

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
BOARD OF FINANCE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010**

Chairman, Brian Noe called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Members present were Tom Cook, David Moulton, (7:50 pm) Matthew Kelly, and Alternates, Richard Winn and Gerald Gardner. Also present was Selectman, Donald S. Stein, Debbie Gilpin, Tax Collector, Terri Collins, Assessor, Francine Beland, Road Foreman, Rich Novak and Holly Krouse.

Kelly made a motion to seat Richard Winn for Linda Persechino, seconded by Cook and unanimously approved.

Kelly made a motion to seat Gerry Gardner for Sally Roy, seconded by Cook and unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes of January 19, 2009, seconded by Winn and unanimously approved.

Transfers: None

Discussion of Board of Education Budget:

Jeff Linton and Todd Ransom were unable to attend the meeting.

Discussion of General Government Budget:

Reviewed and discussed possibilities.

Discussion of ECS and ARRA funds reporting:

Moulton made a motion to lower the Education Cost Sharing Grant (ECS) amount from \$1,615,872, down to \$1,385,344.00, seconded by Gardner and unanimously approved.

Discussion on creation of Annual Report:

The board discussed the possibility of putting the Annual Report on line in lieu of mailing.

Discussion of budget update – state revenue, regional, and local budgets:

The budgets were discussed and Brian Noe will call Todd Ransom to advise of 0% budget increase.

Set the Public Hearing and Public Meeting dates:

Moulton made a motion to set the Annual Budget Public Hearing for April 13, 2010 at 7:00 pm, seconded by Winn and unanimously approved.

Moulton made a motion to set the Annual Budget Public Meeting for May 4, 2010 at 7:00 pm, seconded by Winn and unanimously approved.

Correspondence:

Reviewed; no action taken.

Any other business legal and proper to come before said meeting:

None

Noe moved to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Cook seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted _____ Date _____
Matthew J. Kelly, acting secretary