

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
(PUBLIC HEARING)  
Monday, September 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m./Killingworth Elementary School**

The Board of Selectmen held a Public Hearing in the All-Purpose Room of the Killingworth Elementary School, 340 Route 81, Killingworth, CT on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., regarding the following items:

1. **Code of Ethics Ordinance:** Members of the Ethics Committee were present to answer questions and receive comments.
2. **FY 2027–FY 2036 Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan:** First Selectman Couture presented the Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The Board of Selectmen were present to answer questions and receive comments.

The Public Hearing adjourned at approximately 8:35 p.m.

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monday, September 14, 2026 at 7:15 p.m./Killingworth Town Hall/Remote Access Available**

**BOS Members in Attendance:** First Selectman Eric Couture, Selectmen Nancy Gorski and Joel D’Angelo - All present.

**Visitors:** Elizabeth Disbrow (Executive Assistant to First Selectman Couture), Regina Regolo (Director of Finance/Via Remote), Suzanne Sack, David Sack, Jackie Vece (Via Remote), Jamie Sciascia (Recording Secretary/Via Remote)

**Called to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** First Selectman Couture called this meeting to order at 8:45 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion #1 - Selectman D’Angelo *Moved* and First Selectman Couture *Seconded* a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Monday, August 24, 2026 as presented. Motion passed [2-0-1].

Couture/D’Angelo - Yes

Gorski - Abstain *Selectman Gorski **Abstained** due to not being present at the August 24th meeting.*

Motion #2 - Selectman Gorski *Moved* and Selectman D’Angelo *Seconded* a motion to approve the Minutes from the Board of Selectmen Special Meeting held on Thursday, September 3, 2026 as presented. Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

**Department Reports:** First Selectman Couture reported that Department Reports had been sent to the Board in digital format. Selectman Gorski inquired about the status of the audit in connection with Lisa Connelly. Couture noted that audits have been taking longer statewide due to difficulties finding auditors, with delays reported by some municipalities and regional organizations. The audit was largely completed and had been received.

**Appointments:** No Report.

**Refunds and Abatements:** Motion #3 - Selectman Gorski *Moved* and First Selectman Couture *Seconded* a motion to approve the following Refunds, all for overpayment, and allow them to follow its normal course as presented.

| <b>Name:</b>         | <b>Address:</b>    | <b>Amount:</b> | <b>Reason:</b> |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. Mark Pettes       | 661 Route 81       | \$131.75       | COC#0055311    |
| 2. James Clemente    | 40 Laurel Rdge Dr  | \$158.75       | COC#0051164    |
| 3. James Clemente    | 40 Laurel Rdge Dr  | \$182.32       | COC#0051166    |
| 4. Hyundai Lease     | 3161 Michelson Dr  | \$422.15       | COC#0053172    |
| 5. Mercedes Benz     | 35555 W 12 Mile Rd | \$390.18       | COC#0054551    |
| 6. Walter Laviana    | 21 Boulder Trl     | \$5.44         | COC#0053848    |
| 7. Charles Rountree  | 27 Sugar Hill      | \$6.69         | COC#0055926    |
| 8. Marlene Fegan     | 55 Cow Hill Rd     | \$78.49        | COC#0057594    |
| 9. Lisa Delaura      | 65 Beaver Dam Rd   | \$18.96        | COC#0051562    |
| 10. L. Lawrence      | 18 Route 80        | \$45.15        | COC#0053865    |
| 11. CCAP Auto        | 1601 Elm Street    | \$338.96       | COC#0051012    |
| 12. Robert Civitello | 636 Route 148      | \$16.29        | COC#0051139    |
| 13. Grace Purcell    | 2 Saddlebrook Dr   | \$106.25       | COC#0055539    |
| 14. Janet Colandrea  | 354 Roast Meat     | \$12.81        | COC#0040076    |
| 15. Judith Jepson    | 924 Route 148      | \$14.21        | COC#0053319    |
| 16. Toyota Lease     | 525 Fellowship Rd  | \$252.10       | COC#0056916    |
| 17. Acar Leasing     | PO Box 1990        | \$756.28       | COC#0050032    |

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

**Budget Report:** Prior to the meeting, the Board received the latest Budget Report. No questions were raised, as it was still early in the budget year.

**Old Business: A. Public Hearing – Wrap-up:** The Board discussed incorporating public comments from Kathy Zandi and Casey Jacobs into the Ethics Committee’s review, including whether the ordinance should require those subject to it to abide by the rules, declare conflicts of interest, and clarify whether Board of Education members are covered by the policy. Selectman D’Angelo questioned whether the Board of Education is a town office under the Charter and requested clarification. He also questioned whether, if the Ethics Committee reaffirmed its original recommendation, the matter would return to Town Meeting or the Committee. The Board discussed prioritizing and tiering budget and capital items to assist the Board of Finance with planning. The Board agreed to begin with the current year’s operating budget and capital projects, include the following year, and then expand to a multi-year review. Additional collaboration would be required, potentially extending beyond September 20th; OPM follow-up regarding the Town’s obligations was noted.

