

**MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Monday, September 8, 2014 7:00 p.m.** Town Office Building

**In attendance:** C. Iino, F. Dudek, L. Annino, Jr.

**Visitors:** D. Colonia, Chair, Park and Recreation Commission R. Regolo, Finance Director

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Approval of Minutes: August 25, 2014

**Motion by Dudek, second by Annino, to approve August 25, 2014 minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Amendment:** Page 3. Item 9. First Selectwoman's comments: Under number 3, remove "Sunflower Day."

3. Visitors' Comments: None

4. Tax Abatements and Refunds

**Motion by Dudek, second by Annino, to issue the following refunds, all for overpayment. Motion passed unanimously.**

1.	Honda Lease Trust	600 Kelly Way	\$100.03
2.	Honda Lease Trust	600 Kelly Way	\$31.03
3.	Honda Lease Trust	600 Kelly Way	\$67.63
4.	Krystal L. Pietruszka	1269 Main Street	\$11.48
5.	Gloria D. Griffiths	135 Bar Gate Trail	\$99.33
6.	Gloria D. Griffiths	135 Bar Gate Trail	\$189.40
7.	Frederick HP Alford	67 Roast Meat Hill Rd.	\$38.34
8.	Michael or Susan Frechette	62 Roast Meat Hill Rd.	\$14.03
9.	Dean A. Nicholas	4090 Blackmoor St.	\$21.39
10.	Robert A. or Virginia Rioja	10255 Highway 88	\$19.90
11.	Virginia or Robert A. Rioja	10255 Highway 88	\$17.81
12.	JoEllen Simons	4090 Blackmoor St.	\$145.80
13.	JoEllen Simons	4090 Blackmoor St.	\$70.25
14.	Tyler R. Cardinal	32 Chittenden Rd.	\$19.57
15.	Irmgard Rust	223 River Road	\$8.25
16.	Gerald A. Culver	147 Twilight Drive	\$40.05
17.	Susan E. Cornell	31 Keith Circle	\$5.42
18.	Terrance P. O'Neill	71 Reservoir Road.	\$30.02

5. Appointments/Vacancies on Appointive Committees:

Appointment: **Motion by Iino, second by Annino to reappoint Mark F. Williams to the Cable Advisory Council for a term ending 12/31/14. Motion passed unanimously.**

Vacancies: Emergency Management (3), Energy Task Force (4), Open Space (1), Parmelee Farm (3), IWWC (1)

6. Old Business

A. Park and Rec recommendation for Sheldon turf; possible town meeting call

Park & Rec Chair Colonia presented a formal request for funding for sod for 3 playing fields at Sheldon Park. The approved budget includes only the cost of seeding the fields. Noting long term benefits and outside funding available, Colonia officially requested an additional expenditure of \$17,000.

6A (cont'd.) Finance Director Regolo presented an exhibit supporting the Park and Rec. figures, reflecting areas of underexpenditure and anticipated outside funding.

**Motion by lino, second by Annino, to authorize increase of the budget for Sheldon Park Renovations to \$782,000 for the installation of sod, and to authorize lino to ask the Board of Finance to allocate funds for the increased budget. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion by lino to issue call to Town Meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> contingent upon Board of Finance approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

Draft of call, which also includes the confirmation of 3 representatives to HK Recreation Authority, was read. Final call will be drawn up upon confirmation of dollar amounts and accounting protocols at Board of Finance meeting on Tuesday 9/10/14.

**B. Horse assessment ordinance**

lino reminded the BOS that Assessor Dinnean came to BOS with a proposal to exempt horses with a value of \$20,000 or less. Upon review town attorney agreed that the BOS has the authority to proceed. Dudek asked for clarification re: \$20,000 cutoff. Discussion followed.

**Annino moved to enact an ordinance as written:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH, CONNECTICUT EXEMPTING HORSES WITH A MARKET VALUE OF LESS THAN \$20,000**

**WHEREAS** Connecticut Public Act 14-33 amended section 12-81 (68) to allow a municipality, upon approval by its legislative body or, in a municipality where the legislative body is a town meeting, by vote of the Board of Selectman, to exempt from property taxation horses or ponies of any value;

**Therefore**, the Town of Killingworth allows an exemption for any horse with a market value of \$20,000 or less, provided that upon request from the Town Assessor, owners shall be required to provide, at their expense, documentation establishing the fair market value of any horse. Such documentation shall include but is not limited to: original purchase price, insurance documents, and evidence of any income associated with breeding, sale, or competition of such horse.

