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Dear Barkhamsted Seniors,

I am pleased to announce the creation of a new position, the Senior and Community Center Director. This role will be filled on an interim and voluntary basis by Former First Selectman Donald Stein. Don will be instrumental in defining this new role by expanding the purpose and use of the Senior Center into a hub for the entire community. Over time, we hope this will become a place of multigenerational activity.

I want to assure you that this decision has been carefully considered. The Board of Selectmen has been contemplating going in this direction for many years. Many other communities in our region have a Senior Center Director in place, allowing them to provide a broader range of services than we currently provide.

Importantly, **this change will not impact the current schedule of meals regularly provided by the center's volunteers.** We deeply value the dedication of our volunteers and the essential services they provide.

Our commitment to our seniors remains unwavering. We are dedicated to ensuring that the Barkhamsted Senior Center continues to be a welcoming and supportive environment. Your needs and well-being are our top priority, and we will continue to provide the services and support you rely on.

I am confident that this change will increase participation, expand the range of activities offered, and ensure the center is a place where everyone feels valued and welcome.

There will be some changes to how decisions are made. Most importantly, your opinions and desires will be valued and considered in each decision. The needs of our seniors will not be compromised. The current Board of Directors will be renamed the Board of Advisors. It will provide advice to the Director, who will report to the Board of Selectmen. The Director will have decision making authority for day-to-day decisions of the center.

My intent with this decision is to improve the quality of service you can expect from the Barkhamsted Senior Center and make it a center for community engagement. I am available to answer any questions or hear any suggestions you may have. I encourage all current volunteers to continue their involvement, as the center thrives on the energy of its volunteers.

This change is effective immediately.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

Sincerely,

Nick Lukiwsky
First Selectman
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