

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, December 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.  
Killingworth Town Hall/Remote Access Available**

**BOS Members in Attendance:** First Selectman Eric Couture, Selectmen Joel D'Angelo and Eric Nunes

**BOS Members Absent:** None.

**Visitors:** Elizabeth Disbrow, Rachel Berwick, Warren Johnsen, Kathleen Zandi, Tim Emerson, Clark Judge Jr., Glenn Johnson, David Hyman, Carolyn Rambus, Sean Cowper, Eugenie Schomer, Bill Tobelman, Kathleen Wells, Joyce Thompson, Richard Pleines (Via Remote), Dawn Mooney (Via Remote), Nancy Gorski (Via Remote), Annie Stirna (Via Remote), Regina Regolo (Via Remote), Eileen Unger Pleines (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:**

The following Community members addressed the Board regarding their concerns with the nature of the work being done, the noise levels, traffic safety and whether or not its commercial or permitted regarding the Parcel on the Corner of River Road and Green Hill Road:

Rachel Berwick and Warren Johnsen (214 Green Hill Road)

Kathleen Wells (70 River Road)

Sean Culper (Lives in between Ms. Berwick, Mr. Johnson and Ms. Wells)

Joyce Thompson (Lives on River Road)

Carolyn Rambis (76 River Road)

Name Unknown (Lives on River Road)

Glenn Johnson, Chairman of the Inland and Wetlands Commission, spoke regarding the concerns residents have about the work that is being done on the Parcel of property located along River Road and Green Hill Road. Mr. Johnson stated while he understands the noise of the project is concerning to residents, he confirmed the project has been issued a Wetlands permit to the Owners. Mr. Johnson stated that the work that is being done with the removal of the sand as well as the removal of trees is in accordance with the submitted plan accepted by the Inlands and

Wetlands Commission. Mr. Johnson also briefly noted that he does monitor the Gravesite which is next door to the property at least two times a week.

Selectman Nunes recommended putting this topic on as an Agenda item not only due to the residents' concerns but traffic safety and also feels it would be beneficial as a Board to discuss this in more detail.

Motion #1- Selectman D'Angelo *Moved* and Selectman Nunes *Seconded* a motion to add to the Agenda after Public Comment, Status of Parcel on the corner of River Road and Green Hill Road.

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

### **Status of Parcel - Intersection of River Road and Green Hill:**

First Selectman Couture apologized to Ms. Berwick for not getting back to her last week noting he was in meetings Tuesday through Thursday and also left a message for the Town's ZEO to reach out to her in order to relay that she has been in contact with the Owners but unfortunately that message slipped through cracks. Couture reported that after speaking with the Town Council prior to this meeting, the Board of Selectmen doesn't have a current role in managing the land use of the Town, leaving this job to the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Inlands and Wetlands Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission. Couture gave a Status update of the Parcel in more detail to the Board and Community Members and questions followed.

Selectman D'Angelo suggested researching what permits the Owners applied for, what has been issued, as well as finding out whether the Owners are following the plan, permits and the ordinances in Town. Selectman Nunes spoke about the Traffic Safety issue and believes that it is the Board's responsibility to listen to the residents when they have concerns especially when it impacts their environment due to the noise, safety issues and/or debris flying around from a neighboring land project.

The Board had discussion in length regarding next steps. Couture will reach out tomorrow to the Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Resident State Trooper and the Town's ZEO. Discussion also took place about the possibility of having Flagmen on site during the construction periods. Selectman D'Angelo suggested writing a certified letter to the Owners to send out immediately in order to direct traffic while construction is occurring.

Motion #2 - Selectman Nunes *Moved* and Selectman D'Angelo *Seconded* a motion to send out a letter to the Owners as soon as possible regarding the traffic safety issues at the intersection of River Road and Green Hill Road and to advise that Flagmen need to be onsite while work is being done.

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion #3 - Selectman D'Angelo *Moved* and Selectman Nunes *Seconded* a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen that was held on Monday, November 25, 2024 as presented.

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

**Refunds:** None.

**Department Reports:**

First Selectman Couture stated that Department Reports are in the Board's packet, also noting that the Committee on Aging has an Addendum to their Senior and Affordable Housing Plans.

**Budget Report:**

Director of Finance Regolo reported that the Board is in a good position but noted there are some concerns with the Parmelee Farm Operating Line. Regolo noted this will be addressed at the Board of Finance meeting tomorrow.

