

1. Call to Order

The Killingworth Board of Selectmen held its Regular Meeting on Monday, September 9, 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 7:00 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes – August 26, 2013

Motion by Dudek, second by Annino, to approve August 26, 2013 Minutes amended as follows -

- ^ **Under 7. Appointments, correct spelling to "Poornima Agarwal".**
- ^ **Under 8.D. Veterans' Service Contact, replace the word "appoint" with "name".**
- ^ **Under 10. CI Comments, 1st paragraph, 2nd last sentence should read, "Dudek also advised the Chief to get prices on selling the other two generators."**

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

4. Visitors' Comments – none.

5. Tax Abatements & Refunds

Motion by Dudek, second by Annino, to approve Tax Refunds as reviewed (see attached). Voting in favor – Dudek, Annino, Iino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

6. Vacancies on Appointive Committees

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

7. Appointments – none.

8. Old Business

A. Sheldon Park Improvements Bid

Dan Colonia and Glenn Johnson were present. Mr. Colonia noted this project was put out to bid and 5 bids were received. The lowest bid was from Venuti and it was their recommendation to go ahead with Venuti in an amount of \$572,399. He indicated that number does not include irrigation so that needs to be put out to bid. Irrigation will probably be between \$70,000 and \$100,000. Venuti has proposed an additional \$83,000 for irrigation. First Selectwoman Iino noted the irrigation still needs to go out to bid.

There was a brief discussion regarding what funds are available for this project. It was noted there is a \$400,000 STEAP Grant. Mr. Colonia noted they asked for an additional \$150,000 this past year but wasn't sure if it was given to the project. He noted they would need about \$20,000 more to meet the \$572,000 and then \$83,000 for irrigation, 10% contingencies and that brings the figure close to the \$150,000 they asked for.

Selectman Annino asked if the bids have been reviewed and include everything. He asked if there is an explanation as to why the difference in the prices and why one bid is so low. Mr. Colonia noted the low bidder is a local contractor. He is finishing up some jobs and really wants to do this project.

Selectman Dudek noted the Park & Rec Minutes from September 5th indicate there were concerns with parking and fencing areas. Mr. Colonia reviewed the fencing that was going to be removed.

Mr. Colonia reviewed a list of items from Venuti that they had suggested would improve the project. The cost of these improvements would be \$355,700. Colonia further noted there isn't enough money to do these items, but the irrigation needs to be part of project. It was his opinion a lot of the extra items suggested by Venuti were not necessary.

Selectman Annino asked if a scope review had been done. Mr. Colonia noted Eric Auer has suggested a list of items that need to be clarified and/or are missing.

First Selectwoman Iino noted there had been discussion regarding sod vs. seeding. Mr. Johnson noted he contact Running Brook Farms for a price for sod which would be \$70,000. He also indicated all the fields would not have to be done at the same time. He noted using sod would get two extra seasons out of the field. If grass was used, there would be no 2014 season and maybe 2015. Selectman Annino asked what the bid was for. It was noted no one bid sod, it was regular grass seed.

Dan Colonia noted the U. S. Tennis Association will pay for a certain percentage of tennis courts, but they have to approve the project and be involved. He submitted an application to the U. S. Tennis Association. They have accepted the application and are reviewing it. Once they agree to fund the project, they will indicate at what amount. It could be 20% of the cost of the tennis courts or a maximum of \$50,000. Colonia noted the U. S. Tennis Association would like to see the courts striped in a different way so that players younger than 10 years old can play on the court.

First Selectwoman Iino noted she is meeting with the Town's State Representative tomorrow to see if the Town can get more money from the State to make up the difference.

B. Library Roof and Trim Repairs Bid

First Selectwoman Iino noted two sets of bids were received. The lower one was from CT Roofcrafters that is locally owned. She noted these were two separate projects right

from the beginning. They were put together in the bidding process for convenience. First Selectwoman Iino indicated she received a call last week from the CT State Dept. of Labor regarding prevailing wage. She advised this individual these were to separate projects from the start. It was decided to remove the insulating panels from the roofing project bringing the cost down to \$89,000 and thereby avoiding prevailing wage cost. Iino noted the architect recommends awarding the bid to CT Roofcrafters. First Selectwoman Iino noted removing the insulating panels doesn't do anything for the winter, but maybe summer. However, if the panels are not removed, the project would not be able to be done this year because of the prevailing wage cost.

Motion by Iino, second by Annino, to award bid for Library Roof and Trim Repairs to CT Roofcrafters in the amount of \$89,371 contingent upon submission of all proper insurance documents. Voting in favor – Iino, Annino, Dudek. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

C. Hazard Mitigation Plan

First Selectwoman Iino noted the Hazard Mitigation Plan should be on the Town's website tomorrow along with the online survey. Public comment time is one month.

