

**Killingworth Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting, February 10, 2014
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1. Call to Order

The Killingworth Board of Selectmen held its regular meeting on Monday, February 10, 2014, 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

Motion by Annino to approve January 27, 2014 Minutes amended as follows -

- Under 9.A., 1st paragraph, 2nd sentence, change the word "not" to "now."
- Under 9.A., 1st paragraph, last sentence, ..."March, the Town Budget will be short...".

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

Motion by Dudek, second by Annino, to approve February 4 and 6, 2014 Minutes as written. Voting in favor – Dudek, Annino, Iino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

4. Visitors' Comments

The following visitors were present – John McMahon, Gwenne Celmer, Terence Dinnean, Regina Regolo, Elizabeth Disbrow, Glenn Johnson, Shawn O'Connell, Nancy Gorski, Mark Williams and Carolyn Anderson. No public comment was offered at this time.

5. Tax Abatements & Refunds

Motion by Dudek, second by Iino, to approve Tax Refunds as follows – CAB East LLC-Ford Credit Personal Property Tax \$149.65 and \$513.49 and Cynthia M. or Joseph M. Armenia \$19.67. Voting in favor – Dudek, Iino, Annino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

6. Vacancies on Appointive Committees

The following vacancies were as noted on the posted agenda – Emergency Management – 2, Energy Task Force – 7, Health & Safety – 1, Open Space – 1, Parmelee Farm – 4 and IWWC – 1.

7. Appointments – none.

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8. Old Business

A. Capital Projects Review

The Town of Killingworth DRAFT Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan as of 2/10/14 was distributed and reviewed. It was noted the Board needs to look at Capital spending every year and try to keep a handle on it. With regard to the Transfer Station expenditure, First Selectwoman Iino noted Walter Adametz felt that by ordering all the required containers in a group, the Town would get a better price.

9. New Business

A. Assessor Report Re: 10/1/13 Grand List

Terence Dinnean, Acting Town Assessor, distributed the October 1, 2013 Grand List. Mr. Dinnean noted it was positive to see real estate was up. He explained \$2,000,000 of that was a result of how the Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Abatement Program is structured. The balance is due to new construction. Mr. Dinnean reviewed the 2012-2013 Grand List Comparison along with the exemptions. He explained it is not an exemption if a 1099 has to be issued. Mr. Dinnean next reviewed the Personal Property Exemptions. He noted the Supplemental List for Motor Vehicles was really strong.

B. 2014-2015 Budget Discussion

The following members of the Board of Finance were present – John McMahon, Gwenne Celmer, Shawn O'Connell, Nancy Gorski, Mark Williams and Carolyn Anderson.

First Selectwoman Iino noted the big priority this year is to put the Capital Budget on a more solid footing. The Town has been spending down Capital Reserves and putting in less than it should. Maintenance items have been deferred and funding hasn't been set aside for future years.

The DRAFT Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan was reviewed in detail. Iino indicated this is still a draft work in progress and should be reviewed every year. She also noted it doesn't reflect the current funding in place. Mrs. Regolo noted this is not for approved Capital expenditures or projects, but just a plan. John McMahon noted if the Town has a plan, then it is eligible for LoCIP Funding. First Selectwoman Iino noted the Town's infrastructure is a long term investment.

It was noted the 2014-2015 year was high because of road projects. There was discussion regarding the listed road projects.

There was discussion regarding the leasing of equipment. Selectman Dudek noted the Town always leased/purchased equipment and dump trucks until a few years ago when the Town Attorney said the Town couldn't do that any more. Shawn O'Connell noted he thought this had something to do with a policy and perhaps there should be a policy change. First Selectwoman Iino noted the Town should

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receive some clarity on this matter. Both Messrs. Dudek and McMahon stated the Town always leased/purchased. Selectman Dudek noted if the Town can do lease/purchase for dump truck and fire apparatus, that would mean \$260,000 would come right off the top.

There was much discussion regarding the subject of bonding and what items should be bonded. Both Selectmen Dudek and Annino noted there must be care to make sure the life of the bond does not exceed the life of the investment.

It was noted the Capital Maintenance Plan covers maintenance on existing Capital Assets.

There was discussion regarding the status of the Town Office Building and how to improve drainage on Lover's Lane.

Mrs. Regolo noted the Capital Improvement Plan was a collaboration of all the agencies listed on it.

Board of Finance Chairman McMahon asked First Selectwoman Iino what the Board's message was for the upcoming year. First Selectwoman Iino noted the Town needs to start putting away more towards Capital items and start replenishing Capital Reserves along with sorting out the bonding and lease/purchase questions.

First Selectwoman Iino noted she would miss the March 11th Board of Finance meeting and asked Selectman Dudek to appear in her place.

Gwenne Celmer noted this kind of planning and long range thinking is the sensible approach to things and that's the most effective way to overcome some of the resistance in town.

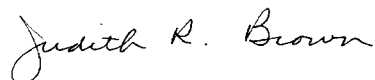
10. CI Comments – none.

11. Selectmen's Comments – none.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Dudek, second by Annino, to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Voting in favor – Dudek, Annino, Iino. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary