

**MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monday, February 22, 2016 7:00 p.m. Town Office Building**

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

Visitors: BOE representative Eric Couture, Robert Sassi, Marcella Sassi

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
2. Approval of minutes

**Motion by Annino to approve the minutes of February 9, 2016 as written. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion by Dudek, second by Annino to approve the minutes of February 11, 2016 as written. Iino voted in favor, Annino abstained. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Dudek to approve the minutes of February 16, 2016 amended as follows: Change date at top of page (header) to Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Public comment

When questioned by Robert Sassi, Ms. Iino confirmed that public comments at any Board of Selectmen meeting are limited to 5 minutes per speaker; that the BOS will consider any request for an addition to an agenda; and that the First Selectwoman is willing to meet with him to answer questions. She will permit recording these one-on-one meetings.

4. Board of Education report

BOE liaison Eric Couture presented his monthly report, referring to the March 10 joint budget review meeting and action being taken in the wake of the failed renovation referendum. The District is exploring alternatives to fund the core projects that were included in the original bond proposal.

Annino asked whether the BOE was considering addressing capital needs in the operating budget, i.e., budgeting for contributions to the capital fund in anticipation of future expenditure. Couture suggested that while historically the district has not been doing so, they have been transferring any cost savings achieved throughout the year into the capital fund. Iino asked whether funds can be moved in this manner without permission from the towns. Couture will follow up.

Couture then fielded questions from the Board regarding solar installations, the recently completed financial audit, and the potential for cost savings due to shrinking school population. There was brief discussion about turf conditions at the High School, as it was acknowledged that the inclusion of artificial turf installation may have contributed to the failure of the referendum.

5. Refunds and abatements

Motion by Dudek to approve the following refunds, all for overpayment. Second by Annino. Motion passed unanimously

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
1.	Ashley V. Smith	12 Wait St.	\$107.03	Overpayment COC#06524M
2.	Wells Fargo on behalf of Wachovia	1 Home Campus	\$3,868.01	Overpayment
3.	Janey E. or Gordon S. Hurrell	31 Running Brook Drive	\$6.94	Overpayment COC#06603M
4.	Hannah K. Sturman	47 Cow Pen Hill Rd.	\$12.66	Overpayment COC#06604M
5.	Andrew Q. Dougherty	5 Buell Hill Rd.	17.41	Overpayment

6. Appointments: none

7. New Business

A. Girl Scouts of America proclamation

In recognition of the 104<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Girls Scouts of America and of the contribution of Killingworth Girl Scouts to the town, lino[ED1] presented a proclamation for BOS approval.

**Motion by lino to declare March 12, 2016 as Girls Scout Day in Killingworth. Second by Annino. Motion passed unanimously.**

8. Old Business

A. VSECI lease:

This item was tabled, pending further discussion between Valley Shore and their lessor.

B. Response to Department of Justice Letter re: ADA accessibility

A draft of a multi-town letter to the Secretary of the State, the US Attorney and Attorney General was briefly reviewed. No action was taken, but the sense of the board was that Killingworth should join in the letter.

**Items 8 C, 8D, and 8 E were combined for discussion:**

C. Capital projects review

D. Operating budget review

E. Continued discussion of 2016/17 budget

Regolo joined the meeting at 7:34 and opened discussion of individual operating and capital items. She gave a brief report of the final stages of the EOC communications setup. She noted that the multi-year plan still needs to be refined. Dudek expressed concern that while the proposed capital plan was expanded to address roadwork identified by the engineer's survey as necessary, projects that the report deemed lower priority remained in the plan. Discussion about priority roadwork followed; lino plans to ask engineer to make final recommendation about which roads should be addressed in 2016/17.

Further budget discussion followed, including an expression of support for the long-range planning for Parmelee Farm, an evaluation of the need for a new Fire chief vehicle, and replacement of the failing Animal Control van.

lino noted that drainage issues on lower Roast Meat Hill and GPS monitors for trucks also need to be fit into capital/operating plans. There was further general discussion about operating and capital budgets and funding options.

9. First Selectwoman's comments

Two pieces of good news:

1. Killingworth made the short list for grant funding of the ADA accessible trails at Sheldon Park

2. Assessor reported an anticipated increase in the grand list of 4.7 million.

10. Selectmen's comments: None

**11. Annino moved to adjourn at 8:38 pm. Second by Dudek. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow on February 24, 2016