Such exemption shall become effective 10/1/2014.

**Motion was seconded by lino. Motion carried unanimously.**

**C. EOCBC Update**

lino reported discussion with David Gross regarding P & Z-required testing for a proposed septic system. Engineer working with Public Works regarding call-before-you-dig. Fred Dudek reported that well issues are also being addressed and asked why the health department recently installed a flow restrictor. CI to find out whether the reason will impact project. Drawings have been presented to committee, barn is scheduled to be stabilized and insulated. Appendage will be removed from north wall. Project remains on schedule for end-of-fiscal year completion.

**D. Joint Compensation Committee update**

Dudek reported that JCC met last week and were reviewing job descriptions as submitted. In an effort to account for the variation in job descriptions across other towns when comparing salaries, he asked whether CCM or COST has any kind of HR review group. CI to check. Annino hoped to have an HR

consultant look at descriptions and estimate salaries. lino expressed concern about cost, noting that a neighboring town's salary survey was expensive. Annino to research.

E. Capital Projects Review

2 containers were delivered, 3 more next week. Old containers will go to auction. Work at Transfer Station has begun, it's ready for electrical. Engineer is preparing to do test borings on Parker Hill Road. Newly chip-sealed Bar Gate Trail has been swept.

F. Closeouts

Regolo presented list of closeouts previously reviewed by BOS, and clarified that closeouts will be sent to town meeting for final approval. Projects that were approved but never completed will remain on the town's multi-year capital improvement plan which is updated on an annual basis.

**lino moved that the Board of Selectmen recommend the capital projects submitted by Regolo for closeout to the Board of Finance. The exact balances are to be confirmed by the town's auditor. Second by Annino. Motion passed unanimously.**

G. Year-to-date Operating Budget Review

No discussion. From now on, BOS will review Finance Director's monthly report at the first meeting of the month.

7. New Business

A. Domestic Violence Awareness Month:

At the request of the Killingworth Women's Organization, lino recommends that we again publicly support domestic violence awareness.

**Motion by lino, second by Annino, that the town proclaim October "Domestic Violence Awareness Month," and permit the display of purple ribbons on town property. Motion passed unanimously.**

B. Heart Safe Community resolution

In order to illustrate our ongoing support of the Heart Safe community effort, lino recommended that the BOS pass the following resolution:

**Motion by lino**

**Resolved:**

**Whereas, Killingworth is a rural town covering 35 square miles, with almost 100 miles of roads, and two towns away from the nearest hospital,**

**Therefore, the Board of Selectmen gratefully acknowledges the Killingworth Ambulance Association's efforts to make this a Heartsafe Community. We plan to work with the Killingworth Ambulance Association to expand the town's cardiopulmonary preparedness in the coming years through continuing education, installation of additional AED units in appropriate locations, and efforts to increase public awareness of heart safety.**

**We also commend Boy Scout Matt Blewett on his Eagle Scout project to ensure that residential house numbers throughout Killingworth are visible to first responders, and we encourage residents to cooperate with him in this effort.**

**Motion seconded by Annino. Motion passed unanimously**

8. First Selectwoman's Comments

- A. CLP has now agreed to pay to move a utility pole on Stevens Road at Route 81, which is dangerously close to road.
- B. Selectmen's column in Krier has produced 2 volunteers to work on town's 350th anniversary.
- C. lino learned that next round of STEAP grants will be awarded on a rolling basis, so applications will need to be made promptly. She recommends town submit application to fund full size ballfield at KRP.

9. Selectmen's Comments

Dudek reported hearing about discrepancy between quotes for solar installations and final prices. He also and asked for assurance that Be Free Solar will be paying difference for underquoted permit fees.

10. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn by Dudek, second by Annino, at 8:01 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow, Recording Secretary 9/10/14