

1. Call to Order

The Killingworth Board of Selectmen held its regular meeting on Monday, March 26, 2012, at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut. In attendance were First Selectwoman Catherine lino, Selectman Fred Dudek 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. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Dudek, second by Annino, to add New Business Item 9G – Recommendation from Public Health Agency to Display Donate Life Flag during April. Voting in favor – Dudek, Annino, lino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Dudek, second by Annino, to approve Special Minutes of March 12, 2012 as written. Voting in favor – Dudek, Annino, lino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

4. Visitors Comments – none.

5. Tax Abatements & Refunds

Motion by Dudek, second by Annino, to approve Tax Refund to Karen M. Share \$16.73. Voting in favor – Dudek, Annino, lino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

6. Vacancies on Appointive Committees

The following vacancies were noted as on the Agenda – Conservation Commission – 1, IWWC – 1, Parmelee – 2, Town Office Building – 3, Health & Safety – 1, MLUC – 3, Public Health – 1, Traffic Safety – 1, Housing Partnership – 5, Open Space – 1 and HK Rec – 1.

7. Appointments – none.

8. Old Business

A. Affordable Housing – nothing further to report.

B. Insurance Broker of Record

First Selectwoman lino noted three proposals for Insurance Brokers of Record were received in response to the RFP. There were varying levels of experience in municipal insurance, but all quoted a flat brokerage fee of \$7,500 per year for the first two years. lino also noted she and Gina Regolo contacted CIRMA to look into the possibility of obtaining insurance directly from this without a broker. CIRMA has been soliciting the town's business with some attractive new options. They have a plan which because the town does not have a police department, it would be eligible for a program that would guarantee the Worker's Comp and Liability/Auto/Property rates for 3 years. CIRMA has given a quote that exceeds the current coverage for \$715 less, and there is no brokerage fee. First Selectwoman lino noted both she and Mrs. Regolo were very favorably impressed with Fiona Dewberry who would be the town's representative. Selectman Dudek noted he recalls some poor experiences with CIRMA from a decade ago. It was suggested a special meeting of the BOS should be arranged with CIRMA representatives and other fire companies that have had more recent experiences with CIRMA to see whether the town can have confidence that things have changed. First Selectwoman lino will schedule such a meeting in the next couple of weeks.

C. Animal Shelter

First Selectwoman lino noted she has been meeting with the First Selectmen in Clinton and Westbrook to discuss regionalization of the town's dog pound. These conversations began as Mr. Leighton had led her to believe the need to replace the town's current facility was fairly urgent. In the meantime, State Representative Jim Crawford, who represents all 3 towns, obtained a \$100,000 grant for capital expenses of creating a regional facility. lino noted the plan under consideration is quite attractive. The existing Clinton facility would be upgraded to accommodate all 3 towns within the \$100,000. There would be no capital expense. An MOA

has been prepared which calls for each town to contribute \$2000 annually - \$1000 to cover expenses and \$1000 to start a contingency fund.

Only the facilities would be shared. Each town's animal control officer would remain in place and fees would continue to go to the towns. The Clinton facility is 7 miles from the Killingworth Town Hall. The 2013 budget submitted to the Board of Finance calls for \$3000 for the same expenses that would be covered by the fee. Killingworth had 26 impoundments last year, Westbrook had about the same number and Clinton had 46. The MOA could be terminated at the end of one year.

In summary, First Selectwoman lino noted it seems the town does not need to make any large capital investments in our facility at present – with the possible exception of replacing the septic system which would be significant. lino recommended tabling this item until the next meeting unless she finds out the septic system needs to be replaced in the next year. She will discuss this matter with the Sanitarian.

Selectman Annino asked how many of the 26 animals were returned to their owners. lino replied almost all of them.

Selectman Dudek asked if the town decided to terminate after one year, would our facilities still be grandfathered. Selectman Annino noted he would be uncomfortable making any commitment unless there is a long term commitment that capped the town's expenses or some reasonable escalation.

