

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Monday, July 10, 2023, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Killingworth Town Hall**

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

**BOS Members Absent:** None.

**Visitors:** E. Blewett, E. Disbrow, E. Nunes, R. Pleines, A. Stirna, W. Tobleman, R. Regolo, J. Sciascia

**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 Selectmen as amended:

**Corrections are as follows:**

1. Page 3, Under the Neighborhood Assistance Act in the Discussion part, delete “fiscal” and replace it with “physical”

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

Motion #2 - First Selectman Gorski *Moved* and Selectman Annino *Seconded* a motion to approve the Minutes of the Wednesday, July 5, 2023 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen as amended.

**Corrections are as follows:**

1. Under #3, delete “Terminate” and replace it with “Initiate”

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

## **Department Reports:**

First Selectman Gorski gave an update that Michelle Nuhn submitted the Tax Reports for June showing a 99.5 collection rate. Young praised the excellent work of the Tax Collectors to receive a 99.5 collection rate not only for them but for the Townspeople.

Gorski noted that Karl Auer is on the Agenda for the BOS meeting on July 24th for a number of items under the Building Department.

## **Budget Report:**

Director of Finance Regolo gave an update that the June 30th Reports are still in progress. No questions and/or concerns raised from Annino/Young on the Budget.

## **New Business:**

### **A. Resident Trooper Contract**

First Selectman Gorski stated that this is a typical contract for the Resident State Trooper requiring approval.

Motion #3 - First Selectman Gorski **Moved** and Selectman Young **Seconded** a motion to approve the Resident Trooper Contract for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 along with having the specific questions addressed that were raised by Selectman Young.

*Discussion - Selectman Young inquired about: 1) Body-Worn Cameras and Dashboard Cameras by Town Officers (FOIA Requests): Where the footage is being stored, how it is being stored, retention requirements. The Town needs to have a policy regarding same. 2) Work Performance Evaluation - Town shall implement a work performance evaluation system for all of the Town's Officers (required pursuant to the terms of their Collective Bargaining Agreement). Inquired if the Town is doing this and if a letter from the First Selectman's Office would be sufficient to meet that obligation.*

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

## **Old Business:**

### **A. Town Hall Roof Repairs**

Selectman Annino reviewed both RFP's, and his recommendation would be sending the RFP back out to bid to see if the Town could get more of a cost effective alternative, possibly getting a local contractor. He noted even though Silktown submitted a thorough proposal, he felt they came in high for what the Town needs to have done in terms of repairs. He also noted Ahova's proposal was incomplete which was of concern to him.

Motion #4 - Selectman Annino **Moved** and Selectman Young **Seconded** a motion to resubmit the RFP for the Town Hall Roof Repairs.

*Discussion - Brief discussion took place about a new leak in the Building Department.*

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

### **B. Charter Revision**

Motion #5 - First Selectman Gorski *Moved* and Selectman Annino *Seconded* a motion to set a Public Hearing regarding the report of the Charter Revision Commission on Monday, July 24, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Killingworth Town Hall.

*Discussion - Gorski gave a brief update about how the new Charter Revision Commission held their first meeting just prior to this meeting. She reviewed the procedure with the CRC and also reviewed the motions based on recommendations from Attorney Dave Tycz.*

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

### **C. Eric Auer Ball Field**

First Selectman Gorski updated the BOS that Glen Johnson stated the RFP is ready to go with some minor corrections he is finalizing now. After discussion, Annino and Young wanted further time to review the Narrative piece of it. Annino stated that the entire Baseball Field project should go out to bid and be divided into two phases: establishing the Multi Purpose Field and having a second phase to decide if it is underfunded to see if there is an opportunity to make up the funding to build the entire project, or if the Town can approve the interim piece of the project and budget for the balance of it in a future Capital plan. Further, Annino stated that it was his understanding when the Jack Ahearn Field was taken down that the Agreement was not only the physical location would be replaced but also by name too questioning if it is the Jack Ahearn Field. Gorski suggested reviewing the Minutes and doing some further research.

