MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, July 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m./Killingworth Town Hall/Remote Access Available

BOS Members in Attendance: First Selectman Eric Couture, Selectmen Nancy Gorski (Via Telephone) and Joel D'Angelo - All present.

Visitors: Dawn Mooney (Town Clerk), Eileen Blewett, Richard Pleines (Via Remote), Regina Regolo (Director of Finance/Via Remote/Joined 7:05 p.m.), Linda Dudek, Dennis Rich, Michael Miller (Via Remote), Jamie Sciascia (Via Remote)

Called to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: First Selectman Couture called this meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes: Motion #1: Selectman Gorski ***Moved*** and Selectman D'Angelo ***Seconded*** a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Monday, June 22, 2026, as presented. Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

Refunds and Abatements: No Report.

Department Reports: First Selectman Couture reported that department reports were included in the packet and invited the Board to submit any questions, which he would relay to the appropriate departments. Couture noted that normal operations were continuing, with ongoing home sales and permits being processed.

Appointments: First Selectman Couture reported that one appointment to the Conservation Commission was needed following Marilyn Campbell's resignation and that she had identified a replacement.

Motion #2 - Selectman D'Angelo ***Moved*** and Selectman Gorski ***Seconded*** a motion to appoint Chet Harrison Vogt (U) to the Conservation Commission for a term ending 12/31/2027. Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

25/26 Budget Report: First Selectman Couture reported that most FY 2025–2026 expenditures have been received, with Director of Finance Regolo completing the remaining final payments. He noted that the Town expects to begin preparing year-end over-and-under budget reports soon.

Old Business: A. Code of Ethics - First Selectman Couture reported that adoption of the proposed Code of Ethics by ordinance requires a public hearing at least 15 days prior to the Town Meeting. The Board discussed the required timeline and agreed that the public hearing should be scheduled in advance of the Town Meeting to comply with the ordinance process. The Board indicated they would continue reviewing the proposed revisions before taking further action.

B. Revaluation Update: First Selectman Couture reported that the Town's revaluation remained on schedule, with property photo updates completed and the project expected to be delivered by October 1st. He noted that the revaluation would affect the January 31, 2027 Grand List for the FY 2027–2028 mill rate and clarified that it would not impact the current mill rate. Director of Finance Regolo advised that consulting costs associated with the revaluation were charged to the capital budget, while mileage was charged to the operating budget, and agreed to provide the Board with the total consulting and mileage expenses.

New Business: A. Voting Procedure Update - Town Clerk Dawn Mooney updated the Board on new State absentee voting procedures, including online absentee ballot applications, revised ballot packaging, and increased mailing costs. Town Clerk Mooney noted several upcoming elections and referendums that may result in increased absentee ballot usage. Mooney also reviewed the available methods for returning absentee ballots and discussed the challenges of processing ballots for school budget referendums scheduled on short notice. The Board briefly discussed the anticipated timing of the

next school budget referendum.

B. Call to Town Meeting - First Selectman Couture reported that a Town Meeting is tentatively being considered for late August or early September, although the previously discussed August 24th date may be postponed. Couture anticipates calling a Special Meeting the following week to finalize several items before the Town Meeting. Couture stated that the Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan (MYCIP) and Jamie Young's appointment to the South Central Regional Water Authority were complete, while the Code of Ethics and the overs and unders were nearing completion.

The Board discussed the importance of ensuring residents understand the MYCIP before voting on it. First Selectman Couture questioned whether the plan should be considered line by line; however, the Board agreed that doing so would be impractical and emphasized that the MYCIP is a planning document identifying anticipated capital needs rather than a commitment to complete individual projects. The Board supported holding a public forum prior to the Town Meeting to explain the MYCIP, discuss project priorities, answer questions, and provide an update on PFAS-related matters. The Board agreed to continue the discussion at the upcoming Special Meeting.

New Business: C. Middlesex Hospital Paramedic Agreement - First Selectman Couture reported that the Ninth Amendment to the Middlesex Health Paramedic Services Agreement was the annual renewal of the existing agreement with only a minor amendment.

