fairground is also being used on September 17 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual River Day field trip for the Barkhamsted School and elementary schools from Hartland, Norfolk and Colebrook. This event has different activities for different ages including hikes, wildlife and fishing talks and other activities related to nature and the Farmington River.
- FALPS is hosting an event for its members at TR Woodcrafts on River Road who makes furniture out of trees and logs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Don Stein, Chair

The next meeting will be the regular meeting scheduled for October 6.