

**Killingworth Board of Selectmen**  
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1. Call to Order

The Killingworth Board of Selectmen held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut. In attendance were First Selectwoman Catherine Iino and Selectman Lou Annino, Jr. First Selectwoman Iino called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes – tabled until next meeting.

4. Visitors' Comments – none.

5. Tax Abatements & Refunds – none.

6. Vacancies on Appointive Committees

The following vacancies are noted as shown on the Agenda – Conservation Commission – 1, Historic Review – 2, Energy Task Force – 2, Housing Partnership – 5, Parmelee Steering – 4, Health & Safety – 1, IWWC – 1, Open Space – 1, Public Health – 1, Town Office Building – 1, Traffic Safety – 1.

7. Appointments

**Motion by First Selectwoman Iino, second by Selectman Annino, to appoint Bruce Dodson to the Parmelee Farm Steering Committee. Voting in favor – Iino, Annino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.**

8. Old Business – none.

9. New Business

Board of Finance – Discuss Priorities for 2013–2014 Budget

First Selectwoman Iino distributed copies of the new Grant List. She noted they have been holding the budget for the last 5 years and costs keep going up. The Town is going into Contract Labor Negotiations soon for the coming fiscal year. BOF Chairman McMahan commented one thing that needs to be visited during labor negotiations is Pension. It is currently a Defined Benefit Plan that is not that

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sustainable over the next 20 years. There should be a new plan (annuity, mutual funds, etc.) for new employees if there ever are any. Anyone that is already vested in the current plan is grandfathered. Selectman Annino agreed noting this has been his experience. There can also be an offer for people to shift over to a new plan. BOF Chairman McMahon noted the Town's Pension Advisor can offer suggestions.

First Selectwoman Iino noted it would be her priority to find things to invest in that would reduce the Town's operating and maintenance expenses.

There was discussion regarding property taxes including personal property and motor vehicle taxes. It was noted some assessments went up and some went down. First Selectwoman Iino noted personal property taxes went down. BOF Chairman McMahon noted he met with the new Tax Assessor last week and there is a much more accurate picture of where we are than we had in the past.

Capital Expenditures were reviewed. First Selectwoman Iino noted there are a couple big road projects totally about \$1.6 million. One is Parker Hill Road relating to drainage problems. She noted Phase 2 of the Recreational Fields can't proceed unless there is a plan for solving the drainage problems. The second one is Burr Hill Road relating to widening and drainage issues.

First Selectwoman Iino noted the Town should be thinking about bonding for these road projects and whatever the Town Office Building Committee might come up with on a much lesser scale. The question was asked if there is another plan if the Town Office Building Committee plan is not approved. Selectman Annino noted the alternative is to pour maintenance money into the current modulars.

First Selectwoman Iino was asked to submit to the Board of Finance a list of everything in one and another list if things broken out in steps. The smart way to do things is bonding, but the community may not agree. Selectman Annino noted the other thing is to broaden the perspective and look at the 5 or 10 year plan. A delay in a project this year means there are 3 or 4 roads for next year. It was agreed the Town should be looking 5 to 10 years in the future with road paving. The needs should be defined, then the costs and then the needs are prioritized and budgeted for.

First Selectwoman Iino noted the Town should also consider solar power that could save funds in the future. Selectman Annino explained how the solar power programs work. It is a win for the end user.

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BOF Chairman McMahon asked if there are plans for expansion of the Fire House. Iino noted they have scaled back their plans, but are looking at putting up a training building behind the town garage. She further noted the Fire House and Ambulance are being included in the Town Office Building Project. There was discussion as to whether the Ambulance Association is becoming financially independent and whether the Town should be supporting them. First Selectwoman Iino noted steps have been taken relative to this. The cost of Workers' Compensation has been transferred to them. It is also being proposed they take over cost of their Pension.

BOF Chairman McMahon asked how the BOS will view various organizations/groups requesting funds, such as the Library, Youth and Family Services, H-K Recreation, etc. He noted he understands these groups provide a service, but they must be prudent in the outlook of the budget. They should be encouraged to start at zero, look at their needs and work from there. The question was also brought up of redundancy of services. Mr. McMahon noted Youth & Family Services is now billing for some of their services. It was noted these organizations/groups need to be asked to clearly define their uniqueness. It was also noted H-K Recreation does a lot more things than the local Park & Rec and a lot of it is self-funded.

BOF Chairman McMahon reviewed the Transit District. He noted the D.O.T. has delayed the Transit District's petition to have a route through Killingworth. First Selectwoman Iino noted she is still hopeful this will come to being next year. McMahon asked if there were any concrete figures as to what benefit that organization has to Killingworth. Iino noted the number of Dial-a-Ride services is quite high. It is providing a substantial service to people in Town that really need the service.

It was noted the current administration is doing a great job of keeping and maintaining financial records and that is a very big help to the Finance Board. It allows the BOF to make decisions based on an appropriate amount of facts.

BOF Chairman McMahon asked First Selectwoman Iino about the revenue side of the budget. She reviewed education revenues and property tax revenues as well as some legislation before the State having to do with real estate sales.

The question was asked is anything being done to encourage new businesses to come to Town. Selectman Annino noted the Town has limited abilities because it does not have city services such as sewers, police and fire. The Planning & Zoning Commission encourages customary home occupations.

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He further noted the Town is too far from the highways and it doesn't have the services to support new businesses. First Selectwoman Iino noted something should be done to rejuvenate the existing commercial district. It is so unattractive to businesses at the moment. She is thinking of reconstituting the Economic Development Commission. Selectman Annino noted the former Pharmedica building has been changed to mixed use and also now has 1 and 2 bedroom apartments.

BOF Chairman McMahon noted Capital planning for the next 5 to 10 years is very important.

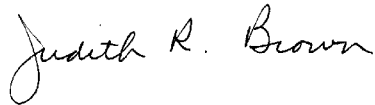
10. CI Comments – none.

11. Selectmen's Comments – none.

12. Adjournment

**Motion by Iino, second by Annino, to adjourn at 7:58 PM. Voting in favor – Iino, Annino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith R. Brown".

Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary