

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, August 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Killingworth Town Hall

BOS Members in Attendance: First Selectman, Nancy Gorski, and Selectman, Louis Annino, Jr.

BOS Members Absent: Selectman, Jamie Young

Visitors: Walt Adametz, Eileen Blewett, William Joyce, Wayne Linsley, Eric Nunes, Richard Pleines, Regina Regolo, Jackie Vece, Jacque Wilcox, Don Wilcox and Jamie Sciascia (Via Telephone)

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Called to Order: First Selectman, Gorski, called this meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment: Eileen Blewett addressed the Board of Selectmen “BOS”. She spoke about her concerns regarding a request for proclamation for Vista Life Innovation and felt there was a lack of questions raised by the BOS, about the work Vista does, before the BOS reached a decision at their last meeting.

Further, Mrs. Blewett raised her concerns regarding Selectman, Young’s, communication by use of her own personal email, to act on behalf of the BOS and to make decisions solely by herself. She also explained how Selectman, Young, doesn’t have the authority to speak on a town matter, without following the entire process. Mrs. Blewett feels the Killingworth residents are owed an explanation from Selectman Young regarding same.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion #1 - First Selectman, Gorski, ***Moved*** and Selectman, Annino, ***Seconded*** a motion to ***Table*** the Minutes of the August 8, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Motion unanimously passed [2-0-0].

Motion #2 - First Selectman, Gorski, ***Moved*** and Selectman, Annino, ***Seconded*** a motion to Approve the Minutes of the Thursday, August 18, 2022 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Motion unanimously passed [2-0-0].

Refunds and Abatements:

Motion #3 - First Selectman, Gorski, *Moved* and Selectman, Annino, *Seconded* a motion to approve the following Refunds and Abatements, all for overpayment, and allow them to follow their normal course as presented below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Theresa Pasqualine	46 Burr Hill Road	\$229.39	Overpaid COC#10561M
Sun Beechwood LLC	27777 Franklin Road	\$897.22	Overpaid
Nissan Infiniti	PO Box 650214	\$513.45	Overpaid COC#10469M
Jason Hackley	104 Tower Hill Road	\$ 12.37	Overpaid COC#10602M
Michele M. Allen	31 Jackson Road	\$177.63	Overpaid COC#10593M
Thomas R. Woodward	PO Box 939	\$ 16.26	Overpaid COC#10574M
Thomas R. Woodward	PO Box 939	\$ 85.34	Overpaid COC#10575M

Motion unanimously passed [2-0-0].

Appointments:

No Appointments.

Department Report:

A. Highway

Green Hill Culvert Repair Update

Walt Adametz gave an update on the completion of paving Projects for this year with the exception of Chestnut Hill and the Library. They milled and paved Victoria Drive, Bunker Hill, overlaid sections of Roast Meat, Ironworks and River Road which all planned to be chip-sealed next year. He further stated that since asphalt pricing lowered, they fell approximately 150 tons less than what was quoted. Once the invoice comes in from Tilcon, they will look at the gap and reevaluate Chestnut Hill to see if completion can occur during this fiscal year. Walt plans on following-up with the Library, regarding the commencement of their Lighting Project, since the Library's parking lot will most likely need to be closed during the paving period.

Secondly, Walt gave an update on Green Hill, advising that the rocks fell after the last rain storm. They are planning to move the rocks back up along the stream bank and capsule it with ripwrap so they won't fall in the future. Selectman, Annino, raised his concerns at a previous BOS meeting questioning what these culverts were designed for, because if they weren't sized for a reasonable event, it would ultimately fail again. Walt explained that at the time the damage occurred, it was during the Winter months, and Greenhill Road which is close to 1-95, would have needed a detour. This detour wouldn't have been ideal since it would be in a residential neighborhood. Walt explained what he proposed tonight by providing stability to the

embankment is a temporary fix and the next step will be moving forward with a concrete 50 year proof plan. He has a meeting with FEMA Wednesday morning to see if this is eligible for FEMA reimbursement.

Lastly, Walt advised that the lawn mower that was purchased back in 2017, was damaged while mowing grass, due to a fast-paced vehicle that came around the corner and instead of hitting the vehicle, they dodge it ultimately damaging the mower. Estimated cost for the replacement of parts would cost approximately \$14,000 not assembled, and would take months to get; a full replacement of the entire unit would cost approximately \$18,000. Walt is in the process of writing up a narrative of what transpired, to send to the insurance company, to see if they would be able to cover the expenses of the repairs from the damage.