D. Valley Shore Contracts

First Selectwoman Iino noted she is waiting for a memo from Rick Darin regarding the 3 items in question – formula, language of increase vs. decrease and notification.

9. New Business

A. Land Trust Presentation

Bruce Dodson and Les Riblet, representatives of the Land Trust, noted the Land Trust was asking for the Town's support in purchasing the Welter property on Roast Meat Hill Road. They explained this is a critical property as it connects the Platt Nature Center to Parmelee Farm and will ultimately connect trails. Mr. Dodson reviewed the location of a small area where parking could be created. Mr. Dodson noted the Land Trust purchased the property in June for \$300,000. They paid half that amount and the rest is a mortgage being held until January. They are looking to raise \$100,000 and have a little less than 1/3 of that. They have been talking to some local businesses and there is the Neighborhood Assistance Act.

Mr. Dodson noted both the Boards of Finance and Selectmen were very enthusiastic about 13 years ago for purchasing the Cranberry Bog. It was noted there is \$9708.00 in the Open Space Fund and this would be a logical place to use those funds. Mr. Dodson encouraged the Board of Selectmen to give the Land Trust as much of that as possible.

Selectman Annino asked how the Open Space line item is funded. Mrs. Regolo noted the Board of Selectmen have not put any money in that line item since 2001. She indicated the BOS need to decide if it still supports that line item and if so, fund it.

First Selectwoman Iino noted she would support putting this money toward that purchase as the Town's Plan of Conservation & Development recommends the

acquisition of Open Space in Town.

There was a brief discussion as to where funds might or should be coming from to support the Open Space line item. First Selectwoman Iino noted she will research this to see if there should be an Ordinance governing this.

Selectman Dudek asked Messrs. Dodson and Riblet if they could still make the mortgage payment in January if they didn't receive the Open Space funds. The reply was yes, but it would use virtually all of their resources. Selectman Dudek noted even though this would be Land Trust property, it would be increasing the Parmelee Farm property. He didn't have any issue with giving the Land Trust the \$9700.

Bruce Dodson reminded the Board that if anything were to happen to the Land Trust, the land is made available to the Town.

Motion by Dudek, second by Annino, that First Selectwoman Iino go to the Board of Finance and recommend the Open Space \$9700 be transferred for the specific purpose of helping the Land Trust purchase the Welter Property as that was the clear intent of how that money should be used and the Town is grateful to the Land Trust for pursuing these opportunities. Voting in favor – Dudek, Annino, Iino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

B. Solar Power for Parmelee Presentation

First Selectwoman Iino noted there was a meeting at Parmelee yesterday to discuss the possibility of putting solar on the south side of the pole barn and what various financial options were available to do so. She indicated the State has to resolve the issue of the virtual net metering program first. Iino also noted Geoff Cook is talking with someone at DEEP about doing solar on the Public Works Garage.

C. Request from Killingworth Women's Organization

First Selectwoman Iino noted the Killingworth Women's Organization has taken on for the coming year a Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign for the month of October. They have asked permission to set up a table and a sign at the Transfer Station on October 19th. They would also like to put purple ribbons at the Town Hall and other Town Buildings for the month of October. Trooper Ward supplied statistics that showed over the last couple of years there were 200 calls. First Selectwoman Iino noted she would support this awareness. Selectman Annino noted he definitely supported this but that any ribbons should be removed within 30 days. There was a brief discussion as to whether or not the town should have a policy regarding local groups setting up tables on Recycle Way, as well as putting up ribbons on town property. It was felt this should be looked at further and perhaps a policy established.

10. CI Comments

First Selectwoman Iino gave a status update on the work at Parmelee Farm. The Building Official has blessed the building, however a full C.O. cannot be issued until the parking area is created. She noted the Committee has been pursuing the creation of

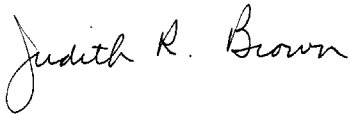
restrooms. Three quotes have been received for the septic system – Schumack \$5,760 (doesn't include materials that will be purchased by the Town), Auer \$8,007 and Ahearn \$8600. First Selectwoman Iino noted they will go with Schumack. Two quotes were received for the well – Savenelli \$3,300 and Schuster Bros. \$3,159.

11. Selectmen's Comments – none.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Dudek, second by Annino, to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Voting in favor – Dudek, Annino, Iino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary