

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Monday, September 25, 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:** Lauren Perley, Mark Albrecht, Wayne Linsley, Hans Dekkers, Eric Couture, Bill Tobelman, Jim Duffield, Glenn Johnson, Joel D'Angelo, Amy Roberts Perry, Jeremy Burr, Ed Merola, Scott Torello, Eric Nunes, Eileen Blewett, Richard Pleines, Elizabeth Disbrow, Walter Adametz, Gina Regolo (Via Remote) and Jamie 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

Motion #1 - First Selectman Gorski *Moved* and Selectman Young *Seconded* a motion to move up on the Agenda as the next item for discussion, the Eric Auer Ballfield/Multipurpose Field Bid Opening located under Old Business as Item C.

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

**Eric Auer Ballfield/Multipurpose Field Bid Opening:**

First Selectman Gorski opened up the Eric Auer Ballfield/Multipurpose Bids from the following: 1) Running Brook Farms ; 2) SRC Construction Services, LLC; 3) Giordano Construction Co, Inc. 4) Ignatowski Excavation. Gorski noted that no action will be taken tonight in order to review the bids further. Per the bid opening process, all bids will be posted to the Town of Killingworth's website tomorrow for public viewing.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion #2 - Selectman Annino *Moved* and Selectman Young *Seconded* a motion to approve the Minutes of the Monday, September 11, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen as presented.

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

**Refunds and Abatements:**

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

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

**Refunds**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
1. Honda Lease Trust	11675 Great Oaks Way	\$61.53	Overpaid COC#10828M
2. VCFS Auto Leasing	PO Box 91	\$603.70	Overpaid COC#11148M
3. Alan T. Chapman	34 Beckwith Rd.	\$148.38	Overpaid COC#11165M
4. Todd Nuhn	389 Roast Meat Hill Rd.	\$53.04	Overpaid BAA11183M

**Budget:**

First Selectman Gorski provided an update on years 2021-22 gravel roads drainage improvements and 2022-23 draining improvements on Beckwith Road noting that there is \$144k remaining for repairs. Director of Finance Regolo asked the Board of Selectmen to review all Capital Projects to understand where they stand with costs and also to make sure they are moving forward. Gorski advised that Walt Adametz received a quote from Macnak Construction for the installation of the basins and drainage pipes, removal of boulders and grading, with costs estimated at \$52k. Material costs are estimated at \$35k which still keeps the project under budget. Gorski noted additional paving will be completed in the Spring. Walt Adametz advised that the Contractor will begin work at the end of October and he is expecting additional small engineer costs to be accrued during that time.

**Online Permitting Software**

First Selectman Gorski noted that \$10k was budgeted in this year's Capital Budget for the Online Permitting Software. After speaking with the Capital Region COG provider for Open Gov, the cost of professional services to set up this software are estimated at \$20k. Gorski also noted that the subscription costs will be prorated to \$15k for 2023-24.

Motion #4 - First Selectman Gorski *Moved* and Selectman Annino *Seconded* a motion to send the additional costs to Town Meeting noting the total cost of the Online Permitting Software.

A brief discussion took place regarding costs, and doing more research on this topic before the new Administration takes office.

After discussion, First Selectman Gorski **Tabled** the motion for a future BOS meeting.

**Appointments:** None.

**New Business:**

**Traffic Safety:**

**Public Comment:**

Hans Dekkers, who resides at the intersection of GreenHill/Cowhill Road, voiced his concerns with how bad the traffic is, the loud noise, large trucks passing through, cars driving through the stop signs, as well as speeding. He was disappointed to hear that the Traffic Safety Committee was disbanded recently and that the problems still exist amongst Town roads. He fears that one day his dogs will be hit due to speeding cars and feels that drivers seem not to care because there is no enforcement. Hans also addressed his concerns with traffic and cars speeding on Route 81 around the Killingworth Circle. He would like to see the Killingworth Circle more of a downtown like atmosphere where residents could walk to have lunch and/or breakfast and go shopping at one of the center stores and/or pharmacy.

Eileen Blewett, who resides at the intersection of Roast Meat/Stephens Road, voiced her concerns with how dangerous the roads can be with cars speeding. She walks daily and stated it's extremely dangerous. She knows at least 5 people that have gotten into accidents there.

## **B. Pickleball Courts**

Jim Duffield and Chris Smalley put together a Pickleball Court overview for the Board of Selectmen's review with estimated costs. It includes installation of four courts, size, engineering, site prep, installation of arborvitae trees, pavement, nets, paint, fence with approximate cost of \$101,150. The proposed location of the Pickleball Courts is along the right hand side of Rocco Reale Field, pending Wetland Commission approval. It will take 30-40 days for the Pickleball Courts to be built. First Selectman Gorski noted that there is approximately \$200k left in ARPA funds.

Motion #5 - Selectman Young **Moved** to go out to bid for building the Pickleball Courts at the location as recommended, contingent upon proper Town approvals from the Wetlands Commission and the Conservation Commission.

