

In attendance: N. Gorski, L. Annino, Jr., J. Young

Visitors (as identified onscreen): D. Phelps, E. Unger, J. Wilcox, D. Offner, D. Long, N. Gorski, T. Hajek, M Neveu, D. Mooney, M. Parahus, C Fine, G. Regolo, w. Linsley, G. Wind, A. Stirna, C. Jacob, R. Pleines, T. Blewett, G. Vecchitto, Roberta, R. Rimmer, B. Crowley, G. Venuti, R. Darin, E. Blewett, E. Nunes, G.C. Hewitt

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Public comment
  - Derek Phelps, Michael Parahus, Eileen Blewett, Eileen Unger, Jackie Wilcox, Eric Nunes, Guy Vecchitto and Don Offner spoke in favor of town financial support of the Killingworth Krier.
  - Eileen Blewett also spoke in favor of moving forward the KVFC/KAA Volunteer Incentive Program.
  - Eileen Unger also thanked the Lions, Eileen Blewett, the Killingworth Women’s Organization and others for stepping up to help a local family in need.
  - Todd Blewett thanked Gorski for her efforts on maintenance at town hall, and Annino for stepping up to supervise repair efforts. He also questioned the status of Selectwoman Young’s appointment/confirmation to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority Policy Board.
3. Department reports

Assessor Mike Bekech provided a written update on the 2021 Revaluation. There was brief discussion. Gorski noted that there were far fewer requests for BAA appeals than in past reval years.
4. Approval of minutes
  - A. BOS Regular Meeting February 10, 2022  
**Young moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2022 as presented. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.**
  - B. BOS Special Meeting February 14, 2022  
**Annino moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting of February 14, 2022 as presented. The motion, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.**
  - C. BOS Regular Meeting February 14, 2022  
**Young moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 14, 2022 amended as follows:**
    - Page 2, Item 6 A: Reverse the order of the last two sentences, and add “among the list of priorities” at the end:**  
*Board of Finance was given the list of priorities to consider, alongside the proposed operating and capital budgets. Young asked whether possible purchase of Deer Lake needed to be considered for FY2022/2023 among the list of priorities.***The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.**

D. BOS Regular Meeting February 16, 2022

**Annino moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting of February 16, 2022 as presented. The motion, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.**

E. BOS Regular Meeting February 17, 2022

**Young moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2022 amended as follows:**

*Page 1, Item 4 line 4: Annino noted that while the Joint Compensation Committee previously provided guidance that elected employees take office knowing their salary, for this fiscal year he recommended including elected officials with the non-contract employees receiving the 2.25% cost of living proposed increase.*

**The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.**

5. Appointments

Young asked the board to consider Clark Judge to fill the vacancy on the Open Space Committee created by the resignation of Geoff Picard, and noted his background and qualifications. Both Picard and Judge are Unaffiliated. No action was taken.

6. Budget report

Gorski noted that the snow removal line item is likely to be overspent this year. With most of our storms on weekends, we have experienced increase labor costs. Freezing rain and sleet also required more material to be applied to address icing on roads.

7. New Business

A. Engineer Review of MYCIP Roads/Bridges

NLJA report with feedback on the Multi-year Capital Improvement Plan was distributed and briefly discussed. There was consensus that, moving forward, the road foreman and town engineer should work to be more proactively on long term planning and budgeting. Gorski has scheduled meetings on her fall calendar.

B. FY 22/23 BOS Proposed Budget Approval

**A motion by Annino, seconded by Young, to recommend to the Board of Finance operating expenditures totaling \$5,744,303 as detailed in the Proposed FY 22/23 Operating Budget passed unanimously.**

**A motion by Young, seconded by Annino, to recommend to the Board of Finance capital expenditures totaling \$3,177,129 as detailed in the Proposed FY 22/23 Capital Budget passed unanimously. ( )**

C. FY 22/23 Budget Memo to BOF

There was consensus to approve the memo to the BOF, amended to note the following:

*Page 2, under PUBLIC SAFETY: First Responder Service Recognition Plan: As the plan is unapproved, the Board of Selectman may approach the Board of Finance during FY 22/23 for additional funding if needed .*

8. Old Business

A. Deer Lake Property update

There was discussion about the status of negotiations about the Deer Lake property, about whether the town is taking any official position, and about gauging resident support for any town involvement. A special meeting will be scheduled to discuss further.

B. KVFC/KAA Volunteer Incentive Program

This discussion was postponed.

9. Selectmen's comments

A. Young thanked Annino for sharing his time and facilities management expertise with respect to the town campus buildings, and thanked Gorski for her efforts to prioritize these projects.

B. Annino expressed his appreciation and strong support of the Killingworth Krier, and clarified that the BOS is seeking an appropriate way to support it.

C. Annino reported on his consultation with Long Hill Oil. Potential requests for proposals for new HVAC contract was noted.

10. First Selectman's comments

A. Gorski noted that she will be meeting with appropriate staff regarding upcoming RFPs, and any modifications to the process.

B. Gorski has scheduled presentations for the Town Website Update at our upcoming March meetings on the 14th and 28th.

C. Gorski will reach out to selectmen to schedule special meetings to review the KVFC/KAA Volunteer Incentive Program, Deer Lake property, and continued work on the Personnel Manual.

11. Adjournment

**A motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. by Annino, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted on 3/2/2022 by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow.