

In attendance: C. Iino, L. Annino, Jr., N. Gorski

Visitors: E. Couture (BOE), P. Stull

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Public comment
3. Board of Education report
Eric Couture reported on the BOE decision to pursue district consolidation Option A. This option, which would utilize 4 buildings instead of the current 5, proposes the following reconfiguration of schools:

- 2 K – 3 primary schools (K – 3)
- 1 Intermediate middle school (4-5)
- 1 Middle school (6 – 8)
- 1 High School

There was extensive discussion. Couture noted that while the primary focus was educational efficiency, the resulting staff reductions would produce an estimated \$900,000 annual savings. Potential savings in other operating costs are still being calculated. The Board asked Couture for data that would help show comparisons with other districts (e.g. \$/student, sq footage/student, student-teacher ratio); it was agreed that while this data would be extremely helpful, it is not readily available. Couture left at 7:37 p.m.

4. Approval of minutes
A motion by Iino, seconded by Annino, to approve as written the minutes of the October 5, 2017 special meeting passed unanimously.

Approval of the minutes from November 27, 2017 was tabled.

5. Refunds and abatements: None

6. Appointments: see Item 8A

7. Old Business

A. Capital Plan Review

Regolo distributed monthly update on capital expenditures. The Board was reminded to look ahead 2 -3 years with pre-engineering costs and RFP scheduling in mind. Newly elected selectwoman Gorski was given a brief overview of the road maintenance planning process. Regolo also pointed out that the bond counsel was urging the Town to spend the bond money designated for the Town Office Building repairs and barn rehabilitation now.

B. Discontinuance of Roads

Iino presented maps, memoranda and legal opinions pertaining to possible discontinuance of 5 roads in town. Discussion followed. The Board was asked to review the materials and vote on moving forward at the next meeting. Annino asked for a portion of County Road to be added to the list of roads to be considered.

C. Traffic regulation request

Iino presented a letter asking the CT Office of the State Traffic Administration, excerpted below, to prohibit through truck traffic on Roast Meat Hill Road.

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Killingworth, acting as the local traffic authority, requests the prohibition of through truck traffic on Roast Meat Hill Road in accordance with CGS Section 14-298.

Roast Meat Hill Road is most likely the oldest road in Killingworth; in fact, it was an Indian trail before it was a town road. (A map is enclosed.) It is a narrow, rural road lined with antique houses, an historic cemetery, and farms. For its entire length in Killingworth, it runs parallel to CT Route 81, which it joins just over the Clinton border. Unfortunately, many large trucks use the road to avoid Route 81. This traffic disturbs residents, endangers pedestrians, and causes excessive wear and tear on the road bed and pavement.

Iino moved that the Board of Selectmen, acting as Traffic Authority, proceed to petition OSTA to authorize the prohibition of through truck traffic on Roast Meat Hill Road. The motion, seconded by Gorski, passed unanimously.

8. New Business

A. 2018 Appointments

List of appointments and vacancies was presented for review and consideration. BOS will make appointments at the December 11, 2017 meeting.

B. State Revenues

A memo from OPM outlining recent budget amendments and a separate analysis by Regolo were distributed. A brief discussion, including an update on delayed Renters Rebate funds followed.

There was general acknowledgement that there is still a great deal of uncertainty, but that the town's liability most likely will not exceed the \$1,000,000 amount approved at town meeting.

C. Monthly reports

The Building Official's monthly report was distributed for review. The selectmen asked that future reports include an introductory cover memo.

9. First Selectwoman's comments

A. Copier replacement: Iino will proceed with the replacement and rotation of Town Hall copiers, as the other selectmen did not object.

B. Intern: Iino asked that Annino resume search for university intern to help with road maintenance recording and mapping.

C. Veterans monument: A town resident approached the town about a Viet Nam veteran whose name does not appear on the war veterans monument. Iino will put an announcement in the Krier asking that any other omissions be brought to the town's attention.

D. LOCIP: Iino has directed Regolo to pursue LOCIP funds totaling approximately \$160,000 for the recently completed Alders Bridge Road project .

E. Raffle Law: The cumbersome raffle permitting process has returned to the towns. Iino hopes to exempt small local raffles from this requirement.

F. Invoices from town's attorneys from the recent election ballot dispute have exceeded \$26,000. The Town, the Town Clerk, and a candidate were named in a civil rights suit, challenging the exclusion of a Conservative party candidate for First Selectman from the ballot, owing to competing endorsements for the slot. The suit was dropped after candidates Fred Dudek and John Samperi reached a settlement. Gorski asked whether similar actions can be prevented in the future. Iino reiterated that the Town Clerk acted appropriately when faced with multiple submissions apparently from the same party.

10. Selectmen's comments

A. Annino repeated his request for a monthly road-by-road maintenance report from Public Works.

B. Annino praised the flags on Route 81 and the selectmen briefly discussed future use of the flags.

C. Gorski said she looked forward to serving the town in this new capacity and was welcomed to the Board by Annino and Iino.

11. Adjournment

A motion by Annino, seconded by Gorski, to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow on December 1, 2017.