

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, November 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Killingworth Town Hall

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

BOS Members Absent: None.

Visitors: Killingworth Finance Director, Regina Regolo, Walt Adametz, Kathleen Amoia, Catherine Lino, Casey Jacob, Eric Nunes, Richard Pleines, Katherine Smith, Annie Stirna, Margaret Tobleman, William Tobleman and Jamie Sciascia (Via Telephone)

Called to Order: First Selectman Gorski called this meeting to order at 7:26 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment:

Casey Jacob addressed the BOS -

"I would like to comment on two things recorded in the BOS Minutes from the last meeting, on November 14. This regards the Public Comments offered and also one of the First Selectman's remarks.

I was shocked to see the amount of time that was allowed to discuss something that happened during political campaigning - how is this an appropriate topic for public comment at a Board of Selectmen's meeting? It does not reference any activity of the Board of Selectmen. Public comment at BOS meetings is not a requirement. If you are going to allow it, I want to suggest you require the comments to focus on Board actions, past, present, or future.

Secondly, I note that the First Selectman's recorded comments end with "the importance of BOS members staying above the fray in local politics." To my knowledge, this is not an ethical standard that has been adopted by Killingworth, and it is not one that I would support. Selectmen are citizens too, and should have the same rights of participation as the rest of us. Furthermore, the "fray of local politics" need not and should not be a disreputable activity. It should be an honest and serious effort to resolve local issues.

Thank you for listening. I will submit a copy of my comments, for the record."

Catherine Smith addressed the BOS. She echoed Casey Jacob's public comment and believes the types of public comments at the last meeting were uncalled for.

Kathleen Amoia addressed the BOS. She spoke about the spirit of the season, and thanked the BOS and all the Boards/Commissions for putting in their time and being fair to the Community members even with everyone having differences of opinions. She also stated how we should not be disrespectful to each other.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion #1 - First Selectman Gorski **Moved** to make a motion to Approve the Minutes of the Monday, November 14, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Motion **failed** for lack of a Second.

Due to the failed motion, First Selectman Gorski stated that the November 14, 2022 set of Minutes will go unapproved. First Selectman Gorski suggested the BOS could approve the Minutes with the Motions so people are aware of the meeting content. Selectman Annino raised his concerns as to why the Minutes are being posted prior to them coming to the BOS first for approval. First Selectman Gorski will confirm with Town Clerk Dawn Mooney to obtain the formal process of posting Minutes.

Refunds and Abatements:

Motion #2 - 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:

Name	Address	Amount	Reason
William J. Hande	1353 Frazier Rd.	\$8.34	Overpaid COC#10684M

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

Appointments:

First Selectman Gorski spoke about how they will need to reappoint members to Boards and Commissions at their December meeting. Elizabeth Disbow has been reaching out to individuals to make sure they still wish to serve.

Department Reports:

A. Public Works - Snow Season:

Discussion of pricing for truck and driver contracts for the snow season with the possibility of an increase for this year or offering a fuel surcharge took place. First Selectman Gorski spoke of the 64% increase in the cost of diesel over last year. Walt Adametz confirmed the drivers working for the Town during snow season do not have a written contract. Selectman Annino recommends for the future that any drivers that are hired for snow plowing for the Town that

there is a structured contractual contract which includes the cost of fuel. Selectman Young suggested looking into other towns to see what they are doing in terms of cost. Selectman Annino also suggested looking at the total cost of snow management, amount of dollars per mile maintained, as well as if we in-source it or outsource it. Walt Adametz spoke briefly about the Town being all set for salt and sand for the winter months.

Budget Report:

There were no changes to the Budget Report.

New Business:

A. ADA Coordinator

First Selectman Gorski completed the CTDOT Municipality American with Disabilities Act Compliance Assessment. She stated that many of the survey questions did not apply since there are 21 employees. Selectman Gorski suggested keeping pace with the requirements by appointing an ADA Coordinator. The responsibilities of the ADA Coordinator were discussed.

