

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, June 26, 2017 7:00 p.m. Town Office Building**

In attendance: C. Iino, F. Dudek, L. Annino Jr, R. Regolo
Visitors: Jodi Angus

[Note: At 6:45 p.m., the Board of Selectmen held a Public Hearing to consider the Killingworth Library's application for inclusion in the Neighborhood Assistance Act, which allows certain projects to receive tax credits. Jan O Sullivan, representing the Library Board of Directors, was present. No public concerns were raised and the proposal was referred back to the Board of Selectmen for a vote at its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.]

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Public comment: Jodi Angus of Spencer Hill Road expressed concerns about herbicides being used throughout town. Iino produced the MSDS info for AquaNeat, the DOT-recommended herbicide, and its properties and use in town were briefly discussed. BOS agreed to look into it further.

3. Approval of minutes
A motion by Dudek, seconded by Annino, to approve the minutes of June 12, 2017 meeting as amended passed unanimously. 2 corrections: Item 10B should be edited to note that Iino agreed to look into the free Solar Panels due the town, and to clarify that the insulated garage doors are for the town garage.

4. Refunds and abatements
Motion by Dudek, seconded by Annino, to allow the following 4 refunds and 1 abatement to follow their normal courses. Motion passed unanimously.

Refunds:

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| • CAB East/Ford Credit Personal Property Overpayment COC#07647M | PO Box 67000 | \$79.07 |
| • CAB East/Ford Credit Personal Property Overpayment COC#07646M | PO Box 67000 | \$189.43 |
| • CAB East/Ford Credit Personal Property Overpayment COC#07645M | PO Box 67000 | \$244.32 |
| • CAB East/Ford Credit Personal Property Overpayment COC#07644M | PO Box 67000 | \$133.73 |

Abatement:

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| • 1. Killingworth Land Conservation Trust
Abatement tax exempt | 145 Chestnut Hill | \$2,219.04 |
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5. Appointments none

6. Old Business

A. Neighborhood Assistance Act proposal

lino moved that the Board submit the application of the Killingworth library for inclusion in the 2017 Neighborhood Assistance Act. The motion, seconded by Dudek, passed unanimously.

B. Capital projects

Regolo gave a very brief snapshot of the status of the capital projects remaining at fiscal year-end. lino spoke briefly of paving projects on Little City Road and at Emanuel Church Road. There was brief discussion about what happens if we have to reopen the budgets, and about using capital reserves to offset state budget cuts as discussed from BOF meeting.

C. Operating budget

Regolo reported that we are still dramatically underspent in Public Works, but added that invoices will surface as work is completed in the coming weeks. She also sought support regarding proceeding with approved FY 17-18 spending until state budget cuts become apparent, noting that some departments receive upwards of 70% of their funding up front.

It was noted that should it become permissible for the budgets to be revisited, cuts to approved spending could be made, subject to town meeting approval. Annino noted that as it is primarily school budget money we may lose, it's important that the school budget also be revisited, particularly as they are operating under capacity at this time. There was general agreement that the town budget approved by the town should be honored until we have more information.

7. New Business

A. Traffic Study – Route 81

lino stated for the record that Board of Selectmen is currently acting as Traffic Authority, in the absence of an appointed board. After 2 accidents in 2 weeks at the intersection of Route 81 and Stevens Road, lino approached DOT about solutions to the safety issues presented there. DOT has agreed to visit the site and make recommendations but doubts that a traffic light is warranted. Trooper Wisner is gathering more data - statistics to date have not been compelling. In a meeting with Planning and Zoning, lino heard from P & Z members that there might be reasons for a traffic light beyond safety issues. lino said that a full plan for the commercial district would be necessary in order to obtain state approval in that case. Annino agreed that there needs to be a long-range plan in place before installing a light. Traffic calming techniques were discussed and Dudek suggested the town review Town Center plans to see if any of those recommendations would be suitable at this location.

B. Road discontinuations

lino presented a map and a memo for consideration by the Board, detailing the proposed discontinuation of the following roads:

- **Tara Drive.** A portion of the former Old Deep River Turnpike, it currently serves one house, 8 Tara Drive. Connecticut Water Company owns the other frontage on the north side; 81 Route 80 is on the south side and does not use Tara Drive.
- **Ivy Cottage Road.** Another portion of the former Old Deep River Turnpike, formerly part of the same loop as Tara Drive, but blocked from Tara many years ago. It also currently serves one house, 7 Ivy Cottage.
- **Chittenden, east of Route 81.** This portion of Chittenden has not been maintained by the town in many years; it does not show up on published maps; and it does not serve as frontage for any houses.
- **Titus Coan, between the portion coming off of Route 80 and the portion off of Iron Works Road.** This portion has been abandoned for many years but not officially discontinued.
- **Kelseytown, south of the Paulsen property to the Clinton town line.** Kelseytown is not passable into Clinton, and we have not maintained it.

There was discussion, and agreement that these roads should be brought to the Commission for review in accordance with Connecticut General Statute 8-24

A motion by lino, seconded by Annino, to bring a list of 5 roads (above) to consider for discontinuation to the planning and Zoning Commission for review. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Opioid epidemic class action lawsuit

A memo by a Connecticut mayor was distributed asking the Town to consider supporting a class action suit aimed against certain pharmaceutical companies who, the sender felt, have contributed significantly to the current epidemic of opioid abuse and addiction. There was general agreement about the need for action, but the Board would need more information before signing on to the lawsuit.

D. Through-town event

lino moved, seconded by Annino, that the town allow the Vista Tour de Shore bike event to pass through town on Sunday October 15. Motion passed unanimously.

8. First Selectwoman's comments

Luann Carbone has been hired as Tax Clerk/Office Floater. Luann is very qualified, with tax office experience and excellent references.

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9. Selectmen's comments

A. Dudek received three calls about the afore-mentioned spraying of herbicide.

B. Dudek expressed his reluctance to act on the proposed P & Z fees, as he found it difficult to find comparable services outlined in other towns. In the absence of a state standard, the Board need a find a way to get a truer picture of costs involved in approving projects. Annino questioned why fees have become an issue, whether procedures or requirements have changed etc. lino offered to approach RiverCog to see if a standard could be developed.

C. Annino noted that the Memorial Garden is looking good, and was happy to learn that a new Town Hall sign was being produced, and its placement will not block the garden.

10. Adjournment

A motion by Dudek, seconded by Annino, to adjourn at 8:04 p.m passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow on 6/28/17.