

1. Call to Order

The Killingworth Board of Selectmen held its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut. In attendance were First Selectwoman Catherine Iino, Selectman Fred Dudek and Selectman Louis Annino, Jr. First Selectwoman Iino called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Dudek, second by Annino, to approve September 9, 2013 Minutes amended as follows -

- ✧ **Under 9. New Business, A. Land Trust Presentation, 7th paragraph should read, "Bruce Dodson reminded the Board that if anything were to happen to the Land Trust, the land becomes the Town's property."**

Voting in favor – Dudek, Annino, Iino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Annino to approve September 26, 2013 Minutes as written. Voting in favor – Iino, Annino. Opposed – none. Abstained – Dudek. Motion Carried.

4. Visitors' Comments – none.

5. Tax Abatements & Refunds

Motion by Dudek, second by Annino, to approve tax refunds as reviewed and attached. Voting in favor – Dudek, Annino, Iino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

6. Vacancies on Appointive Committees

The following vacancies were as noted on the Agenda – Energy Task Force – 3, Housing Partnership – 7, Parmelee Steering – 3, Health & Safety – 1, Open Space – 1, Traffic Safety – 1, Historic Review – 1, Park and Rec – 1.

7. Appointments

Motion by Iino, second by Dudek, to appoint Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow to Historic Review Committee for a term to expire 12/31/13. Voting in favor – Dudek, Annino, Iino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

8. Old Business

A. Valley Shore Contract

First Selectwoman Iino noted the new contract has not been received yet. This item was tabled.

B. Town Capital Plan

Nothing further regarding the Town Capital Plan. This item was tabled.

C. Construction Trailer Bid Award

Walter Adametz was present. Mr. Adametz noted 4 bids were received – Craftsman Sales from North Carolina at \$14,985, Trailer Depot at \$16,557, W. H. Rose at \$16,964 and Holden Industries at \$28,828. Adametz indicated he had been trying to get clarification on some of the specifications from Craftsman but has had no response. He noted any warranty items have to be handled out of North Carolina. They also don't meet the 2 year warranty spec. Mr. Adametz next reviewed the Trailer Depot bid stating they meet all the specifications and any issues would be handled locally as they are based in Northford. The Town currently does business with Trailer Depot. Mr. Adametz noted W. H. Rose bid the same trailer but had a higher bid price.

Selectman Dudek noted he tried unsuccessfully to contact Craftsman and reiterated Mr. Adametz emailed them a list of questions and had no response either. Dudek noted Craftsman did not meet the warranty spec. Selectman Dudek noted he has a camp trailer and has had very good luck dealing with Trailer Depot.

Selectman Dudek also noted there is a Connecticut Statute with regard to fire apparatus that the manufacturer is responsible for all equipment on that piece of apparatus and, therefore, Craftsman doesn't meet the State's statutory requirements.

Motion by Dudek, second by Annino, to award the Trailer Bid for the CAM Trailer to Trailer Depot. Voting in favor – Dudek, Annino, Iino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

9. New Business

A. Emergency Operations Center – Don McDougall

Don McDougall noted the town is not making much progress on the Town Hall addition and he urged the Selectmen to seek alternatives for the EOC before it loses the STEAP Grant. He suggested using the barn between the Fire House and the Town Hall. First Selectwoman Iino noted Selectman Dudek had actually suggested looking at that option some time ago.

Selectman Dudek noted it was obvious based on the vote that the town was not in favor of spending \$3.5 million for a new Town Hall. He stated he always believed the EOC should be part of the Public Safety Complex. Two options that could be explored were either an addition to the Fire House or renovating the barn. He measured the barn and obtained a price of \$75,000. Dudek noted the \$500,000 grant would cover a meeting room, voting place and resident trooper's office. The Town could then consider replacing the modulars with a smaller structure and moving those offices to another space while doing that. That could be done

economically and allow for a much smaller structure. Dudek further noted voting at the Fire House is not an option because it would have to be made handicap accessible and work done on the parking lot.

First Selectwoman Iino noted she felt this was obviously worth exploring. She indicated she has asked David Gross from the Town Office Building Committee to research this further.

Selectman Annino noted he was of a similar opinion. He asked if the grant had an expiration date. First Selectwoman Iino noted there still is some time left. She reiterated she would like to see what can be done and that the money is spent wisely.

Selectman Annino encouraged discussions with the Zoning Commission so they can keep abreast of the whole picture.

B. Tax Relief Program: Terry Dinnean

Terry Dinnean distributed and reviewed his Memo to the Board regarding Local Ordinances §412-9 and §412-10 and the Killingworth Property Tax Relief for Eligible Seniors and Disabled Homeowners.