B. Building Update

Acting Building Official Appointment Letter

First Selectman, Gorski, Nancy submitted the Acting Building Official Appointment Letter, and is in the process of interviewing a credentialed Building Inspector to work approximately 19-hours a week which will provide the Building Department with daytime coverage.

Budget Report:

Motion #4 - First Selectman, Gorski, ***Moved*** and Selectman, Annino, ***Seconded*** a motion to send the Closeout of the following Capital Accounts as of June 30, 2022 to the Board of Finance as presented below:

1. Revaluation	\$ 1,386
2. KVFC-Turnour Geer Replacement	\$ 3
3. KVFC- Bay Doors & Openers – Station 1	\$ 6,240
3. KVFC-Station 1 Roof Replacements	\$58,065
4. Paving Projects	\$93,360
5. Chip Sealing Projects	\$88,050

Motion unanimously passed [2-0-0].

Motion #5 - First Selectman, Gorski, ***Moved*** and Selectman, Annino, ***Seconded*** a motion to send the Over Expenditures of the following Capital Accounts as of June 30, 2022 to the Board of Finance as presented below:

1. IT Upgrades	\$ 204
2. Sick/Vacation Payout at Retirement	\$1,092

Motion unanimously passed [2-0-0].

Motion #6 - First Selectman, Gorski, *Moved* and Selectman, Annino, *Seconded* a motion to send the Over Expenditures in FY 2021-22 in excess of \$20,000 for the following line items as presented below:

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| 1. Town Counsel | \$35,777 |
| 2. Snow Removal | \$26,177 |

New Business:

A. Ordinance Update – Septic

First Selectman, Gorski, spoke about reviewing ordinances for Septic systems in Clinton and Westbrook, in terms of trying to manage smaller septic systems with more frequent pumpouts. She suggested to update Ordinance 445-20 to include a clause that manufactured home septic systems be pumped more frequently by adding a clause: “The Director of Health in the exercise of his/her discretion may require more frequent pump-outs for those on-site sewage disposal systems which he/she believes warrants more frequent maintenance...” First Selectwoman, Gorski, said it would be beneficial to reduce the burden overall, to make individual determinations in terms of pumping septic systems not only for Beechwood but for any home in Killingworth.

Selectman, Annino, asked for clarification on Jenson's, before it was Beechwood, since it was pumping at a 3-year frequency, questioning how it turned into pumping at a 5-year interval and also who made that decision. Selectman, Annino, believes there is a potential Agreement within the Development in its nonconforming use, that is out there and Beechwood doesn't have the authority to change it. First Selectman, Gorski, will do some further research regarding this, and bring it back to the BOS. Annino recommends that if the BOS is now the acting Water Pollution Authority, the language that First Selectman, Gorski, suggested doesn't unilaterally allow the Director of Health but that position should make the recommendation to the Water Pollution Authority which is the BOS so there is clear direction. First Selectman, Gorski, advised that the Charter Revision Commission is seeking to dissolve the Water Pollution Control Authority from the Charter. Selectman, Annino, expressed his concern with managing the sewer systems and loosening up that requirement, since the entire town is dependent upon subsurface sewer systems.

Old Business:

A. Fair Rent Commission Ordinance Approval

Motion #7 - First Selectman, Gorski, *Moved* and Selectman, Annino, *Seconded* a motion to enact the Fair Rent Commission Ordinance and move it to Town Meeting for approval.

Motion unanimously passed [2-0-0].

A. KVFC/KAA Pension Plan

First Selectman, Gorski, stated that the Trustees reviewed the updated plan provided by the pension attorney and suggested a few edits. The edits are underway and should have a Final plan approved by the Trustees and ready for review by the BOS in September.

Selectmen's Comments: None.

First Selectman's Comments:

First Selectman, Gorski, recently met with Tyree Hughey, the newly hired Executive Director of HKYFS, who is planning new programming for the school year, including a manufacturing certificate program in partnership with Pratt & Whitney. The second round interviews for a Prevention Coordinator and Clinical Director are underway. First Selectman, Gorski, will invite Tyree to their BOS meeting in October.

First Selectman, Gorski, followed up regarding Deed Restriction from the last meeting. The Town Assessor and herself provided the requested update to the State; and at the present time, Killingworth has two deed restricted properties left, with no new ones.

Adjournment: First Selectman, Gorski, *Moved* to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia,
Secretary