

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, May 14 7:15 p.m. * Town Office Building

* Immediately following Annual Town Budget Meeting and Special Town Meeting

In attendance: C. Iino, L. Annino, N. Gorski Visitors: M. Venuti

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m.
- 2. Public comment: See item 5A
- 3. Approval of minutes
Gorski moved to approve the minutes of April 23 as written. There was very brief discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Iino moved to approve the minutes of 2 special meetings (May 1, May 2). The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

- 4. Refunds and abatements:
Annino moved approve the following refunds, as recommended by the tax collector, and allow them to take their normal course. The motion, seconded by Gorski, passed unanimously:

▪ Jacob Betteridge/Mandy Major	99 Chestnut Hill Rd	\$3,287.88	COC#08232R
▪ Deborah S. or Edwin Vincent Jr.	2550 Oak Run Drive	\$27.16	
▪ Chase Auto Finance	PO Box 901076	\$1,148.47	COC#07974M
▪ Jacques W. Almeida	87 Beech Tree Ridge	\$110.32	COC#08239M

- 5. Old Business
A. Venuti property
Iino opened discussion about the mechanics of moving forward with bringing the Venuti property purchase to a vote by the town at referendum. Michael Venuti, representing the sellers, sought clarification about the process as described in previous BOS meeting minutes. There was lengthy discussion. The BOS reassured Venuti that the town believes that the Venuti family is entitled to an answer and that the BOS was working to make that happen.

The BOS intends to expedite the process by putting the question to referendum, subject to contingencies such as environmental review, title searches and any necessary appraisals. There was general consensus that there should be no delay in affording the Venuti family, longstanding citizens and active members of the Killingworth community, the opportunity to offer the property to the town first. A public meeting will be the first step in putting the decision in the hands of the taxpayer.

Annino moved that the town hold a public meeting to discuss the purchase of the Venuti property on June 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The motion, seconded by Iino, passed unanimously.

- 6. New Business
A. Issue RFP for Turf maintenance: Eric W. Auer Killingworth Rec. Park

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A. (cont'd) A motion to issue an Invitation to Bid for Turf Maintenance at Eric W. Auer Killingworth Recreational Park passed unanimously.

7. First Selectwoman's comments

A. Several security and safety measures have been taken at Town Hall including locking the back door, active shooter training, and Stop The Bleed training for employees.

B. lino will be unable to attend the next regular meeting. There was general agreement that the meeting would be cancelled.

C. lino reported that the Library Association would again be making an application for funding through the Neighborhood Assistance Act, and asked the BOS to schedule a meeting to coincide with another public session they would be holding on June 25th.

A motion by lino, seconded by Annino, to schedule a public hearing on June 25, 2018 to consider Neighborhood Assistance Act applications passed unanimously.

D. lino reported that she had reviewed the latest state budget information affecting the town as reported by CCM and concluded that state budget cuts would be less severe than anticipated.

E. lino asked Annino to review the plans submitted by building official Russ for repairs to the modulars. Russ estimated that the repairs would cost less than \$10,000.

8. Selectmen's comments:

A. Annino asked the status of the Barn Project and offered to help move the project forward.

B. Annino asked for clarification about a question brought up at town meeting regarding use of the undesignated fund balance of the capital reserves to cover cost overruns. lino clarified that any capital expenditure outside of the approved budget – including cost overruns of approved projects – goes to town meeting for approval. When the fund is used, there is no tax levied for the expenditure.

9. Adjournment

A motion by lino, seconded by Gorski, to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow on 5/16/2018.