

BOARD OF FINANCE
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING
TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH
323 ROUTE 81
KILLINGWORTH, CONNECTICUT 06419

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
May 14, 2024

Call to Order

Chair Annie Stirna called the May 14, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance of the Town of Killingworth to order at 7:00 P.M., in the Front Conference of the Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut

Members present: Chair Annie Stirna, Vice Chair Marcel Couture, William Kosturko, Michael Kovacs and Sara O'Brien

Member absent: Clerk Tara Amatrudo

Also present: First Selectman Eric Couture, Finance Director Regina Regolo, Tax Collector Michele Nuhn and Amy Robertson of the Killingworth Library

M. Couture **MOVED** to bring Item 5 - Tax Collector Michele Nuhn - Suspense Report for Approval up to Item 2. O'Brien seconded the motion. Discussion: none. The motion **carried** by unanimous vote.

Tax Collector Michele Nuhn-Suspense Report for approval

Tax Collector M. Nuhn presented the Suspense List for Grand List 2020. She gave an overview of same, noting that there were taxes listed for real property, personal property and supplemental. Attempts will be made to collect the remaining outstanding taxes. She then addressed inquiries of the Board.

M. Couture **MOVED** to accept the Annual Suspense List for Grand List 2020 as presented by Tax Collector Michele Nuhn. S. O'Brien seconded the motion. Discussion: none. The motion **carried** by unanimous vote.

Visitors

Tax Collector Michele Nuhn spoke about her disappointment at the under value of the tax collector's position during the budget process despite the

accomplishments in the recent years including, but not limited to the, high collection rate.

Amy Robertson inquired if the moneys reduced from the Library's Proposed Budget would be re-instated. A. Stirna advised that moneys cannot be added to the proposed budget.

Reports

- a. First Selectman
 - i. First Selectman Eric Couture:
 1. The Budget Town Meeting will be held on May 20, 2024, at 7:00 P.M., at the Killingworth Elementary School, followed by a meeting of the Board of Finance which will be scheduled.
 2. State Budget. The budget was adopted with adjustments to some line items prior to the end of the Legislative Session.
 3. Year-end Projections. He deferred discussion to the Finance Director.
 4. State Legislative Actions. Some proposed bills for this Session were not addressed; however, some elements of those were added to other bills that were considered and acted upon.
 5. State Legislative Summer Session. It has not been determined if there will be a Summer Session.
 - b. Finance Director. Finance Director Regina Regolo's April 2024 Report was distributed prior to the meeting. There were no inquiries.
 - c. Tax Collector. Tax Collector Michele Nuhn's April 2024 Report was distributed prior to the Meeting. There were no inquiries.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes and Special Meeting Minutes

- a. April 9, 2024 Regular Meeting. M. Couture **MOVED** to accept and approve, as presented, the Minutes of the April 9, 2024 Regular Meeting. M. Kovacs seconded the motion. Discussion: none. The motion **carried** by unanimous vote.
- b. April 25, 2024 Special Meeting. M. Couture **MOVED** to accept and approve as presented the Minutes of the April 25, 2024 Special Meeting. W. Kosturko seconded the motion. Discussion: none. The motion **carried** by unanimous vote.
- c. May 6, 2024 Special Meeting. Tabled to the June 11, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Set regular meeting for after Town Meeting 5/20

See below.

RSD17 Operating Budget and Master Plan Discussion

Both budgets passed. There was a discussion of the turnout in both towns.

Discussion of Public Hearing and 24/25 Budget

M. Marcel commented on the attendance and respectful conduct at the BOF public hearing and the valuable comments received.

Finance Director Regolo, with input from First Selectman Couture suggested the BOF be prepared with explanations of some line items in capital. First Selectman Couture advised he will address inquiries/comments first.

Discussion of Mill Rate Scenarios

Finance Director Regolo reviewed, clarified and discussed the Scenarios she distributed prior to the meeting. She noted that these are not final numbers. She will be updating them. She then addressed inquiries from the Board.

Discuss 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 Annual Reports

M. Couture distributed the draft for the 2021/2022 Report prior to the meeting. He asked that all comments, including suggested changes, be sent to him as soon as possible.

Bills

M. Couture **MOVED** to accept and approve for payment the invoice of Sherry Lee Hynes for her April 2024 Clerical Hours in the amount of \$160.95. M. Kovacs seconded the motion. Discussion: none. The motion **carried** by unanimous vote

Return to Discussion of Mill Rate Scenarios

Finance Director Regolo further clarified some line items with input from First Selectman Couture

Old/New Business

None.

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Additions to Next Regular Meeting Agenda

None at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business, A. Stirna **adjourned** the meeting at 8:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Lee Hynes
Sherry Lee Hynes, Secretary

E-mailed: Dawn Mooney, Town Clerk
Board of Finance
Board of Selectmen
Regina Regolo, Director of Finance
Elizabeth Disbrow, Administrative Assistant
Michele Nuhn, Tax Collector
Donna Dupuis, Town Treasurer