

Minutes: SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Wednesday, July 16, 2024, 6:00 pm Killingworth Town Hall

Members in attendance: E. Couture, E. Nunes, J. D'Angelo

Visitors: E. Blewitt, R. Pleinas

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Discussion around ARPA projects began.

E. Couture provided a brief update of discussion that was held at the last Board of Finance meeting. He noted that the sense of the Board of Finance was in favor of the proposals put forward by the Board of Selectman for the use of ARPA funds.

Discussion of the use of ARPA funds for a pavilion at the Killingworth Library also occurred. It was noted at both board meetings that there was support for the project as described, but there was hesitation in using ARPA funds to support the project since it had not been on the MYCIP and previous capital planning. Given the need to have projects contracted by December 31st, there was concern about the timing of the project. It was decided not to direct funds to this project, but to allow it to continue in the normal capital process.

Further discussion concerned the project closeouts and where the remaining funds would be directed. It was agreed to use ARPA funding to cover the costs of the approved Public Works truck and additional pickleball courts. It was also agreed that directing the remaining funds to cover road improvement projects in the current year was appropriate.

3. J. D'Angelo read the call to town meeting, with E. Nunes seconding the Call. The board voted unanimously to approve the call as presented.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

The Electors of the Town of Killingworth and all those qualified to vote in meetings of said Town are hereby notified and warned that a Special Town Meeting will be held in the Emergency Operations Center, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, CT on Monday, August 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to consider and act upon the following items of business:

1. To fund, from the underexpended lines, overexpenditures in FY 2023-24 in excess of \$20,000 for the following line items:

Town Counsel \$ 58,556

Misc Government Refunds – PFAS related expenses \$112,442

2. To authorize the closeout of the following Capital Accounts as of June 30, 2024:

KVFC – Brush/Lt Rescue 887 \$ 41

KVFC – Training Building Improvements/Props \$ 39
HW Department – Large Dump/Plow/Sander (FY 22/23) \$ 948
HW Department – Roof for Salt Shed \$ 10,021
County Road Bridge Project - Phase 2 \$ 22,915

These balances revert to the Assigned Fund Balance of the Reserve Fund for Capital and Nonrecurring Expenses.

3. To authorize the closeout of the following American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) projects as of June 30, 2024:

KVFC – AED Replacement \$ 302
HW Dept – Small Mason Dump w/plow & sander \$ 4,465
Transfer Station – Reclaim & Pave \$ 6,701
Develop designs for permanent town hall additions to replace modular \$200,000
Hybrid Meeting Technology – Equipment and Software \$ 9,692

These balances to revert to the undesignated ARPA Fund Balance.

4. To authorize use of ARPA funding of the previously approved capital project “FY 24/25 HW Dept. – Large Dump with Plow and Sander” in the amount \$295,000.

5. To authorize use of ARPA funding of the previously approved capital project “FY 24/25 P & R- Build Additional Pickleball Courts (4)” in the amount of \$125,000.

6. To authorize the use of the remaining unassigned ARPA funds to the capital reserves for road projects.

7. To accept a Multi-year Capital Improvement Plan FY 2024/2025 – FY2033/34 as approved the Board of Selectmen meeting held July 8, 2024.

8. To accept the annual report for fiscal year 2021/2022.

9. To confirm the Selectmen’s appointment of Chris Robert Smalley as Killingworth representative to the Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Authority, for a term to commence upon confirmation and to continue until June 30, 2025.

Dated at Killingworth, Connecticut this 16th day of July, 2024.

Eric Couture
First Selectman

Joel D’Angelo
Selectman

Eric Nunes
Selectman

Discussion around the call and the eventual town meeting stressed the need for clarity in describing the items on the agenda and what is actually to be voted on.

4. The Board, with no further business, adjourned at 6:28 pm.