

PUBLIC HEARING: At 6:30 P.M. The Board of Selectmen held a Public Hearing to consider applications for the 2023 Neighborhood Assistance Program. Members in attendance were First Selectman Gorski, Selectman Annino, and Selectman Young. Two applications were presented, one from Pathfinders Inc., represented by Catherine Iino, and one from the Killingworth Library Association, represented by Jan O’Sullivan. After members of the public were given an opportunity to speak, the Selectmen closed the hearing at 6:58 p.m. The applications were accepted for consideration at the Selectmen’s Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, June 26, 2023 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: R. Pleines, E. Disbrow, W. Tobelman, E. Nunes, C. Iino, A. DeLuca, M. DeLuca and J. Sciascia (Via Remote)

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

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion #1 - Selectman Annino *Moved* and Selectman Young *Seconded* a motion to approve the Minutes of the Monday, June 12, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectman as amended:

Corrections are as follows:

1. Under Budget Report, Page 2, in the sentence “She spoke about a Public Act...” after 2 ½ add “over CPI or inflation.”
2. Under Budget Report, Page 2, in the last sentence, delete “, and he doesnt think we should accept it.”
3. Under Draft Specs for Upcoming RFP’s, Page 4, the sentence that begins with “This would allow the BOS to use...” delete “their” and add in “Capital Regional Council of Government”

4. Under Review and Approval of Assessor and Assistant Assessor Job Descriptions, Page 5, delete the sentence that begins with “Gorski spoke of the importance of...” and replace it with “Gorski spoke of attendance in the Office of the Assessor possibly putting verbiage in the Personnel Manual.”

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

Budget Report:

No Update and/or Questions. Director of Finance Regolo noted that Legal Fees might be over this year.

Appointments:

First Selectman Gorski gave an update on the Traffic Safety Committee having a tough time getting up and running. She reached out to the members on the Committee to make sure they are committed to attending meetings, noting she might have to consider adding additional members to be appointed. Gorski reviewed the members of the Committee with the BOS.

New Business:

A. Requests for Proposals

1. Eric Auer KRP Field

First Selectman Gorski spoke about only receiving some of the documents regarding the Eric Auer Ballfield, noting the plans from the Engineer have yet to be received. Therefore, she is recommending this agenda item be tabled. Young inquired whether or not the Town is at risk for losing the Grant. Gorski stated no since the paperwork has already been filed and approved by the State, as a multi-phase project, and now the Town is working on putting the RFP together.

After Discussion, First Selectman Gorski ***Tabled*** this Item until the next Board of Selectmen’s Meeting.

2. Town Barn

First Selectman Gorski spoke about the specifications for the Town Barn Repair dating back to 2018. Annino recalled approximately \$150,000 the BOS was looking to use towards moving the project forward so the RFP may need to be completely redone and/or revisited. Gorski will review the proposed scope of work, and choose items for repair and send them to Annino/Young for their review. Gorski also noted that Joseph Hutchins offered to help with repairs to the Cupola which started to disintegrate. The potential for applying for a grant was briefly discussed. Gorski confirmed that the BOS already approved \$350k of Capital for the Town Barn repairs.

3. KVFC Station 1 Needs Assessment

First Selectman Gorski stated that she inquired about the KVFC Station 1 Needs Assessment and a meeting is scheduled with the BOS and the Fire Commissioners on Wednesday.

B. Parmelee Farm Activities

Director of Finance Regolo spoke to CIRMA regarding the Town's insurance coverage when events/activities are being held at Parmelee Farm, specifically, if the Town is covered. Regolo stated if the Town is sponsoring an event then they are fully covered, but if someone comes in to use the Parmelee Farm location, then they would need to supply the Town with proof of insurance but the Town would also still be covered. Further, discussion took place about making this a policy moving forward involving use of any of the Town's properties, but in this case Parmelee Farm, when there is an event being held especially when there is alcohol involved, that a copy of the Certificate of Insurance be provided to the Director of Finance. Young suggested that this same process be in place for the Board of Education when they are holding their Craft Show.

Motion #2 - Selectman Annino **Moved** and Selectman Young **Seconded** a motion that the Town of Killingworth require for any third party event being sponsored at the Parmelee Farm location, that prior to the event being held, a copy of the Certificate Of Insurance (COI) be provided to the Director of Finance.

Motion passed unanimously [3-0-0].

Motion #3 - First Selectman Gorski **Moved** and Selectman Annino **Seconded** a motion to add to the Agenda under New Business, Neighborhood Assistance Act.

Motion passed unanimously [3-0-0].

C. Neighborhood Assistance Act

First Selectman Gorski spoke about the CT Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program how it is designed to provide funding for Municipal and Tax Exempt Organizations by providing Corporation Business Tax Credits for Businesses that made cash contributions to these entities. A non-profit organization is limited to receiving \$150K in contributions in the aggregate.

Motion #4 - First Selectman Gorski **Moved** and Selectman Young **Seconded** a motion to approve the Neighborhood Assistance Act Application for the Killingworth Library Association and Pathfinders.

Discussion - Annino spoke about the Implementation Plan that was submitted by the Library should have a representative from the Town on there since they are dealing with fiscal assets. A brief discussion took place regarding same.