## 9. New Business

### A. Greenways Resolution: Margo Burns, CRERPA

Margo Burns from CRERPA was present. She gave a presentation on the Menunketesuck-Cockaponset Regional Greenway which is part of the Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Forest Stewardship Initiative. She reviewed the draft work map dated 2/2/12. Ms. Burns

reviewed the Quinimay Trail which is a State designated trail being stewarded by the Westbrook Bridal Conservancy. It is about 15 miles long and goes north of Westbrook all the way up to Higganum Center. It is all on Cockaponset State Forest. In the Town of Killingworth they have targeted a lot of private land owners. Ms. Burns reviewed the results of the survey sent out. She reviewed a recent letter sent out by Thomas Worthley, Asst. Extension Professor, Forestry and Sarah Fournier, Program Assistant dated March 13, 2012. Ms. Burns briefly referenced projects Mr. Worthley is working on with RSD17 and RSD4. She thought Mr. Worthley was also working on a similar project at the H-K Middle School in Killingworth. Other possible locations would be the Parmelee Farm and Wettish. The question was asked if the town has to do anything else other than pass the Resolution. Ms. Burns replied no, but it would be nice to have it placed in the town's Plan of Conservation and Development and used as a tool. Other towns have passed it and the Killingworth Land Trust is quite in favor of it. Ms. Burns noted a second survey will be sent out at the end of the project to see if any of the goals had been achieved. They are also looking for funding for another service forester. Motion by Dudek, second by Annino, that the Board of Selectmen approve the Resolution in Support of the Menunketesuck – Cockaponset Regional Greenway (attached). Voting in favor – Dudek, Annino, Iino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

#### B. AmeriGas Concerns

First Selectwoman Iino noted Fran Dooley has communicated with the BOS a number of times about Board of Fire Commissioners concerns with the AmeriGas facility. One of his concerns was Planning & Zoning. Mr. Dooley noted he didn't think there were any permits in place for the expansion to the 30,000 gallon tank several years ago. It was noted that facility was a nonconforming use prior to Zoning and it is probably grandfathered. Mr. Dooley noted he was concerned with the Day Care down the street and whether or not there was an evacuation plan in place for the children. Mr. McDougal had assured Mr. Dooley any residents in that area are on an evacuation list through the reverse 911 system. Mr. Dooley noted that it seems the town or someone has been asleep all these years in regards to this issue. His main concern was the youngsters. He was sure there are professional groups that

could tell the town what the ramifications are. Selectman Annino noted they need to have certain safeguards in place and all that should be available to the public. He stated the simple approach would be for the town to directly ask for their emergency management plan and for it to be presented to the town. Dudek agreed the town should contact them and ask for their safety plans. He noted the fire department is meeting with them next week. First Selectwoman lino asked if the town could require them to retrofit with something. Selectman Annino replied yes if it is determined to be unsafe. Just because they have a grandfathered existence doesn't give them the right to be unsafe or not meet current code. The town should not feel bashful about asking for their safety plans. There was discussion regarding the two transformers situated over top of the tanks. Selectman Dudek will report back after the fire department's meeting next week. First Selectwoman lino will talk to Don McDougal. Mr. Dooley asked if the town could make them go back to the original size tank if there are no permits in place to expand. Selectman Annino noted a business owner has the right to own and grow a business as long as they don't exceed or create other nonconformities.

#### C. Assessors Office Consultant

First Selectwoman lino noted Michael Bekech, the current assessor in Waterford would be willing to review the town's operations and give advice for \$50 per hour. He did this for Chester a few years ago and served as interim Assessor. Mr. Bekech has worked in a number of different situations and teaches at UCONN. Both Selectmen Annino and Dudek felt this was a good way to get a grasp on things given the cost and his qualifications.

#### D. Senior Tax Relief

First Selectwoman lino noted she is not ready to make a proposal yet. The current cutoff is \$40,000 income set in 2003. It was decided this should be referred to the Board of Finance to be revisited.

#### E. Employee Manual Amendments

First Selectwoman lino noted buyouts were discussed during the budget discussions. It was

felt the non-union employees should be brought in line with the UPSEU contract. Motion by lino, second by Annino, to amend the Employee Manual to reflect change to BENEFITS, A. Health, add sentence to last paragraph, "For any employee hired after March 26, 2012, the payment for electing to decline insurance coverage described above shall be fifty (50%) of the single employee premium, paid out in accordance with the terms described above."

Discussion followed. Motion by lino, second by Annino, to amend original motion to add language to end of that sentence, "...unless otherwise described in collective bargaining agreements." Vote on amendment – in favor – lino, Annino, Dudek. Opposed – none.