Motion #3 - First Selectman Gorksi **Moved** and Selectman Annino **Seconded** a motion to appoint Regina Regolo as their ADA Coordinator.

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

B. ARPA Funds:

First Selectman Gorski spoke about how during the last BOS meeting there was discussion as to whether to freeze the remaining ARPA Funds or continue to move forward with the recommendations of the Economic Recovery Committee and any recommendations from the BOS. Selectman Annino suggested that the current Capital needs of the Town should be considered before the ARPA Funds go elsewhere. There was no decision made.

C. Library Eversource Light:

First Selectman Gorski explained that Eversource has replaced its failed Flood light with a new high-output LED fixture due to someone reporting it to Eversource. Dick Otto would like to have it moved since it wasn't included in the design of the Lighting Project. Dick will follow-up with Eversource regarding same.

D. Ballfield Grant Resolution:

First Selectman Gorski stated that Jim Duffield is preparing the documents for the BallPark grant for \$500k. A resolution is mandatory in order to enter into contracts with DEEP and First Selectman Gorski will have it ready for the December 10th meeting,

Old Business:

A. 2023 Meeting Schedule:

A brief discussion took place regarding the 2023 Meeting Schedule/Budget meetings. Selectman Annino's recommendation was to continue on course as scheduled with the Selectmen's meeting dates and add in Budget meetings, as special meetings, as needed. Also, he suggested as a first step to create a reasonable Budget with the Director of Finance and then adjustments can be made thereafter.

B. Town-Owned Property Appraisals

First Selectman Gorski received an estimate to appraise three Town Properties in the amount of \$1,200 from Buckley Appraisal who was recommended by M. Bekech.

Motion #4 - First Selectman Gorski **Moved** and Selectman Young **Seconded** a motion to allow the Town to expend \$1,200 from the Selectmen's Office Expense to appraise the three Town properties. After speaking with Finance Director Regola, the suggested OPerating line to use would be under "Selectmen's Office Expense - Other." This line item cant exceed \$20,000 and can be cleaned up at the end of the fiscal year.

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

C. Madison Police Department Discussion Letter

First Selectman Gorski briefly updated the BOS on the Madison Police Department Discussion Letter.

Selectmen's Comments:

Selectman Annino commended the Community members that gave their Public Comment and expressed how he is in agreement with everything that was said in terms of the way business should be conducted. He also commented about civil discourse, learning from recent events that transpired and moving forward together.

Selectman Young spoke about how she made comments during the last BOS meeting and she stands by those comments with privilege and honor to serve the Town of Killingworth. She expressed her appreciation of the Community members that were in attendance being so supportive.

First Selectman's Comments:

First Selectman Gorski reviewed the Personnel Manual with mark-ups from the Town's Attorney and sent a copy of same to both Selectmen. First Selectman Gorski will meet with the Town's Attorney this week to review those changes.

First Selectman Gorski is still in the process of reviewing the Focused Site Investigation Report which was performed by EnSafe on behalf of DEEP Remediation Division for the Town of Killingworth property. She stated how she sent a draft over to GZA for preliminary thoughts and is hoping to invite them to the next BOS meeting.

First Selectman Gorski attended the DPH DWSRF Public Comments Webinar. She spoke about how Killingworth projects made it above the line for Base/Supplemental Project Priority List but below the line for SFY 2023 Emerging Contaminants Project Priority List. She reached out to DPH to get some clarification on what that means.

First Selectman Gorski spoke with Board Chair, Suzanne Sack, from the BOE. She plans on circulating an email to the BOS regarding building tours scheduled for December 10th. The BOE plans on having a joint BOS, BOE, BOF Capital Funding meeting on January 4th at 5:30 p.m.

Selectman Annino inquired about the Employee Handbook and grandfathering in individuals who are eligible for retirements and recommended to put together an MOA, side agreement. First Selectman Gorski will work with Finance Director Regolo to put that Agreement together and take it out of the Employee Handbook.

Motion #5 - Adjournment: First Selectman Gorski **Moved** and Selectman Annino **Seconded** a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia
Secretary