

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JULY 08, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Killingworth Town Hall/Remote Access Available**

BOS Members in Attendance: First Selectman Eric Couture and Selectman Eric Nunes

BOS Members Absent: Selectman Joel D'Angelo

Visitors: Richard Pleines, Kathy Zandi, Eileen Blewett, Elizabeth Disbrow, JD (Via Remote), Eileen Unger Pleines (Via Remote), Regina Regolo (Via Remote), Annie Stirna (Via Remote) and Jamie Sciascia (Via Remote)

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

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment:

Eileen Blewett thanked First Selectman Couture for circulating an email to the Community about the upcoming Blood Drive scheduled for tomorrow, July 9th from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at the Killingworth Volunteer Fire Company. Eileen is anticipating seven additional people since Couture's email was circulated. Eileen commented how it is her third year assisting with the Blood Drive, and stated there are still openings if anyone is interested in joining tomorrow.

Approval of Minutes:

At the request of Selectman Nunes, the Minutes from both the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen from Wednesday, July 3, 2024 and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen from Monday, June 24, 2024 were ***Tabled*** until the next Board of Selectmen Meeting.

Refunds:

Motion #1 - First Selectman Couture ***Moved*** and Selectman Nunes ***Seconded*** a motion to approve the following Refund, for overpayment, and allow it to follow its normal course as presented.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
1. Preston Smith	164 Parker Hill Road	\$10.08	Overpaid COC#11517M

Motion unanimously passed [2-0-0].

FY 2023/24 Budget:

Director of Finance Regolo reported that invoices are still coming in and she will know where they stand at the next Board meeting in August.

Department Reports:

First Selectman Couture reported that the Board received copies in thier packet of the reports from the Building Department, Health Department and the Town Clerk's Office.

Board of Education Report -

Kathy Zandi, from the Board of Education, was in attendance to present the monthly Board of Education report for June 2024. Kathy reported on the following items: 1) CT High School Coach's Association named High School Baseball Coach, Mark Brookes, 2024 Coach of the Year; 2) 8th Grade field trip to Philadelphia; 3) Budget Update; 4) Presentation of the Educator and Leader Professional and Growth Plan Per State Statute for the Upcoming School Year; 5) School Lunch/Breakfast Price Increase; 6) Update on Master Plan Focusing on the High School.

The public can access the RSD17 Board of Education's Meeting Agendas, Minutes, Budget related materials as well as the Master Plan Updates directly on the RSD17 website via: [Regional School District 17 - Regional School District 17 \(rsd17.org\)](https://www.rsd17.org)

A brief discussion took place about the Reduce and Free Lunch Program still being in place for qualified families even with the price increase for the 24/25 school year.

Old Business:

A. ARPA Funds:

First Selectman Couture reported there is approximately \$200K remaining in ARPA funds to be allocated. The Board had discussion at their special meeting last Wednesday if it made sense to bring forward ideas to the Board of Finance for approval and then to go to Town meeting raising the question of whether or not to close out the design of the permanent Town Hall addition to replace the modules which currently consist of \$200k. This will ultimately free up funding in order to look at other possible avenues to explore (Pickleball Ball Courts and the Public Works Fire Truck.)

Couture further reported that the Library sent proposals to the Board similar to their application they sent in for the CT Neighborhood Assistance Act Program, one totaling \$23k and another \$40k. Couture advised that the Board has to decide whether or not to fund the pavilion/open space and if they are in agreement to do so, which amount they think is appropriate. Selectman Nunes suggested holding off until Selectman D'Angelo is present. Couture concurred; however, noted the sensitivity of the fire truck due to the purchase orders and process. A brief discussion followed about timing, legal notice and process. Selectman Nunes inquired since the Library submitted a proposal to the Town (ARPA funds) and one to the State (under the Neighborhood Assistance Act) could both run concurrently, also inquiring the process if both were to get approved. Couture will do some research and get back to the Board. Couture will bring forth the Board's plan of the Library's proposal under ARPA funds to the Board of Finance as a "pre-approval" step.

B. Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan

First Selectman Couture reported nothing new changed since the Board's last meeting on Wednesday to discuss the Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan. A motion was made shortly thereafter accepting the Multi Year Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal year 24/25 through 33/34. This will be brought to Town meeting for acceptance.

Motion #2 - First Selectman Couture *Moved* and Selectman Nunes *Seconded* a motion to approve the Multi Year Capital Improvement Plan from fiscal year 2024-25 through fiscal year 2033-34 to be brought to Town Meeting for acceptance.

Motion unanimously passed [2-0-0].

New Business:

A. Call to Town Meeting

This Agenda item was *Tabled* to a future Board of Selectmen's meeting.

B. Reissue RFP for Eric Auer KRP Pavilion

First Selectman Couture reported that the Park and Recreation Commission only received one bid; therefore, decided to put the project back out to bid in order to have bidders itemize what the cost of each item would be. Couture future reported that some parts of the job could be donated. The previous bidder was notified that the RFP will be reissued with the amendment and they could place their bid again if they chose to do so.

Motion #3 - Selectman Nunes *Moved* and First Selectman Couture *Seconded* a motion to resubmit the RFP for the Eric Auer Park KRP Pavilion with the Amendment as presented.

Motion unanimously passed [2-0-0].

Public Comment:

- Richard Pleines commented about his concerns with the purchasing of the fire truck. He stated that the Town is governed by Code, Charter and State Statute. He is concerned with the fire truck that they are looking at to purchase for the Town is not on the State approved list, and believes it would need to go out for an RFP. He asked the Board to confirm same.
- Annie Stirna commented about the Lunch/Breakfast Program for the 24/2025 School Year and feels that \$0.75 a day is extremely high. She inquired about the excess of revenue over expenses for the current closing year for the Board of Finance of \$140k, and inquired if it was possible to utilize \$55k of the overage to balance out the lunches. Annie feels that the money coming back to the Town could be better spent on helping the children and families within the Community. Couture advised that this is a question for Annie to bring back to the Board of Education.
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Selectmen's Comments:

Eric Nunes -

- Nunes thanked Kathy Zandi for presenting the Board of Education's District Monthly report. Nunes expressed how he enjoys hearing how the students are doing.
- Nunes inquired about an update on the open Foreman position. Couture advised that he just finished making reference calls today, and is hoping to bring the candidate into Town Hall next Monday to meet with Selectmen Nunes and D'Angelo.

First Selectman's Comments:

Eric Couture -

- Couture asked Town residents to be careful and slow down as they drive through Killingworth and see the tractors continuing with the roadside mowing.

Adjournment: First Selectman Couture *Moved* to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia
Clerk