

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

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

Visitors: M. Bekech (Assessor), N. Gorski (BOF) (7:29 – 7: 47)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Public comment
3. Approval of minutes
A motion by Annino, seconded by Dudek, to approve the minutes of September 25, 2017 as written passed unanimously.
4. Refunds and abatements
A motion by Dudek to allow the following refunds, all for overpayment, to follow their normal course passed unanimously.
 1. Robert K. Cote 542 Route 81 \$41.60 COC#07954M
 2. John J. Lacastro 96 Chestnut Hill Rd \$6.07 COC#07988M
 3. Adam S. Dunn 587 Raleigh Manor Rd \$25.27 COC#07976M
5. Appointments
A motion by Iino, seconded by Annino, to appoint Timothy C. Withington (D) Deputy Director of Emergency Management for a term ending December 31, 2017 passed unanimously.
6. Capital projects review:
Tilcon is scheduled to begin paving the week of October 15. Tractor purchase is now complete. Garage floor will be repaired in the Spring.
7. Old business
 - A. Award bid: Public Works Garage Reroof
A memo from Building Official was distributed regarding his review of bids. He found the bid proposal from low bidder JHR Restoration in the amount of \$35,640 acceptable, and that references were in order.
A motion by Iino, seconded by Dudek, to award the bid to reroof the Public Works garage to low bidder JHS Restoration, Inc. passed unanimously. Bid amount: \$35,640
 - B. Barn project
A memo from the building inspector clarifying the findings of the engineering report dated April 12, 2017 was distributed. There was brief discussion of the differing views among the Barn committee members, and clarification of this engineer's recommendation will be sought.
8. New Business
 - A. Tree warden
Tree warden Bruce Fagan requested to be heard at this meeting but did not attend. Iino is in discussion with a candidate for his replacement.

B. Call to town meeting

Iino reported her discussions with state representatives who offered little information of prospects for passage of the state budget. If the governor vetoes the budget passed by the legislature, his executive action will go into effect October 1. The BOF has endorsed the BOS plan to ask the town for approval to use up to \$1,000,000 from the general fund to help make up for funds cut. This will leave the recommended amount of fund balance intact. Should a supplemental bill be necessary, Killingworth needs to have a plan in place by October 30 in order to get bills sent out.

Iino was assured by BOE member Nesti that the school board understood the need to consider budget cuts to alleviate burden on taxpayers. A discussion considering alternate timing of supplemental bills followed.

A motion by Iino, seconded by Dudek, to issue the following call to town meeting on October 16th passed unanimously.

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

The Electors of the Town of Killingworth and all those qualified to vote in meetings of said Town are hereby notified and warned that a Special Town Meeting will be held in the All Purpose Room of the Killingworth Elementary School, 340 Route 81, Killingworth, CT on October 16, 2017 at 7 p.m. to consider and act upon the following item of business:

To approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$1 million to mitigate any supplemental tax levy the selectmen may be forced to enact if the state funding to the town is drastically reduced from previous levels, with funding to be transferred from the unassigned fund balance.

9. First Selectwoman's comments

A. Sheldon grant

The town received approval to apply the unused portion of the ADA accessible trails grant to an ADA accessible adult exercise area, which has been installed.

10. Selectmen's comments

A. Dudek inquired about the handling of complaints against BeFree Solar, who failed to honor service warranties. Iino has been working with CT Green Bank to help affected homeowners. Leased installations are covered. Iino is seeking to have purchased installations covered by funding from the Department of Consumer Protection.

10. Selectmen's comments (cont'd)

B. Dudek expressed frustration about lack of roadside mowing on roads on the north end of town and asked for a report indicating which roads have been completed to date.

11. Executive session: Litigation re assessment appeals

At 7:47, CI moved to go into executive session and invite assessor Mike Bekech. Motion passed unanimously.

The Boiard, along with Assessor Mike Bekech entered into executive session at 7:47 and returned to the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Dudek moved, with a second by Annino, to grant the assessor authority to settle tax appeals. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Adjournment

A motion by Annino, seconded by Dudek to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow on 9/29/17.