**B. Amend Call to Town Meeting:** Motion #4 - Selectman D’Angelo *Moved* and Selectman Gorski *Seconded* a motion to approve the Legal Call as presented:

### **LEGAL NOTICE (amended)** **TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

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 at the Killingworth Elementary School, 340 Route 81, Killingworth, CT on Monday, September 28, 2026 at 7 p.m. to consider and act upon the following items of business:

1. To fund, from the General Fund, overexpenditures in excess of \$20,000 for the following line item:
  - Snow Removal \$136,119
  - Misc Grants - PFAS Related Expenses \$409,088
2. To fund, from the underexpended lines, overexpenditures in FY 2025-26 for the following line items:

- P&R – Additional Pickleball Courts (4) \$829

3. To authorize the closeout of the following Capital Accounts as of June 30, 2026:

- KVFC – Brush/Lt Rescue 891 \$6,889
- KVFC – Station 1 Reno – Conceptional Design \$13,850
- KVFC – Multi-band UHF/7/800 Radios \$7
- HW Dept – Large Pickup with Plow \$295,000
- HW Dept – Mulch Head Attachment \$6,944
- Park and Rec Pavilion at Eric Auer park \$18,580
- Parmelee – Pavilion Curtains \$55,000
- Parmelee – Trail Lighting \$1,000
- County Road Bridge Phase 2 – Shared \$1,000
- Green Hill Rd – Drainage Inlet Repair \$41,651

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

4. To accept the donation of a 30'x20' steel storage building at Eric W. Auer Killingworth Recreation Park, made by the Haddam Killingworth Youth Football League.
5. To confirm the Selectmen's appointment of Jamie Mowat Young to the Representative Policy Board, South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority for a term ending June 30, 2029

Dated at Killingworth, Connecticut this 14th day of September, 2026.

Eric Couture  
First Selectman

Joel D'Angelo  
Selectman

Nancy Gorski  
Selectman

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

**C. PFAS – GZA Proposal:** The Board discussed a sub-proposal under the Town's existing GZA contract for additional drilling and sampling behind the Town Campus in areas of prior contamination and areas previously discussed with the water company. The Board had questions regarding the original amounts and subsequent change orders and requested clarification from GZA. Couture will reach out to Rich Desrosiers of GZA to discuss the Board's questions and obtain clarification.

**New Business:** No Report. Couture noted that the Town did not receive any bids for sweeping services and will likely utilize Capital Region COG purchasing options.

**Public Comment:** Suzanne Sack presented a question and two comments to the Board. Ms. Sack inquired whether projects completed under budget would be placed back on the capital plan. It was clarified that unspent funds from completed projects, totaling approximately \$400,000, would revert to the capital fund for future purposes. It was noted that a pickup truck with a plow was purchased using ARPA funds but was not removed from the capital plan.

Suzanne Sack thanked the Board for reconsidering the capital plan and incorporating estimated cost progression for each asset category, along with projected tax impacts. She acknowledged that estimates may change over the next 10 years but appreciated the transparency in disclosing the assumptions used for the calculations. She offered assistance if needed.

Suzanne Sack suggested issuing a public legal notice when the capital plan is released to increase public awareness, noting that she learned of the hearing by chance and did not receive a notification otherwise. She observed that attendance was approximately 200 at the prior meeting compared with 20 at this hearing and suggested greater public outreach. Ms. Sack also raised the need for clear policies governing the allocation and future use of unspent capital

funds, noting that approximately \$300,000 reverting to the fund is a significant amount. She stated that the policies surrounding the capital plan are as important as the plan itself.

David Sack commented on the Town's financial outlook, expressing concern about federal and state spending policies and their impact on Killingworth. He urged a more proactive and realistic approach to Town finances, particularly school costs, noting potential impacts on regionalization, fire services, road paving, and taxes. He questioned whether the 10-year financial plan reflects likely future costs. Mr. Sack cited the estimated \$140,000 transfer station bin covers and nearly \$295,000 truck with plow as examples of expenditures that should be reviewed for less costly alternatives while meeting state requirements. He also expressed concern that continued PFAS testing could identify contamination throughout Town and lead to costly remediation. He urged the Town to scrutinize every expenditure and consider alternatives rather than simply accepting projected costs.

**Selectmen's Comments: Nancy Gorski** - Gorski inquired about Park and Rec, noting that the South Ball Field contractor is no longer responding to requests to complete the work. Couture stated that this has been a challenge with the contract and that he consulted Attorney Tycz regarding legal options, which Tycz is investigating. Couture reported that the field is approximately 90–95% complete, with the irrigation system and securing an irrigation subcontractor remaining as the primary issues.

**Joel D'Angelo** - No Comment.

**First Selectman's Comments: Eric Couture** - No Comment.

**Adjournment:** First Selectman Couture adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jamie Sciascia*

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Recording Secretary