

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

Visitors: J. Russ, R. Sassi, M. Sassi

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Public comment: none

3. Approval of minutes

A motion by Annino, seconded by Gorski, to accept the minutes of November 26, 2018 with one correction, passed unanimously.

Under New Business Item 7a, add the following:

Adametz requested permission to drive the town truck to and from his home during the winter months, since he often has to check on the roads on off hours. No action was taken.

4. Refunds and abatements

Annino moved that the following refunds be approved and allowed to take their normal course for reimbursement. The motion passed unanimously.

• Charles K. Hyatt 3 rd	1 Allen Road	\$72.03	Overpaid COC#08635M
• Gregory & Maureen Alfiero	18 Reservoir Rd	\$20.00	Overpaid
• Chase Auto Finance	PO Box 901076	\$712.44	Overpaid COC#08573M
• Yecenia Nowak	58 Route 80	\$10.06	Overpaid COC#08601M
• Steven & Cynthia Fetteroll	48 Bar Gate Trail	\$19.12	Overpaid COC#08477M
• JP Morgan Chase Bank	PO Box 901098	\$45.32	Overpaid COC#08618M
• Ally Financial	PO Box 9001951	\$368.84	Overpaid COC#08642M
• Lawrence Klein	47 Iron Works Rd	\$22.44	Overpaid COC#08634M

5. Department reports

Monthly reports from the Health and Building departments were reviewed and briefly discussed.

6. 2019 Appointments

Iino moved to make the following reappointments for 2019. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

<i>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</i>	<i>Marian Smith</i>	<i>1/1/19 -12/31/19</i>
<i>Asst. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</i>	<i>Madelena Howenstine</i>	<i>1/1/19 -12/31/19</i>
<i>BOND COUNSEL</i>	<i>Marie V. Phelan (Pullman & Comley)</i>	<i>1/1/19 -12/31/19</i>
<i>BUILDING OFFICIAL</i>	<i>Gerald M. Russ</i>	<i>1/1/19 – 12/31/22</i>
<i>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</i>	<i>Donald B. McDougall (Dir.) U</i>	<i>1/1/19 -12/31/19</i>
	<i>Timothy C. Withington D</i>	<i>1/1/19 -12/31/19</i>
	<i>Tage A. Carlson R</i>	<i>1/1/19 -12/31/19</i>
<i>FINANCIAL ADVISOR</i>	<i>Barry Bernabe, Phoenix Advisors</i>	<i>1/1/19 -12/31/19</i>
<i>IWWC ENFORCEMENT OFFICER</i>	<i>Cathie S. Jefferson</i>	<i>1/1/19 -12/31/19</i>

LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY

Regional Agricultural Council	Walter J. Adametz Jr.		1/1/19 -12/31/19
Regional Planning Commission	Stephanie Warren (alt)	U	1/1/19 – 12/31/20
	Alec Martin	D	1/1/19 – 12/31/20
MIDDLESEX COUNTY REVITALIZATION COMM.	Catherine lino	D	1/1/19 -12/31/19
MUNICIPAL AGENT TO THE ELDERLY	Mercedes M. Ricciuti	D	1/1/19 -12/31/19
MUNICIPAL HISTORIAN	Thomas L. Lentz	R	1/1/19 -12/31/19
OPEN BURNING OFFICIAL	Ethan D. Drain	U	1/1/19 -12/31/19
TOWN COUNSEL	David Tycz, Esq. (Howard, McMillan & Tycz)		1/1/19 -12/31/19
TOWN ENGINEER	Nathan Jacobson & Assoc.		1/1/19 -12/31/19
ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD	Joan D. Gay	D	1/1/19 – 12/31/22
TREE WARDEN	Robert Bruce Fagan		1/1/19 -12/31/19
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Susan P. Dean (chair)	D	1/1/19 – 12/31/21
	Marilyn C. Campbell	R	1/1/19 – 12/31/21
	Lewis W. Scranton	R	1/1/19 – 12/31/21