Motion #3 - Selectman D'Angelo ***Moved*** and Selectman Gorski ***Seconded*** a motion to approve the Ninth Amendment to the Agreement as presented. Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

D. Parmelee Fence: Linda Dudek, and Dennis Rich, provided an update to the Board that the Killingworth Historical Society proposed installing a historically styled PVC picket fence in front of the Parmelee Farmhouse based on an 1899 photograph to enhance the property's historic appearance. They explained that the fence would be decorative, require minimal maintenance, and be funded by the Historical Society. The Parmelee Farm Committee supported the proposal, and any necessary permits would be obtained prior to installation.

Motion #4 - First Selectman Couture ***Moved*** and Selectman D'Angelo ***Seconded*** a motion to approve the picket fence at the Parmelee Farmhouse at Parmelee Farm as presented. Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

E. RFP for Street Sweeping - First Selectman Couture reported that the Town needed to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for street sweeping services because the current vendor would no longer provide the service. The proposed RFP was for a three-year contract with two optional one-year renewals.

Motion #5- Selectman D'Angelo ***Moved*** and Selectman Gorski ***Seconded*** a motion to issue the RFP for Street Sweeping as presented. Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

Motion #6 - First Selectman Couture ***Moved*** and Selectman D'Angelo ***Seconded*** a motion to add Executive Session onto the Agenda regarding a pending legal matter as Item 12. Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

Public Comment: Eileen Blewett addressed the Board and presented the FY 2025–2026 Helping Hands Annual Report. She reported $23,236 in cash donations, service to 1,302 clients, distribution of 27,774 pounds of food, receipt of 18,302 pounds of donated food, expenditures of $15,105 for food and $147 for supplies, and an ending balance of $24,690 as of June 30, 2026. She noted that the report had also been submitted to the Board of Finance for its Annual Report. Ms. Blewett clarified that the client total reflects individuals served rather than household size.

Selectmen's Comments: Nancy Gorski -

- Gorski acknowledged receipt of correspondence regarding out-of-town registration plates and noted that the issue warrants further review. She shared her personal experience relocating from New York to Connecticut and the DMV registration requirements. She asked how the Town could enforce the matter and requested Couture's

thoughts.

- Gorski inquired about Facebook discussions regarding Flock cameras and whether canceling the contract meant the devices were no longer active. Couture confirmed that he has repeatedly attempted to locate an option to disable the system and noted that the units are scheduled to be uninstalled during the weeks of August 3rd and August 10th.
- Gorski commented how the Board needed to plan for a Town Hall forum/public hearing similar to the Board of Finance presentations so residents could receive information in advance. She suggested the Board work out the details after returning the following week.
- Gorski thanked Eileen Blewett for her work with the food pantry and for providing information in advance.

Joel D'Angelo -

- D'Angelo acknowledged receipt of the correspondence regarding out-of-town vehicle registration plates and stated that if the issue is more widespread than anticipated, the Town may want to explore options, as additional registrations could generate tax revenue.
- D'Angelo addressed community discussions regarding the mill rate and taxes, noting that while he does not have authority over all decisions, he would use his influence where appropriate. He stated that once the school budget is finalized and the proper mill rate is determined, any resulting overpayment should be returned to taxpayers through either a tax credit or refund rather than being carried forward to offset future budgets. He emphasized the importance of starting the next budget cycle with a clean slate.

Fi**rst Selectman's Comments:** Eric Couture -

- Couture reported on ongoing discussions at RiverCOG regarding regionalization efforts, including the recent vote to create a Regional Waste Authority. He noted that discussions will continue regarding the structure and services of the authority, as well as other potential regionalization opportunities to reduce costs for municipalities and school districts. Couture also referenced a recent report from a state study group on regionalization and municipal spending, which supported regionalization while emphasizing the need for municipalities to maintain flexibility. He noted that discussions around property taxes and municipal services indicate a need to reevaluate current approaches.
- Couture stated that he is considering developing an AI Use Policy for the Town due to increasing interest and use of emerging technologies. He emphasized the need for caution, particularly regarding accuracy, data protection, and the Town's responsibility to safeguard information. Couture noted that recent experiences with technology implementations, such as Flock, highlight the importance of carefully evaluating future technology use.

Motion #7 - Selectman D'Angelo ***Moved*** and Selectman Gorski ***Seconded*** a motion to enter into Executive Session regarding a pending legal matter. Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

The Board entered into Executive Session at approximately 7:46 p.m.

Executive Session: The Board discussed a pending legal matter. The Board ended Executive Session at approximately 8:01 p.m.

Adjournment: First Selectman Couture adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia

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Recording Secretary