Motion passed unanimously [3-0-0].

Old Business:

A. Bid Open: Town Hall Roof Repairs

Gorski stated they received two Bids: Silktown Roofing and the Ahova Home Improvements, Inc. Copies of the both Bids will be sent to Young/Annino for their review. The Bids will also be uploaded to the Town's website per the Bidding process.

B. Charter Revision

First Selectman Gorski spoke to Attorney Dave Tycz about the motion wording in terms of accepting the Charter Amendments from the Charter Revision Commission. Gorski noted that by July 26th the proposed Charter has to be published in the newspaper at least once in full, having a general circulation according to State Statute. Copies of the Charter will be made available at Town Hall and a copy will also be uploaded to the Town Website for public viewing.

Motion #5 - First Selectman Gorski **Moved** and Selectman Annino **Seconded** a motion to approve the Charter amendments as recommended by the Charter Revision Commission and its final report.

Discussion - Young inquired about further minor changes that the CRC was making in the Charter in terms of capitalization etc; Gorski reviewed next steps: 1) Town Clerk Mooney is compiling a list of Charter amendments in Word; 2) Publishing the Charter as a separate insert in the newspaper. Annino suggested including the last revision date of the CRC's final report in the motion.

Motion #6 - First Selectman Gorski **Amended** and Selectman Young **Seconded** a motion to approve the Charter amendments as recommended by the Charter Revision Commission and its final report issued June 8, 2023.

Motion passed unanimously [3-0-0].

C. Dispersal of ARPA Funds

First Selectman Gorski asked the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce to provide the BOS with the Krier's Profit and Loss Statements going back to during the Pandemic. After reviewing the fiscal year ending in 2020, 2021, 2022 which were all in the "red", it demonstrated that they did not receive additional revenue for advertising and were operating at a loss. Discussion about how the Town of Killingworth voted to give the \$10k of ARPA Funds to the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce to support the Krier Newspaper took place. Annino, Young and Gorski all stressed their concerns on how to justify giving ARPA Funds to support an organization that doesn't exist anymore. Gorski will reach out to Attorney Dave Tycz to get his legal position on this. Young suggested pulling the original application, and also looking at the approval of the funding in terms of what was voted on at the Town meeting. Gorski also suggested having Steve Ciskowski from the Chamber of Commerce present to answer any further questions at the next BOS meeting.

D. Assessor and Assistant Assessor Job Descriptions

First Selectman Gorski went back and cleaned up the Job Descriptions and also had both the Assessor and Assistant Assessor review them, also making the format as consistent as possible.

Motion #7 - First Selectman Gorski *Moved* and Selectman Annino *Seconded* a motion to approve the Town of Killingworth's Assessor and Assistant Assessor Job Descriptions as presented.

Motion passed unanimously [3-0-0].

E. Water Pollution Update

1. PFAS

First Selectman Gorski met with CRAHD, DEEP, and Ensafe to plan the collection of portable well samples during this summer. EnSafe provided two proposals: one costing approximately \$12,425 and the other approximately \$6,700. Gorski stated that SB100 that was recently passed in 2023 should cover these costs for the Town of Killingworth but she will follow-up to confirm.

Gorski and Young met with GZA, DEEP and DPH to review GZA's plan for PFAS remediation. More analysis is needed and another meeting is looking to be scheduled to include the CT Water Company to discuss more permanent solutions for City Water coming into the Town of Killingworth. Annino inquired if the Town is still looking at other options in terms of remediation and continuing to protect the aquifers and a brief discussion followed. Gorski further spoke with Fire Chief Darin about the KVFC not utilizing well water to fill their fire trucks and also not utilizing well water during training. Chief Darin will put this in writing. Lastly, Gorski spoke with GZA and received an update on the design for the filtration system for KES and Town Hall which is expected at the end of July, then will go out to bid for the installation part of it. Remediation plans for another PFAS Town Hall meeting will be held in September with DEEP and DPH. The BOS had a discussion in length about the 3M Class Action Settlement decision.

2. Salt

No Update.

Public Comment:

Richard Pleines spoke on the following:

- He offered to help with the Barn repairs and suggested speaking with an Engineer or an Architect to stabilize the structure first.
- He spoke about the Library's installation, he believes that most of the Library is on a slab hence why it is so cold.
- He spoke briefly on the 3M Settlement Decision.
- He spoke about Owl 3 Video Conference Meeting Hybrid Software.

Selectmen's Comments:

Lou Annino -

-He asked for a status update on the Canine Castle. Gorski provided an update from Karl Auer. Annino noted two different approaches: one being a permanent fix, but Annino was asking to get the lights back up and running in the event they needed it, which was a temporary solution and nothing has been done to date. He will reach out to Karl directly.

-He noted his concerns with being behind on the roadside mowing. Gorski stated the guys that mow are taking vacation as it is getting into year end. She will speak with Walt Adametz regarding same.

Jamie Young -

- She followed up on scheduling a meeting with Roslyn Reeps. After discussion, the BOS will add Roslyn on to the Agenda for the second BOS meeting in July.

First Selectman's Comments: None.

Adjournment: First Selectman Gorski *Moved* to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia
Clerk