**Board of Education Report:**

Kathy Zandi, a member from the RSD17 Board of Education, gave an update about the November 2024 Summary. Kathy spoke on the following: 1) Principal Ventura from HKMS introduced 8th Grade student Alyssa Behnke, who read her Patriot Pen Competition Essay; 2) Principal Ventura introduced Ben Bayley, Olivia Gait, Isla Barry, and Austin Sierota, who spoke on the school's new American Flag Retirement Initiative; 3) Student Representatives, Michael Perry, and Emma Giaccone, reported to the Board on the following items: Southern Regional Musical Festival for the Band and Chorus students on November 23rd; Junior/Senior Cougar Bowl November 25th; The newly formed Math Honor Society; The annual Principal's Cup Football Game will be held at HK on November 26th; HKHS Chorus Concert is scheduled on December 5th; HKHS Band and Jazz Band Concert is scheduled on December 12th; 5th Annual K-4 Concert is December 13th; 4) Update on the Superintendent's Report; 5) HKHS Feasibility Study; 6) Update on the Policy Subcommittee; 7) Update on the Curriculum Subcommittee; 8) Update on the Finance & Facilities Subcommittee; 9) Board Member Hamish MacPhail announced his resignation from the Board effective in December.

The RSD17 Board of Education information and past updates may be found at:

<https://www.rsd17.org/district/board-of-education>.

Also, Information on the HKHS Feasibility Study may be found at

<https://sites.google.com/view/hkhsproject>.

**Old Business:**

**A. Parmelee Farm Enclosure Panels RFP**

First Selectman Couture reported that this item is a Capital Project which will need to be discussed with the Board of Finance then go out to Town Meeting. Couture further reported that the funding plan is set to come out of the Department of Special Activities Account. A motion

was made thereafter.

Motion #4 - Selectman Nunes *Moved* and Selectman D’Angelo *Seconded* a motion to send out the Parmelee Farm Enclosure Panel RFP.

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

**B. Town Meeting/ARPA:**

First Selectman Couture discussed with the Board the Town Meeting location/capacity and the possibility of moving it next door to the Fire House if needed.

**C. Hiring Update:**

First Selectman Couture reported that both the positions for the part-time Assistant Assessor Clerk and the Public Works Operator have posted noting he has already received one response for the part-time Assistant Assessor Clerk position. Couture will send out the formal offer letter to the Candidate this week since a verbal offer and acceptance was given. The Board discussed next steps and a possible introduction of the Candidate at the next Board of Selectmen’s meeting.

**New Business:**

**A. 2025 Appointments**

First Selectman Couture presented the 2025 List of Appointments to the Board. Selectman Nunes recommended Timothy Emerson who expressed interest in the Health and Safety Committee. However, due to no available spots on said Committee, Timothy also expressed interest in the Open Space Committee. A motion was made thereafter accepting the Appointment List as well as Timothy Emerson to the Open Space Committee.

Motion #5 - Selectman D’Angelo *Moved* and Selectman Nunes *Seconded* a motion to accept the following List of 2025 Appointments dated December 9<sup>th</sup> with the addition of Timothy F. Emerson:

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Roslyn S. Reeps	D	01/01/2025 -12/31/2027
Alec Martin	D	01/01/2025 -12/31/2027
Marilyn C. Campbell	U	01/01/2025 -12/31/2027

**SUSTAINABLE CT Team**

Maureen C. Farrell Charney	D	01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025
Rosalyn S. Reeps	D	01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

**FAIR RENT COMMISSION**

John Thomas Byrne D 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2026

**HEALTH and SAFETY Committee**

Eric Donavon Couture (1st Select) D 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

Michele O’Toole (AFSCME, town emp) R 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

Donald B. McDougall (KAA) U 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

James R. McDonald (KVFC) D 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow (non-un, town) U 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

Mark Albrecht (UPSEU) U 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

**HISTORIC REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Alt: Laura Lee Lefko R 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

Alt. Dennis R. Rich R 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

Joseph T. Hutchins D 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2027

Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow U 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2027

**IWWC**

Vacancy 01/01/2024 – 12/31/2026

Ernest J. Pizzuto U 01/01/2025 - 12/31/2027

Christopher C. Plum U 01/01/2025 - 12/31/2027

**PARK AND RECREATION Commission**

Jeremy D. Burr U 01/01/2025 -12/31/2027

William Raymond Burley U 01/01/2025 -12/31/2027

**OPEN SPACE Committee**

Heather J. Greenaway (KLCT) D 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

vacancy		01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025
Stephanie Warren (Cons Comm) D		01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025
David L. Long	R	01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025
Aaron M. Dollar	U	01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025
David Kandel Hyman	D	01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

