

Members in attendance: L. Annino, N. Gorski, J. Young

Visitors (as identified onscreen): E. Blewett, M. Carri, W. Linsley, M. O'Toole, R. Regolo, A. Stirna, G. Venuti

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Motion to add CRADH as an agenda item

Young motioned to add CRADH as an agenda item. Annino seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Annino motioned to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a memorandum of understanding for CRADH to provide full-time local public health services to the Town of Killingworth. Young seconded. Gorski responded to questions from the 15 February 2022 town meeting. In addition to health director and sanitarian services, CRADH provides additional services including flu clinics, radon programs, and spring treatment of storm drains for mosquitos. Young expressed concerned with the spring treatment of storm drains given aquifers and reservoirs in town and wants to know what treatment they will use. CRADH also indicated their rates have never increased and no plans to in the future. Young also asked whether CRADH has regular office hours in town. Gorski commented she sees Rebecca Drew, RS at least twice a week. All resources available to Killingworth are listed on the presentation provided at the town meeting. Annino indicated he was uncomfortable with the lack of terms of the agreement. Young recommended the Charter Revision Commission consider an update Section 7-3 (o) insuring that all fees collected by any Town agency, other than the Judge of Probate, are remitted to the General Fund. Annino amended the motion to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a memorandum of understanding for CRADH to provide full-time local public health services to the Town of Killingworth subject to the agreement including the services provided, the office hours expected, and the sanitarian records to reside in Killingworth Town Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Motion to add appointment of an acting building official as an agenda item

Young motioned to add appointment of an acting building official as an agenda item. Annino seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Gorski explained the current agreement with Jerry Russ expired. Gorski motioned to appoint Jerry Russ as acting building official for up to 180 days effective immediately. Annino seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Review of 22/23 Operating, Capital and MYCIP

Gorski proposed an incremental 2.25% salary increase for non-contract employees, including elected employees. This is consistent with increases for our contracted employees and with Haddam's proposed increase. Gorski indicated non-contract employees with the town for less than one year would not receive the increase. The 2.25% increase would add \$12,848 to the budget. Annino indicated the Joint Compensation Committee previously provided guidance that elected employees take office knowing their salary. Young asked whether Haddam also increased elected employees. Regolo did not specifically ask Haddam that question. The current proposed 22/23 budget is reflective of this increase. All selectmen agreed this makes sense in our current economy.

Regolo reviewed specific line items of the 22/23 Operating, Capital and MYCIP. Adjustments include:

- **Operating: Office Expenses include \$16,500 earmarked for hiring a highway consultant. Annino prefers to perform this work in the current fiscal year. Gorski suggested an RFP would need to be executed soon. Regolo will remove \$16,500 from the 22/23 Operating.**
- **Operating: Ambulance/Fire Service Recognition Plan. Annino suggested to add a separate line for stipend in lieu of tax abatement for those volunteers who do not own sufficient property in town. An additional \$12,000 will be added. Annino's opinion is that we should not tax residents for the actuarial adjustment in the budget until all of the plan's associated financial work is complete, reviewed by the BOF and is approved at town meeting. This is not to say we will not get this work done this year. It is important to include this in our narrative to BOF. Regolo will make that adjustment.**
- **Operating: Regolo will add a new line item for Health District Assessment for CRADH.**
- **Operating: The library requested no increase in their 22/23 budget. Gorski to invite the library to the next BOS meeting.**
- **Operating: New line item will be added for Town Communications and Website. No budget will be set aside specifically for the Krier.**
- **Capital: KVFC - Station 1 Renovations and Permanent Town Hall addition to replace modulares will both have 10% allocated in 22/23 with the remainders in 23/24. The 10% to be divided into three payments through schematic-level design, through design development, through construction administration. Rename both line items for clarity in 22/23.**
- **Capital: TS - New Permit 22/23 will be moved to the 22/23 Operating budget.**
- **Capital: Storm Water Management will be broken into two line items, Storm Water Management and MS4 Permit and moved to 23/24.**
- **Capital: Center School Renovations to be moved to 23/24.**

The 21 February 2022 BOS meeting will be cancelled.

5. Selectmen Comments

None

6. First Selectman Comments

Haddam and Killingworth (Rimmer and Gorski) met with the BOE today to discuss the return of \$1.7M from the self-insured fund to the towns. The monies will be used to reduce the 22/23 assessment to the towns.

Gorski is returning to Florida on 22 February 2022 but will be working remotely and is available for meetings and calls.

7. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Nancy Gorski 2/22/22