Motion Carried. Vote on original motion – lino, Annino, Dudek. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

#### F. Through-town Charity Events

Motion by Dudek, second by Annino, to approve two charity events – Tri-State Trek July 20-22, 2012 which benefits ALS Therapy Development Institute and Clinton Police Department for CT Special Olympics Fund Raiser Ride on May 20, 2012. Voting in favor – Dudek, Annino, lino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

#### G. Recommendation from Public Health Agency to Display Donate Life Flag

First Selectwoman lino noted the Public Health Agency has recommended the Town participate and display the Donate Life Flag. The Donate Life Organization has designated the month of April as Donate Life Month. There was discussion as to where the flag should be displayed, possibly on the side of the barn. Selectman Annino noted he supported the event, but had a concern that in the future they may get a lot more requests to display flags. Motion by lino, second by Dudek, to approve the display of the Donate Life Flag in an appropriate location for the month of April. Voting in favor – lino, Dudek, Annino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

#### 10. CI Comments

First Selectwoman lino noted Planning & Zoning is sending out notices to property owners

along Routes 81 and 80 that all temporary signs require permitting. The concern is sight line and visibility. She didn't feel the Town should be processing requests from groups like the Boy Scouts, Lions Club, etc. Perhaps a couple of locations could be designated for such signs that don't block sight lines. Selectman Annino noted signs are an ongoing challenge. There are regulations about what can and can't be done. He noted temporary signs are permitted. Annino indicated he was uncomfortable telling Planning & Zoning what to do and felt this should be investigated further.

First Selectwoman lino noted she has instructed the Fire Chief to go to the Board of Finance relative to replacing the thermal imaging cameras.

First Selectwoman lino noted the Town Office Building Committee will be on the next Meeting Agenda to present their proposal.

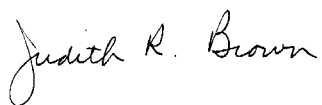
#### 11. Selectmen's Comments

Selectman Dudek briefly discussed a letter from Bob Ellis relative to the Public Works Department and the clearing of intersections. First Selectwoman lino noted Mr. Ellis was concerned about major intersections, but agreed more information was needed.

#### 12. Adjournment

Motion by Dudek, second by Annino, to adjourn at 8:25 PM. Voting in favor – Dudek, Annino, lino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary

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# TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Catherine Iino, *First Selectwoman*

## Town of Killingworth Connecticut Resolution in Support of the Menunketesuck – Cockaponset Regional Greenway

**WHEREAS**, the Menunketesuck – Cockaponset Regional Greenway is a proposed 18-mile long, wildlife and multi-use corridor, that connects US Fish and Wildlife's Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge Salt Meadow Unit in the Town of Westbrook to Cockaponset State Forest, the Quinimay Trail, its surrounding private forest land, and its public recreational resources through the Municipalities of Westbrook, Clinton, Deep River, Killingworth, Chester, and Haddam.

**WHEREAS**, the regional green way boundary includes the Town of Killingworth.

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Greenway is consistent with the goals and recommendations of Killingworth's Plan of Conservation and Development, 2008 – 2018.

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Menunketesuck – Cockaponset Regional Greenway is to protect the private and working forest land; water quality and quantity; wildlife habitat; and the public recreational and scenic resources that support and create the character of the Town of Killingworth and the lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region.

**WHEREAS**, the quality of our community character and environment is of utmost importance to each of the participating communities of Westbrook, Clinton, Deep River, Killingworth, Chester, and Haddam.

**WHEREAS**, the Menunketesuck – Cockaponset Regional Greenway, will serve bicyclists, walkers, equestrians, the physically challenged and other non-motorized users, by trail links between protected open space, and other destinations, and further, will encourage people of all ages to increase the time they spend outdoors, offering improved health and physical fitness through improved access to their community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Menunketesuck – Cockaponset Regional Greenway will increase the accessibility and quality of the outdoor experience for all residents and visitors; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Killingworth, supports establishment of the proposed Menunketesuck - Cockaponset Regional Greenway; and through the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency to be publically recognized by the Connecticut Greenway Council for official State of Connecticut Greenway designation.

Catherine Iino  
First Selectwoman

Fred Dudek  
Selectman

Louis C. Annino, Jr.  
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