HEALTH and SAFETY COMMITTEE

KVFC:	James R. McDonald	D	1/1/19 -12/31/19
KAA:	Donald B. McDougall	U	1/1/19 -12/31/19
Hwy:	Walter J. Adametz	R	1/1/19 -12/31/19
AFSCME:	Michele O'Toole	R	1/1/19 -12/31/19
Trans. Station:	Salvatore L. Benevento	D	1/1/19 -12/31/19
Non-union	Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow	U	1/1/19 -12/31/19
1 st select:	Catherine lino	D	1/1/19 -12/31/19
UPSEU	Wayne G. Linsley	U	1/1/19 -12/31/19
HISTORIC REVIEW COMMITTEE	Joseph T. Hutchins	U	1/1/19 – 12/31/21
	Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow	U	1/1/19 – 12/31/21
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION	Ernest J. Pizzuto, Jr. (CC)	U	1/1/19 – 12/31/21
	Christopher C. Plum	U	1/1/19 – 12/31/21
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION	Scot R. Thomas	R	1/1/19 – 12/31/21
	William Raymond Burley	U	1/1/19 – 12/31/21

PARMELEE FARM COMMITTEE	Christine F. Cronin	U	1/1/19 -12/31/19
	Terrence W. Doyle	D	1/1/19 -12/31/19
	Margaret A. Scofield	R	1/1/19 -12/31/19
	Linda M. Dudek	D	1/1/19 -12/31/19
	Timothy E. Gannon	R	1/1/19 -12/31/19
	Guy J. Vecchitto	R	1/1/19 -12/31/19
	Bruce E. Dodson	R	1/1/19 -12/31/19
	Scott T. Hawkins	IT	1/1/19 -12/31/19

7. Old business

a. Charter Revision

lino again reviewed the timeline for Charter Review process. Once the BOS votes to establish the Commission, it has one month to make appointments. The review process must be concluded within 16 months. She distributed a draft of a charge and some a list of questions for the committee to consider. She asked the BOS to review and will ask for a vote at the next meeting. An August 31, 2019 deadline for Charter draft revision was proposed.

b. Town Barn Repairs

Building Official Jerry Russ weighed in on the two bids, noting that the two bids were too high for this small scale project. He acknowledged that while CM firms like those who submitted the bids would certainly manage the project efficiently, their large overhead makes this option cost prohibitive. He asked the board if it would reconsider hiring a clerk-of-the-works and soliciting bids from general contractors in an effort to bring the costs closer to our budget. There was extensive discussion. Annino stated that based on the information supplied in the bids, he would not recommend moving forward with the repairs. He discussed other options including putting the money back into the rear portion of town hall. Russ left at 7:52 p.m.

A motion by Annino to not award the bid for Town Barn Repairs and to revisit options for the town campus passed unanimously.

8. New Business

a. Resolution re VSECI upgrades

lino moved that the BOS endorse and support the upgrades to emergency communications radio dispatch system to allow interconnectivity through Valley Shore Emergency Communications, Inc. (VSECI) among 11 member towns, Deep River, Lyme, Chester, Old Lyme, Middlefield, Durham, Essex, Haddam, East Haddam, Killingworth, Westbrook. After very brief discussion, the motion, seconded by Gorski, passed unanimously.

9. First Selectwoman's comments

a. Roast Meat Hill drainage project is proceeding. We expect to have the town crew, under supervision of town engineer, reposition the pipe under the driveway at #116.

b. FEMA declaration: The federal government has granted a major disaster declaration for the September 25-26 flooding event in Middlesex and New London Counties. This means we should be able to recover 75 percent of the costs of responding to and repairing damages from that day. It may also allow us to get some funding for some prophylactic measures against future flooding.

- c. State grants: The state announced a new round of Open Space grants. There was brief discussion about potential uses for grant money, including parcels in town that would help connect segments of Greenway trails across the regions.
- d. Solar Farm: The Connecticut Siting Council is reviewing an application for a solar farm on Route 80. A public hearing will be scheduled for late February. There was brief discussion.
- e. Iino attended a CCM Executive Board meeting with incumbent governor Lamont. Iino returned optimistic that Lamont would be receptive to towns' needs. He was also asked to help ensure that state budget plans with regards to municipalities be set in time for local budget planning.
- f. Big 3: Iino noted three major new challenges for 2019
 - 1. Municipal Solid Waste rates are likely to increase significantly as MIRA deals with its aging trash -to- energy facilities.
 - 2. Tree Mortality: Connecticut municipalities are looking for ways to cope with catastrophic tree mortality rates. One possibility is to seek a declaration of disaster as the number of dead trees lost to pests/disease/storms has overwhelmed municipal, state and utility company budgets.
 - 3. Ambulance service: Killingworth ambulance service is provided by a group of extremely dedicated volunteers, but maintaining adequate staffing levels is increasingly challenging. This is a problem shared by many towns, and regional solutions could be considered.

10. Selectmen's comments: none

11. Adjournment

Annino moved adjournment at 8:10 p.m. The motion, seconded by Gorski, was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow on 12/12/18.