Mr. Dinnean reviewed Section 12-81w – Municipal option to abate or exempt a portion of property taxes of local firefighters and certain emergency and civil preparedness personnel. The difference between an abatement and an exemption were discussed. Dinnean recommended an amendment to the Ordinance to read exemption/abatement which would allow it to be used as an exemption or abatement depending on how the IRS defines how it should be handled. This is a cleaner, faster and easier way to this and also allows for an accurate Grand List.

Mr. Dinnean next reviewed the Killingworth Property Tax Relief for Eligible Seniors and Disabled Homeowners. He explained the intent of this program was to provide relief to residents that were not deemed eligible for the State program yet living on a relatively modest income. Dinnean noted the income cap was set at \$40,000. The State cap is \$33,000. Every year the State increases the income limits and its currently \$33,500 to \$40,900. He suggested raising the local income requirement to \$50,000 in order to continue with the intent of this program. He also suggested a "not to exceed" limit of \$75,000 combined with an annual tracking of how many residents are assisted with the new income limit and a review for an adjustment to the program annually.

There was discussion as to the benefits of this program and how many people are taking advantage of it.

First Selectwoman Iino noted both of these items if changed would have to go before

Town Meeting.

Selectman Annino noted he would like to know a little more about this program as it relates to the Board of Finance. More demographic research should be done. Mr. Dinnean agreed further research should be done. The Town doesn't want to be overexposed or underexposed. First Selectwoman Iino noted maybe the next step would be to go before the Board of Finance to discuss this with them.

It was agreed Item One (of the Memo) suggesting an amendment to Killingworth's Ordinance §412-9 and §412-10 should be done and would be less confusing. Selectman Dudek noted the Ordinance would have to be rewritten but the net effect would be the same.

10. CI Comments

First Selectwoman Iino noted the Board of Fire Commissioners approved \$250 for the purchase of a vehicle for the Fire Company. The insurance was \$600. She gave approval for the Fire Company to go ahead with this purchase.

With regard to salt shed repairs, First Selectwoman Iino noted two quotes were received and this was awarded to the lower quote. That firm then backed out and it was awarded to the next lowest which was Clossen Construction Company. He has been given the go ahead to do this work as soon as possible.

First Selectwoman Iino noted she received a letter from the Killingworth Women's Organization regarding domestic violence initiatives. They identified the Lethality Assessment Program for police officers. Trooper Matt Ward will be attending this training to be held in Middletown.

First Selectwoman Iino noted Sue Davenport has offered a donation of \$1000 for a water fountain and bottle filler for Parmelee Farm. A check will be made out to the Town and go into General Capital with direction as to its use. She also noted Tim Gannon has prepared a list of some of the contributions made to Parmelee Farm and the list is quite impressive.

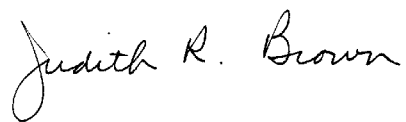
11. Selectmen's Comments – none.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Dudek, second by Annino, to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Voting in favor – Dudek, Annino, Iino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith R. Brown". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary

Refunds

KBOS 10/15/13

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
1. Karen J. Mullaly	47 Beechtree Ridge Rd.	\$8.34	Overpayment COC#05405M
2. Dainler Trust	Box 685	\$42.04	Overpayment COC#05383M
3. Paposola Real Estate Investors	212 Route 80	\$2,435.38	Overpayment COC#05393R
4. Paposola Real Estate Investors	212 Route 80	\$1,741.78	Overpayment COC#05395R
5. Jeffrey A. Juaire	195 W. High St.	\$13.42	Overpayment
6. Gary E. King	29 Running Brook Dr.	\$12.90	Overpayment COC#05407M
7. Blake E. Savoy	6 Jennifer Lane	\$5.25	Overpayment COC#05416M
8. Michael Morris	220 Reservoir Rd.	\$7.07	Overpayment COC#05420M
9. John E. Wolf	87 Little City Road	\$40.13	Overpayment COC#05424M
10. George Ginsberg	35 Cold Spring Rd.	\$600.12	Overpayment COC#05348M
11. Mark S. & Patricia Clifton	101 Paper Mill Rd.	\$436.38	Overpayment COC#05425S
12. Jessie J. Larson	13 Rebecca Lane	\$103.03	Overpayment COC#05435M
13. David Chris Maroney	8 Tara Drive	\$35.35	Overpayment COC#05428M
14. Joellen Simons	16 Surrey Ridge Rd.	\$20.80	Overpayment COC#05392M
15. John Ira Dalton & Karen May Dalton	8771 South Old Oak	\$5.44	Overpayment COC#05426M
16. John Ira Dalton & Karen May Dalton	8771 South Old Oak	\$6.67	Overpayment COC#05425M
17. Dainler Trust	PO Box 685	\$90.30	Overpayment COC#05432M
18. Frederick Kiel Berry	270 Summit St	\$99.87	Overpayment COC#05374M
19. Wheels LTD	666 Garland Pl.	\$50.09	Overpayment COC#05427M