**PARMELEE FARM Committee**

Christine F. Cronin	U	01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025
Terrence W. Doyle	D	01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025
Margaret A. Scofield	U	01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025
Linda M. Dudek	D	01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025
Timothy E. Gannon	R	01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025
Guy J. Vecchitto	U	01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025
Scott T. Hawkins IT		01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025
Michael David Greenaway	U	01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025
Karen Ann Milano	U	01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

**COMMITTEE on AGING**

Maragaret I. Tobelman	D	01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025
Cheryl K. Fine	R	01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025
Joan D. Gay	D	01/01/2025 – 12/31/2026
William R. Joyce	D	01/01/2025 – 12/31/2026
vacancy	R	01/01/2025 – 12/31/2026
Mercedes M. Ricciuti (ex officio)		01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

**ANIMAL CONTROL Officer**

Marian Smith 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

**BOND COUNSEL**

Pullman & Comely, Marie V. Phelan 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

**CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Vacancy 01/01/2024 – 12/31/2025

**CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURISM DISTR.**

Vacancy 01/01/2024 – 12/31/2026

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Brian F. Walsh U 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

Anthony Louis Gentile U 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

Tage A. Carlson R 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

**FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

Phoenix Advisors, Barry Bernabe 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

**IWWC ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Linda Kieft-Robitaille 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

**KILLINGWORTH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Board Of Directors**

Holly Louise Perry 01/01/2024 – 12/31/2026

**LCRV Regional Planning Commission**

Alec Martin D 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2026

Stephanie Warren (Alt) D 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2026

**LCRVRegional Agricultural Council**

Walter J. Adametz R 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

**LCRV Regional Housing Committee**

Richard R. Pleines II 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY REVITALIZATION COMMISSION**

vacancy U 01/01/2024 – 12/31/2025

**MUNICIPAL HISTORIAN**

Thomas L. Lentz R 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

**OPEN BURNING OFFICIAL**

Ethan Daniel Drain U 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

**TOWN COUNSEL**

David Tycz., Esq Howard, McMillan & Tycz 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

**TOWN ENGINEER, Consulting**

Nathan L. Jacobsen & Associates 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

**TREE WARDEN**

Robert Bruce Fagan U 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

**ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Linda Kieft-Robitaille 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

*Discussion -*

*Couture reported that they do need multiple different parties for the Sustainable CT Team, noting that there is a possibility that Sustainable doesn't need to be a Town Committee. In order to move forward, Couture would need to speak with two members of the Committee about moving to a non-Town Committee. Couture also noted for the records that the only new members appointed are: Marc Albrecht to the Health and Safety Commission, Timothy Emerson to the Open Space Committee and Holly Lewis Perry as the other Town Appointee to the Killingworth Library Association Board of Directors.*

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Warren Johnsen  
Sean Culper  
Kathleen Wells  
Richard Pleines

**Selectmen's Comments:**

**Joel D'Angelo -**

- D'Angelo thanked the residents for their time this evening. D'Angelo stated that clearly there are concerns and he understands the lack of authority that the Board of Selectmen have. D'Angelo stated that even if there is a lack of authority of the Board, that they have a responsibility to the Citizens to listen to their concerns, and give that feedback some kind of avenue. D'Angelo feels that the Board needs to do their due diligence in order to provide those answers to the Citizens.

**Eric Nunes -**

- Nunes addressed Public Comment and stated that it is an opportunity for Town Residents to come together and to inform the Board of their concerns and needs. Nunes apologized to the residents for the lack of clear communication from Town Hall. Nunes further commented that Public Comment serves as a powerful testament, and as part of the Board's job, also echoing what Selectman D'Angelo stated, that although the Board might not always be able to have a resolution for them, they are there to listen. Nunes further stated that once neighbors become affected and impacted with things, then it becomes the Board's issue to make sure rules are being properly followed. Nunes acknowledged everyone's instincts, and asked that residents continue to come, noting that Public Comment is placed at the beginning and end of all meetings so residents can express their concerns. Nunes expressed, as a Citizen of Killingworth, how devastating it was to watch the video with the trees coming down and how alarming it was to see the pyramids of sand.

**First Selectman's Comments:**

**Eric Couture -**

- Couture stated that there are a number of things that the Land Use Department is currently going through, and trying to get in front of them can be difficult. Couture also noted that right now the Land Use Department is involved in litigation which has consumed a great deal of time. Couture also stated how he always tries to be as communicative as possible, noting some weeks are more difficult than others. Couture apologized for his lack of communication last week, stating he tries not to bring his focus on any individuals because he feels that it doesn't feel safe to anyone in the Community by doing so. Lastly, Couture noted the importance to respect limits on Government and

its ability to cause damage to people.

**Adjournment:** First Selectman Couture *Moved* to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia  
Clerk