

Killingworth Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting, January 23, 2012

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1. Call to Order

The Killingworth Board of Selectmen held its regular meeting on Monday, January 23, 2012, at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut. In attendance were First Selectwoman Catherine lino and Selectman Louis Annino, Jr.. First Selectwoman lino called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Visitors: Concerning Items on the Agenda – none.

4. Tax Abatements & Refunds

Motion by Annino, second by lino, to approve tax refund for Brice McLaughlin in the amount of \$9.50. Voting in favor – Annino, lino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

5. Old Business:

A. Affordable Housing – nothing further to report.

B. MLUC

First Selectwoman lino noted the Municipal Land Use Committee Charge was discussed at the last meeting. lino drafted a new Charge changing the name to Municipal Properties Use Committee. She suggested tabling this until the next meeting when all selectmen are present.

6. New Business:

A. Appointments

Motion by lino, second by Annino, to appoint Cathie S. Jefferson as IWWC Enforcement Officer for a term to expire 12/31/2012. Voting in favor – lino, Annino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Annino, second by lino, to appoint William M. Leahy to the Energy Task Force for a term to expire 12/31/2012. Voting in favor – Annino, lino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Annino, second by lino, to appoint Cordelia B. Ewers to the Historic Review Committee for a term to expire 12/31/2012. Voting in favor – Annino, lino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

Motion by lino, second by Annino, to appoint Dennis C. Cronin to the IWWC (endorsed by the Conservation Commission) for a term to expire 12/31/2014. Voting in favor – lino, Annino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

B. CRERPA Grant Application: Regional Planning Incentive Program Resolution
First Selectwoman lino noted CRERPA is applying for a Grant to prepare an economic database for the region and do some planning. They need a Resolution from all the Boards of Selectmen of the Town in the Regional Planning Agency. Motion by lino, second by Annino, to participate in the proposed Lower Connecticut River GIS and Economic Data Center and Economic Development Study. An application for this project is being submitted to the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management by the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency on behalf of its member towns for funding under Section 5 of Public Act 11-61. This program is also known as the Regional Planning Incentive Program (RPIP). Be it further resolved that this Board hereby certifies there is no known legal obstacles to provision of services in the manner described in the proposal. Discussion followed. Selectman Annino asked if the Planning & Zoning Commission had been advised of this. First Selectwoman lino noted this was a grant application will will help get the GIS data mapping in sync with all the other towns in the region and to clean up some artifacts. It will also allow some economic planning specific to the needs of these towns. Annino would like to know that Planning & Zoning is aware and in support of this. lino noted at this time this is

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just a grant application. Annino suggested this should be brought to the attention of Planning & Zoning so they are aware of it. P&Z Chair Lentz can then decide how he would like to participate. Voting in favor – lino, Annino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

C. RFP Parmelee: Schedule Opening of Bids

First Selectwoman lino noted the Parmelee Farm Steering Committee put out a request for proposals for architectural services relating to the STEAP Grant for the house. Bids are due this coming Friday afternoon and they are eager to look at the bids. A Special BOS Meeting was scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2012, at 5:30 PM.

7. Selectmen's Comments

First Selectwoman lino noted the revaluation is coming to a conclusion. She noted the reval company and the Assessor have decided to include in the valuations the income producing potential of properties which makes sense. In terms of properties that have exemptions from P&Z in terms of boarding of horses, they have decided to consider the special exemption as creating economic value in the property which changes the value of the property. This has not been done before. Both First Selectwoman lino and Selectman Annino noted they were disappointed in not being made aware of that. Annino noted it was inappropriate. First Selectwoman lino noted one question is what are the possibilities of appealing this. Another question is how does this fit into the State's and the Town's interest in preserving agricultural land. Annino felt this was a conflict. First Selectwoman lino noted she is investigating this matter and has asked CCM to research what other towns are doing. Selectman Annino asked if this was a finalized deal and now part of the revaluation. First Selectwoman lino noted the Assessor and the reval company are saying it is. lino noted this does not effect someone who has their own horses. It only effects someone who has a Special Exception from Planning & Zoning. If someone who has a Special Exception that is not using it, they can apply to have it withdrawn and wouldn't be liable for this. Selectman Annino noted one reason for having these permitted activities is to make sure they meet certain criteria for keeping horses. This could be a deterrent for people to come forward to do that. Selectman

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Annino noted he has a bigger issue with the fact there should have been some communication well ahead of this so the BOS was aware of it.

Selectman Annino noted at some point the Board needs to talk about the Town Highway Department, the generators, the equipment. This has been put off a couple of times. lino noted this will be on the next meeting agenda when Selectman Dudek is present. The Traffic Safety Committee will also be on the agenda. Annino noted he would like a broader overview of what the Highway Department does, maintenance programs, equipment, staff, etc.

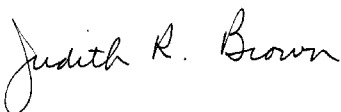
Selectman Annino asked how things went with the last snowstorm. First Selectwoman lino replied everything went well. There was only one complaint because the transfer station was closed.

8. Visitor Comments: General – none.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Annino, second by lino, to adjourn at 7:37 PM. Voting in favor – Annino, lino.
Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary