

Town of Barkhamsted
Economic Development Commission
Barkhamsted Town Hall
October 6, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

Attendees: Bob Pulford, Todd Winkler, Mark Mahoney; Linda Ganem; Shannon Chatfield and Don Stein.

Motion: On a motion by Bob Pulford, seconded by Todd Winkler, the minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2025, were approved unanimously.

Mallory Brook Tax Abatement: Don Stein has not heard anything back from Nick Lukiwsky regarding the Town Attorney's review of the tax abatement for Mallory Brook Plaza. This issue was tabled to the next meeting.

Farmers Market: Shannon Chatfield reported that the farm market at the Town Garage was successful and that she has also opened a farm store in the barn at the farm on Old North Road. She requested that there be better coordination with scheduling the Town Garage to avoid conflicts between other events and the farm market. She did say that there was a good turnout for the market the Saturday that the Friends of Beardsley Library held their annual book sale.

Business Meet-and-Greet/List of Businesses on Town Website: Don Stein provided the modified spreadsheet of businesses with the elimination of duplicates done by Todd Winkler. The members took the action to each go through a page and eliminate national companies or ones that they knew were no longer in business (page 1 – Don, page 2 – Mark, page 3 – Bob, page 4 – Shannon, page 5 – Todd, page 6 – Linda). They were then to send their markup to Todd before the next meeting, and he will compile the final listing of businesses to be contacted regarding their interest in being listed on the Town website. Don Stein will contact Carmen Smith regarding the availability of emails for the businesses so that they can be contacted.

DISCUSSION: The members briefly discussed the following items:

- The Barkhamsted Housing Trust has gone out to bid for the site work for the affordable housing complex. There is agreement with Winsted to run the water line to the location behind Mallory Brook Plaza. The Town in conjunction with the Plaza owner and the BHT will need to raise the funds to pay for the vault before the water line can be run to the Plaza from that location or to the BHT driveway.
- The Riverton Fair was October 10-12 and was successful. The attendance was down since the Sunday weather was predicted to be very challenging but the revenue and attendance were very close to the budget. Shannon suggested that we organize a "box war" contest for the businesses on the Fairground and a maple tasting event.

- FALPS is hosting an event for its members at TR Woodcrafts on River Road who makes furniture out of trees and logs. This business is unique in Town as its designs are very unusual and interesting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM

Respectfully submitted,

Don Stein, Chair

The next meeting will be a Special meeting scheduled for November 10. The regular meeting scheduled for November 3 will be canceled due to Election Day on November 4.