

In attendance: C. Iino, F. Dudek, L. Annino, Jr. Visitors: W. Adametz, R. Regolo, Resident Steve Ferjak

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Approval of Minutes: March 23, April 2

Motion by Dudek, second by Annino, to approve the minutes of March 23, 2015 amended as follows: Insert words "Yellow Book-" before the word "type" on page 3, line 3. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Dudek to approve the minutes of April 2, 2015 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Visitors' Comments: See after Item 6C.
4. Tax Abatements and Refunds: none
5. Appointments/Vacancies on appointive committees
Vacancies remain as indicated on agenda: Conservation Comm.(1) Emergency Management (3) Energy Task Force (6) IWWC(1) Open Space (2) Parmelee Farm (3) Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate (1) Public Health Agency (2)

Appointments:

Motion by Iino, second by Dudek, to appoint Melissa Ferrara to Regional Mental Health Board for a term ending 4/30/2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Iino, second by Dudek, to appoint John O. Sodergren (U) to the Energy Task Force for a term ending 12/31/2015. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Old Business

- A. Capital projects review:
Road Foreman reviewed map, schedule and scope of Burr Hill Road improvement project. There was brief discussion. Annino questioned whether specifications for this project are consistent with town-wide road specifications. Adametz noted that they plan to use flex beam and not the post and cable guiderails, which meet town specs but do not meet current state safety standards. Full specifications are being reviewed by town engineer, who will present report. We aim to complete the project by end of summer.
- B. Operating Budget review
One of the waste oil furnaces in the town garage has failed. Adametz is gathering quotes for a replacement, which should cost approximately \$6,000.
- C. Award Bid: Parker Hill Road and Extension Drainage Improvements
Motion by Iino, second by Annino to award the bid for Parker Hill Road and Extension Drainage Improvements to Schumack Engineered Construction, Clinton, CT for \$654,480.00 as per bid. Motion passed unanimously.

[At this point a visitor asked to be heard. Chatfield Ridge resident Steve Ferjak expressed concerned about the condition of Beckwith Road, a dirt road with Scenic Road designation which is used as an access road for residents of his street. Adametz responded that the town plans to top dress the road by the end of the week.

Annino clarified that the while the scenic road ordinance does limit the amount of upgrading that can be done, it does not prevent the BOS from stepping in to make it safer. lino agreed that the town will continue to maintain the road and keep it safe but for improvements beyond that, by ordinance, a majority of Beckwith Road residents would have to petition for the change, or the BOS would have to determine that the present road was unsafe.]

D. KVFC/KAA life insurance

lino moved, seconded by Annino to change the life insurance benefit for firefighters and ambulance personnel who qualify for the benefit and who reach age 70 from \$25,000 to \$12,500 effective January 1, 2016. Those qualifying firefighters who are or will be age 70 on or before January 1, 2016 will continue to be eligible for the \$25,000 benefit.

Discussion: After a recap of the origins of the program, there was lengthy discussion about the need to determine which members are truly active, the qualifying criteria used to make that determination, and the reporting process. There was general consensus that at age 65, members will no longer receive the life insurance benefit or the tax abatement offered to active members unless they meet qualifying criteria. Next step: lino to approach Fire Commissioners, KVFC Board of Trustees and KAA Board of Directors to define qualifying criteria and reporting deadlines.

E. Materials Pass: There was further discussion about whether the town should allow residents to apply for permission to remove scrap materials from worksites.

[At this point Regolo rejoined meeting and updated the BOS on efforts to reconcile the variations in grand list reporting across the various entries in the BOF Annual Report.]

7. New Business

A. Committee on Commercial Development

lino proposed a charge for the committee, and a list of potential candidates for appointment. Suggested charge: *Recommend ways to improve the viability of Killingworth's commercial district, looking at any means available, from landscaping to zoning changes, in keeping with the Killingworth Plan of Conservation and development.* No action was taken.

B. Parmelee charge update

Motion by lino, second by Dudek, to amend the charge to the Parmelee Farm Committee as follows. Motion passed unanimously.

Charge to the Parmelee Farm Committee Addendum

The Parmelee Farm Committee is charged to

- *Investigate the advantages and drawbacks of the creation of an independent nonprofit organization to carry out the mission of the farm, which is to connect the community to the natural environment and cultural heritage of Killingworth through education, agriculture, preservation, passive recreation, and the arts.*
- *Make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen, by July 1, 2016, regarding the creation of such an organization.*
- *If such an organization is recommended, provide some guidance on the composition and structure of the organization and the process and timetable for creating it.*

These tasks are added to the continuing charge to develop and manage Parmelee Farm so as to connect our community to the natural environment and cultural heritage of Killingworth through education, agriculture, preservation, passive recreation, and the arts. Specifically:

- *Oversee development and management of the site according to the master plan;*
- *Coordinate the use of the site, with attention to security, safety, preservation of the farm, and fairness;*
- *Create a long-term plan for management of the farm.*

C. 571 Route 148 property

There was a brief discussion of whether this property, which recently became town-owned, should be sold. Annino reaffirmed his view that proceeds of any sale of town property should go towards Open Space purchases.

8. First Selectwoman's Comments: None.
9. Selectmen's Comments: There was very brief discussion about gravel road repair techniques.
10. Adjournment: **Motion to adjourn by Dudek, second by Annino at 8:48 p.m. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow, Recording Secretary on 4/15/15.