MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m./Killingworth Town Hall/Remote Access Available

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

Visitors: Regina Regolo (Director of Finance/Via Remote), Robert Rimmer (Ethics Committee/Via Remote), Ellen Oppenheimer (Ethics Committee/Via Remote), Michael Miller (Via Remote), Richard Desrosiers (GZA), and Jamie Sciascia (Via Remote)

Called to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: First Selectman Couture called this meeting to order at 7:04 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 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Monday, September 28 2026, as presented. Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

Refunds and Abatements: Motion #2 - First Selectman Couture ***Moved*** and Selectman D'Angelo ***Seconded*** a motion to approve the following Refunds, all for overpayment, and allow them to follow its normal course as presented.

Refunds

Name:	**Address:**	**Amount:**	**Reason:**
1. Enterprise FM Trust	2281 Ball Dr	$243.73	COC#0051972
2. Stuart Gitlin	134 Bar Gate Trl	$49.83	COC#0052466
3. Mercedes-Benz	35555 W 12 Mile Rd	$148.30	COC#0054547
4. Linda Ohara	558 N Roast Meat	$12.64	COC#0040303
5. Judith Secondino	21 Deer Ridge	$4.56	COC#0056189
6. Brian Carroll	101 Paper Mill Rd	$86.32	COC#0050954
7. Brian Carroll	101 Paper Mill Rd	$223.21	COC#0050953

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

Department Reports: The Board received the Town Clerk and Building Department reports in their meeting packets prior to the meeting. First Selectman Couture noted that nothing unusual was reported and offered to relay any questions. Selectman Gorski emphasized the importance of having a Board of Education representative attend future meetings, particularly during budget season, to answer questions and facilitate direct discussion. The Board agreed. Couture noted that Ms. Lisa Connelly would try to attend that evening to provide a report if the Board of Education meeting ended early.

Appointments: None.

Budget report, 2027/2028 Budget Timeline: Director of Finance Regolo reported that the town audit is due by December 31st and annual budget materials, including a timeline, cover memo, and worksheets, are being prepared for distribution by November 1st. Capital request standardization will focus on Highway, Parks and Recreation, Parmelee Farm, and the Fire Company, as departments and outside agencies have varying needs. The Jacobson Road Assessment Draft is expected during the first week of November for initial review by three individuals before distribution to the full Board. The Board agreed to add the budget process to the next meeting agenda to discuss starting earlier and coordinating department presentations.

Old Business: A. Ethics Code - Mr. Robert Rimmer summarized the Ethics Committee's review of public hearing comments and explained that language requiring acknowledgment of the Code of Ethics was

removed because town officials and employees are already subject to other governing laws and documents. The Board will review the revised code before scheduling a Town Meeting. The Board discussed clarifying the code's applicability to Board of Education members in the HR policy, noting that the Ethics Committee relied on existing legal guidance and did not make that determination. The Board also discussed coordinating Town Meeting with the Multi-Year Capital Plan to avoid multiple meetings. The Board thanked Robert Rimmer, Ellen Oppenheimer and the full Ethics Committee for its work.

B. Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan - The Board discussed updating the Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan (MYCIP) presentation to clearly explain the tiered approach, recurring costs, and major capital expenses. The Board emphasized transparency in projected costs, noting inflation and fluctuating expenses, including diesel fuel for snow removal. The plan is reviewed annually to reflect changing costs, support future planning, and maintain eligibility for state funding. The target is to present the plan at the November Town Meeting, with December as a backup, and finalize it before January 1st in order to meet the state's multi-year planning deadline.

C. Beaver Dam Road town-owned lots - First Selectman Couture reported that Attorney David Tycz is reviewing the legal requirements for the sale of the two town lots acquired in 2019 through foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure as collateral for the cost of completing Beaver Dam Road. Couture noted that a Town Meeting may not be required because the lots were not acquired for open space or public use, although the original acquisition approval remains unclear. A public hearing is required based on the value of the lots. Couture will follow up with Attorney Tycz for a legal opinion and noted that a new Board of Selectmen resolution will be needed to authorize him to execute the legal documents for the sale. The lots would be offered through a best-offer process, as only one inquiry had been received to date.

