

BOARD OF FINANCE
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING
TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH
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KILLINGWORTH, CONNECTICUT 06419

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
January 13, 2026

Chair Annie Stirna called the January 13, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance of the Town of Killingworth to order at 7:06 P.M. in the Front Conference Room of the Town Office Building. Members present: Chair Annie Stirna, Vice Chair Marcel Couture, Clerk William Kosturko, Michael Kovacs, Steve Reeps, and, John Mancini. Also present: John Samperi, From the Parmelee Farm: Richard Pleiness, Eileen Blewett, John Bryne and Matt Anunzianto, From the Killingworth Library: Director Ben Sodergren and Christopher Larson

1. Visitors

John Samperi:

- A. Inquired if the members received his December 2025 Letter. A. Stirna advised that they did. He read from his letter, his concerns for the funding at the Parmelee Farm and at the Killingworth Library;
- B. Inquired about litigation status and expenses. R. Regolo advised him to submit a Freedom of Information Request; and,
- C. Inquired about the proposed \$25,000 disbursement to the Friendly Fund.

Eileen Blewett inquired about the proposed \$25,000 disbursement to the Friendly Fund.

2. Reports

First Selectman.

Not present. There was no report.

Finance Director.

Finance Director Regina Regolo was present. Her January 2026 Report was distributed prior to the meeting. There was no discussion.

Tax Collector.

Not present. The January 2026 report was distributed prior to the meeting. There was no discussion.

3. Parmelee Farm Pre Budget Discussion-Richard Pleines

After an overview of the establishment of the Parmelee Farm by A. Stirna, **Richard Pleines** and **Eileen Blewett**, with input from John Bryne, Matt Nunzianto and R. Regolo, discussed the sources and uses of revenues the Parmelee Farm receives.

BOF Members, R. Regolo and the representatives from the Parmelee Farm discussed the current and future procedures for accounting of all revenues received and all expenses.

The BOF asked for information on major and long-term projects, current and proposed, and associated or proposed costs relating to them.

4. Library Pre Budget Discussion-Chris Larson

Christopher Larson from the Library Board and **Library Director Ben Sodergren** discussed the current budget, including several unanticipated major repairs, and, the Library Board's reassignment of personnel and volunteers and some of their respective duties.

BOF members, led by A. Stirna, asked for clarity on the endowment fund and its use. The library will provide information the information requested.

5. Motion to approve 2026 Standard Mileage reimbursement rate per IRS of 72.5 cents per mile.

M. Couture **MOVED** to approve the 2026 Standard Mileage reimbursement rate per IRS of 72.5 cents per mile. J. Mancini seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion **carried** by unanimous vote.

6. Motion to approve the allocation of an amount not to exceed \$25,000 from the general fund to provide funding to the Friendly Fund for heating fuel assistance to residents due to a decrease in funding from federal sources.

W. Kosturko **MOVED** to approve the allocation of an amount not to exceed \$25,000 from the general fund to provide funding to the Friendly Fund for heating fuel assistance to residents due to a decrease in funding from federal sources. M. Couture seconded the motion. Discussion: A. Stirna gave an overview of the proposed allocation.

(M. Couture left the meeting at 8:16 P.M. and returned at 8:17 P.M.)

Members discussed further the allocation proposal and the possibility of other funding.

Roll call vote:

S. Reeps: in favor
M. Couture: in favor
M. Kovacs: in favor
W. Kosturko: in favor
J. Mancini: in favor
A. Stirna: opposed

Abstentions: none

The motion **carried**, 5-1-0.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes-Dec

S. Reeps asked for his name on Page 2 (B and C) be corrected from "Reeves" to "Reeps".

M. Couture **MOVED** to accept and approve the Minutes of the December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes with the correction on Page 2 (B and C) to change "Reeves" to "Reeps". J. Mancini seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: M. Couture, W. Kosturko, S. Reeps, J. Mancini, and, A. Stirna. Opposed: none. Abstention: M. Kovacs. The motion **carried**, 5-0-1.

8. RSD17 and Feasibility Committee Report

A. Stirna advised that the Feasibility Committee will be meeting on January 24, 2026, 1:00 P.M. at the H/K Auditorium. A tour of the school will be held at 12:00 noon.

9. Discussion of current annual report and approval for payment of invoice for formatting 24/25.

A. Stirna received an invoice in the amount of \$500 from Elizabeth Disbrow for the formatting of the Annual Report. There are line item(s) in the BOF operating budget for the Annual Report.

M. Couture **MOVED** to approve the invoice from Elizabeth Disbrow for the formatting of the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 24/25. S. Reeps seconded the motion. Discussion: none. The motion **carried** by unanimous vote.

At the request of M. Couture, R. Regolo will provide the Auditor's Report.

10. Budget Timeline

A. Stirna will prepare and distribute the timeline.

11. Additions to agenda

None at this time.

12. Bill

Sherry-minutes

M. Couture **MOVED** to accept and approve for payment the invoices from Sherry Lee Hynes for the following clerical hours:

A. September 2025 in the amount of \$123.18; and

B. December 2025 in the amount of \$146.86

W. Kosturko seconded the motion. Discussion: none. The motion **carried** by unanimous vote.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, A. Stirna **adjourned** the meeting at 8:36 P.M. The next regular meeting will be held on February 10, 2026.

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, Admin Asst
Abigail Albrecht, Tax Collector
Donna Dupuis, Town Treasurer

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