Motion **Withdrawn** by Selectman Young.

Motion #6 - First Selectman Gorski **Moved** to send the potential for building the Pickleball Courts to the Board of Finance for review and approval and further sending it to Town Meeting for approval.

Motion **Withdrawn** by First Selectman Gorski.

Discussion took place about having the project properly designed and inspected along with specifying associated costs before it comes to the Board of Selectmen for action. Selectman Annino suggested proceeding forward with the design work and then having this project approved as part of the next Capital package to the Town and/or looking at a grant application.

After discussion, First Selectman Gorski ***Tabled*** this agenda item for a future BOS meeting.

**C. Resolution - State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.**

First Selectman Gorski provided a Resolution to the Board of Selectmen that needed to be approved by September 30th which authorizes Gorski to be the contact person if the State of CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection needs a document from the Board of Selectmen. A brief discussion took place regarding not knowing what specific documents the Board of Selectmen would be providing. Selectman Young stated under the RESOLVED paragraph the word “it” is not clear, noting for the incoming Administration that the Office of the Board of Selectmen would be covered under this Agreement.

Motion #7 - First Selectman Gorski ***Moved*** and Selectman Annino ***Seconded*** a motion to approve the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Resolution as presented:

I, Nancy Gorski, the First Selectman of the Killingworth Board of Selectmen, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Killingworth Board of Selectmen at its duly called and held meeting on September 25, 2023, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Killingworth Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the **State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security** any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nancy Gorski, as First Selectman of the Killingworth Board of Selectmen, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Killingworth Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he/she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that Nancy Gorski now holds the office of First Selectman and that he/she has held that office since November 9, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this 25th day of September 2023.

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

**Old Business:**

**A. Amended and Restated Valley Shore Emergency Communications Lease**

First Selectman Gorski stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed and approved the Amended and Restated Valley Shore Emergency Communications Lease.

Motion #8- First Selectman Gorski *Moved* and Selectman Annino *Seconded* a motion to approve the Amended and Restated Valley Shore Emergency Communications Lease Agreement as presented:

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

**B. Snow PLOWing**

Walt Adametz provided an update on Snow Plowing. He reached out to 15 contractors that have plowed for Municipalities or for the State in the past; however, has received no interest. Walt reached out to Cariati Developers out of Wallingford, who showed interest, providing a proposal for \$305 per hour, along with estimated costs for travel time. Walt noted that Cariati Developers was also approached by the Town of Waterbury, noting there might be competition. Walt further reached out to all the surrounding Towns to find some extra contractors to plow but it appears everyone is in the same boat. Further discussion took place on how the Town is still falling short of route coverage for this upcoming winter season even if Cariati Developers agrees to plow. The Public Works Department also voiced their concerns about potentially leaving Town roads unplowed due to truck shortage. Selectman Annino suggested if the Town wants to have a contractor and truck available to them to plow for the Winter season, the Town should make an upfront commitment in order to pay for their overhead cost, with some additional fees, regardless of what the winter season brings.

**D. Water Pollution Update**

**1. PFAS**

First Selectman Gorski advised that GZA will be providing the filtration system design next week. The Board of Selectmen will invite GZA to review the design with the public after the Board of Selectmen receives the test report and design.

**2. Salt: No Update.**

**Public Comment:**

- Eileen Blewett asked if a status update can be provided to the Board of Selectmen from Sustainable CT.
- Lauren Perley inquired about next steps and timeframe in order to select a contractor to build the Basefield/Multi Purpose Field. Lauren also inquired how to obtain additional funding if a contractor is selected, and their costs are over the grant money of \$500K.

**Selectmen Comments:**

- Jamie Young - None.
- Lou Annino - None.

**First Selectman's Comments:**

- Nancy Gorski -
  - Gorski met with Haddam-Killingworth Youth and Family Services on September 14th and they advised they are in a better position due to hiring a Prevention Coordinator. They are considering an Executive Director job sharing arrangement with Jen Favalora and another resource. The resource is well-versed in the clinical programs and is also known at the Federal level for the work she has accomplished.
  - Gorski spoke about the use of funds regarding the Opioid Settlement. Director of Finance Regolo has been reviewing the spending. The Town received a total of \$30k since August of last year, noting only \$4k has been spent on medical supplies leaving a balance of \$26k. Gorski also spoke about how Haddam-Killingworth Youth and Family Services is working with Journey Home Recovery and they could possibly set up some programs to have the Opioid Settlement funds directed there. Selectman Annino suggested getting a proposal from Journey Home Recovery, in order to see what their needs are, so the Board can keep track of what has been funded. Gorski/Young concurred.
  - Gorski noted that Michelle Nuhn stated an individual with a walker struggled getting into the door at Town Hall. Gorski suggested replacing the door, one with an automatic opener.
  - Gorski noted that they did not submit the Station 2 Driveway RFP as discussed during the last BOS meeting due to upcoming Springtime paving projects.

**Adjournment:** First Selectman Gorski *Moved* and Selectman Young *Seconded* a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia  
Clerk