New Business: A. Request for portable PA system for town meetings - Tim Gannon requested approval to purchase a portable PA system and two additional wireless microphones for the Parmelee Farm community events, including the Pumpkin Carving Gathering, Christmas at the Farm, and the Lions Easter Egg Hunt, to facilitate announcements and music. The equipment would be funded through the former Farm Activity Account, which contains funds raised by farm volunteers. The total cost was $468.49, and the Town's Amazon account would be used to avoid sales tax. A motion was brought forth not to exceed $525, also subject to Board of Finance approval.

Motion #3 - Selectman Gorski ***Moved*** and Selectman D'Angelo ***Seconded*** a motion to approve the purchase of a Portable PA System for use at Parmelee Farm, not to exceed $525.00. Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

B. Speeding on town roads: resident request: Resident Stuart Heisler, of 464 Roast Meat Hill Road, raised concerns about speeding and neighborhood safety, noting that he had called about the issue at least twice and filed an incident report. He offered to share videos documenting the problem. The Board acknowledged that speeding is a townwide concern and discussed potential speed cameras, updated traffic data, and expanded enforcement efforts. Previous enforcement resulted in approximately 200 tickets, primarily in the southern part of town, while future enforcement will target locations throughout town.

First Selectman Couture reported that the State had been asked to conduct a safety audit of the Route 80 and Roast Meat Hill Road intersection after initially reporting only one recorded accident in five years. Ambulance Association and Valley Shore logs were subsequently submitted for review. The intersection may also be considered for RiverCOG's Transportation Improvement Program. Couture will follow up with RiverCOG representatives Rob Haramut and Kevin Armstrong regarding updated traffic data and consult with Representatives Tom Fenton and Matt Carroll about a potential engineering review of Roast Meat Hill Road. He will also coordinate further discussion regarding speed enforcement options. An update was requested for the Board's second meeting in November.

C. Opiate settlement - First Selectman Couture reported that Haddam-Killingworth Youth and Family Services (HKYFS) requested $9,850.42 in opiate settlement funds for FY 2027 to support addiction prevention and related programming. Regolo reported that the Town had received $96,950 and disbursed just under $25,000, leaving approximately $72,000 available. Couture noted that future settlement payments vary in timing and amount.

Motion #4 - Selectman D'Angelo ***Moved*** and Selectman Gorski ***Seconded*** a motion to approve the HKYFS plan for the Fiscal Year 2027 Opiate Settlement Fund in the amount of $9,850.42. Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

D. GZA PFAS proposal - Richard Desrosiers of GZA presented a proposed change order for additional PFAS investigations at the Town campus and fire station. The investigation would include two phases: (1) testing the wooded area for PFAS and evaluating groundwater depth and potential future use; and (2) delineating the extent of known PFAS contamination horizontally and vertically to better estimate remediation costs and support future state funding and grant applications. Discussion included potential remediation options, associated costs, and Connecticut Water's possible participation in investigation expenses. GZA was asked to separate the proposal into two change orders with individual costs for each phase and discuss potential cost-sharing with Connecticut Water. A special meeting with Connecticut Water may be considered.

E. Call to Town Meeting - First Selectman Couture noted that the meeting is not yet ready to be called and identified November 9th and 23rd as the best possible dates.

Public Comment: Tim Gannon commented that the Board of Finance had acknowledged the $500 remaining in the approved concert budget due to three concerts being held instead of four. The funds would be used for the discussed purchase, which could be ordered the following day and shipped to Town Hall.

Selectmen's Comments: Nancy Gorski - None. Joel D'Angelo - None.

First Selectman's Comments: Eric Couture - None.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia

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Recording Secretary