### **D. Water Pollution Update**

First Selectman Gorski gave an update about EnSafe sampling two residences who currently do not have GAC Systems and also sampled a GAC System at Kenilworth and Wolf Hollow. The design for Town Hall and KES is expected at the end of this month. These results for the two samplings should be received by next week or the following week and bottled water is still being provided to the two residences. Gorski signed a \$25,000 Change Order with GZA to develop an order of magnitude remedial cost estimate including a data gap cost estimate. The remedial cost will include soil and groundwater portable water supplies, Stakeholder meetings and a Summary Report. Annino raised his concerns about the Change Order reflecting GZA working with the Town and CT Water Company to evaluate potential routes for extending water mains stressing the importance of GZA focusing all their attention on remediation. He suggested that CT Water Company should be providing the Town with a proposal of that to include as another alternative and Young also stated that CT Water Company should be paying for this, not the Town of Killingworth to which both Annino/Gorski concurred. Young inquired since Gorski already signed the Change Order, if they should remove that specific task. Gorski will follow up with GZA regarding same.

Motion # 6 - First Selectman Gorski *Moved* and Selectman Young *Seconded* a motion to add an item to the Agenda, Executive Session, PFAS Update.

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

**Salt:** No Update.

**Public Comment:**

William Tobleman spoke about PFAS and how Mr. Pleines brought up the 3M Settlement at the last meeting during Public Comment and he noticed the Corporation will not take any liability even though they are agreeing to pay the fines. He inquired whether the Town could say something similar since this was not something the Town created.

Annie Stirna spoke about when she goes to any meetings on a level where the Governor and the Attorney General is involved in she brings up PFAS and how it's not a Town problem, it is a Town, State and Federal problem. Annie does feel like they are working on it.

**Selectmen's Comments:**

Lou Annino -

- Spoke about the Town mowing recurring again. However, he mentioned that the grass should be cut 10 feet on either side due to the snow shelves and stressed the importance of keeping up with the maintenance so trees won't grow in the area, basically making two paths instead of one.

Jamie Young -

- She asked about an update on the momentment restoration. Director of Finance Regolo advised that the Capital Funds were set aside and utilized for this project and stated that she can ask for a report back to the Town from The Connecticut Historical Society. Gorski suggested inviting The Connecticut Historical Society to an upcoming meeting.

- Asked for an update on Roslyn Reeps - Gorski stated Roslyn is scheduled to come in on July 24th.

**First Selectman's Comments:**

- She gave a huge shout out to all the volunteers at the Shared Harvest Garden at Parmelee Farm. They have been in operation since 2014. It's a volunteer-run garden, for the purpose of providing fresh seasonal produce to the Community and local Food Pantries. Produce is free and donations are accepted. It opens this Wednesday, July 12th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Local gardeners that have vegetables to share can drop them off before 10:00 a.m.

- Director of Finance Regolo and herself met with CT Comp regarding Hybrid remote meeting options. They budgeted \$25k but noted that costs are starting to come down for technology solutions so the Town could possibly get costs lower. If the costs are over \$10k, it will resume normal process and go out to RFP.

-She gave an update that there is a sign up located at 270 Green Hill Road notifying of its intent to demolish a 1787 structure house that Elizabeth Disbrow has posted on the Preservation CT Website for many months. The Source is writing an article of the homeowners intent to demolish the home. Elizabeth Disbrow spoke of the importance of the home, as it's the first house you see when you enter Killingworth, and also stated how it's gone through the Historical Review process twice already. She further spoke on the possibility of offering an incentive like tax abatement, or relocation of the structure would be helpful to the homeowner and feels if there was a plan in place the homeowners would feel more comfortable.

- Under CT Statute 28-7a, a Local Emergency Operations Plan shall be submitted by January 1, 2024. Brian Walsh sent Gorski a draft and she is working on further updates and will forward same to both Annino/Young for their review.

Annino, Young and Gorski acknowledged the phenomenal job that was done from the Evergreen Garden Club in the Traffic Circle.

**Adjournment:** First Selectman Gorski *Moved* to adjourn the meeting to go into Executive Session regarding PFAS Update at 7:56 P.M.

Executive Session ended at 8:29 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia  
Clerk