

ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Budget and Special Town Meeting was called to order by First Selectwoman Nancy Gorski at 7:04 P.M. in the All Purpose Room of Killingworth Elementary School on Monday, May 15, 2023 to consider and act upon the following items of business:

1. **To adopt the Budget recommendation of the Board of Finance of an Operating Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$5,853,770.**
2. **To adopt the Budget recommendation of the Board of Finance of Capital Expenditures for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$2,027,846.**
3. **To approve a Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan FY 2023/24 – FY2032/33.**
4. **To confirm the Selectmen’s appointment of James Joseph Duffield, William Raymond Burley, and Brian James Blair as Killingworth’s representatives to the Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Authority, for a term to commence upon confirmation and to continue until June 30, 2024.**
5. **To confirm the Selectmen’s appointment of Jamie Mowat Young to the Representative Policy Board, South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority for a term ending June 30, 2026.**
6. **To accept the amended and restated Defined Benefit Pension Plan for the Killingworth Ambulance Association and the Killingworth Volunteer Fire Company effective July 1, 2021 of copy of which is available for view on the town’s website and in the town clerk’s office.**

Michele O’Toole moved to nominate Elizabeth Disbrow to serve as Moderator; seconded by David O’Toole. There being no further nominations, Andrew O’Neill moved nominations be closed; seconded by Lou Annino. Following a voice vote, the motion to close nominations carried unanimously; and following another voice vote, the motion to elect Elizabeth Disbrow as Moderator carried unanimously.

Ms. Disbrow detailed the rules of eligibility to vote on each agenda item noting the two agenda items on which only electors may vote would be noted, asked all those wishing to speak to first provide name and address and explained that each speaker would be allowed three minutes. She further noted that voting would be conducted by voice and detailed that Robert’s Rules of Order would be followed.

Town Clerk Dawn Rees Mooney read the call of the meeting. Jan O’Sullivan moved to accept the call of the meeting; seconded by Joan Gay. Following a voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gorski introduced and made the following motion:

To adopt the Budget recommendation of the Board of Finance of an Operating Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$5,853,770.

Seconded by Lou Annino. Following Mrs. Gorski’s brief summary that the proposed operating budget increased approximately 3% over last year’s, the motion carried unanimously.

First Selectman Gorski introduced and made the following motion:

To adopt the Budget recommendation of the Board of Finance of Capital Expenditures for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$2,027,846.

Seconded by Jamie Mowat Young. Mrs. Gorski explained that ARPA funds paid for nearly half of the proposed capital budget. She further noted that if approved, the approximately \$263,000 in remaining ARPA funds would need to be expended by the end of 2026. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gorski introduced and made the following motion:

To approve a Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan FY 2023/24 – FY2032/33.

Seconded by Lou Annino. Following a short explanation of the MYCIP, the motion carried unanimously.

The moderator noted that only electors could vote on the following items. Mrs. Gorski introduced and made the following motion:

To confirm the Selectmen's appointment of James Joseph Duffield, William Raymond Burley, and Brian James Blair as Killingworth's representatives to the Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Authority, for a term to commence upon confirmation and to continue until June 30, 2024.

Seconded by Jamie Mowat Young. There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

First Selectman Gorski introduced and made the following motion:

To confirm the Selectmen's appointment of Jamie Mowat Young to the Representative Policy Board, South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority for a term ending June 30, 2026.

Seconded by Lou Annino. There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gorski introduced and made the following motion:

To accept the amended and restated Defined Benefit Pension Plan for the Killingworth Ambulance Association and the Killingworth Volunteer Fire Company effective July 1, 2021 of copy of which is available for view on the town's website and in the town clerk's office.

Seconded by Lou Annino. Mrs. Gorski explained that while the Plan had been approved at a Special Town Meeting in November of 2022, it contained an error and must be re-approved. No discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.