

[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. Alison Karam, representing the Library Board of Directors, presented the application. 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.]

In attendance: C. lino, L. Annino, N. Gorski

Visitors: Town bond counsel Marie Phelan, Regina Regolo, Robert Rimmer, Marcel Couture, Michael Venuti, Claudette Lagasse

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Public comment
3. Approval of minutes
A motion by Gorski to approve minutes of May 29 as written passed, with Annino abstaining.
A motion by Annino to approve minutes of May 29 as written passed unanimously.
A motion by lino to approve minutes of June 11 as written passed, with lino abstaining.
4. Department reports: none
5. Appointments : none
- 5A. Refunds
A motion by Annino, seconded by Gorsky, to allow the following refunds for overpayment to take their normal course passed unanimously.
 1. Toyota Lease Trust 20 Commerce Way \$41.34
 2. Toyota Lease Trust 20 Commerce Way \$368.51
6. Old Business
 - A. Operating budget
Regolo reported that she does not expect a deficit as FY 17/18 comes to an end.
 - B. Capital budget
Regolo urged the board to act on barn rehabilitation and repairs to the modular as soon as possible. lino noted that chip sealing has begun in town. There was brief discussion about fire company capital items.
 - C. AFSCME contract
A minor error in the future steps portion of the BOS-approved AFSCME contract was corrected. The union has signed the new contract. **lino moved that the board approve the corrected AFSCME contract. The motion, seconded by Gorsky, passed unanimously.**
 - D. Bid award: Auer Park mowing
The Park and Recreation Commission has endorsed DrainScapes, the sole bidder (and current contractor) for the seasonal mowing of Eric Auer Park. **lino moved to award the bid for the Eric W. Auer Killingworth Recreational Park maintenance to DrainScapes of Killingworth at the bid price of \$16,420 for a one-year contract. The motion, seconded by Gorski, passed unanimously.**

E. Call to Town meeting re: Venuti property offer

lino introduced Marie Phelan, town bond counsel, who gave a brief overview of the resolutions and process for moving forward with the vote to purchase the Venuti property on Route 148. Upon BOS approval, the Board of Finance would then need to approve a separate resolution regarding the financing of the project, before taking the question to the town via town meeting/referendum. If the town votes in favor of the referendum question, the town can then proceed to conduct due diligence with regard to acquisition of the property. Property owner Michael Venuti was concerned that this step would open the matter up for new negotiations. [He left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.]

Claudette Lagasse expressed concerns about the cost of the purchase, and the impact of the purchase on the town budget. Marcel Couture and Rob Rimmer, representing BOF, asked questions of bond counsel about financing and about the timing of the referendum, and discussion followed. Gorsky questioned whether debt service will hamper the towns ability to save for scheduled capital projects. Annino reminded the board that the asking price is firm, and that the BOS has already agreed to send the question to the town for a vote. There was further discussion, including a suggestion that the board remove the timing of the referendum portion of the resolution so that the BOF could deliberate the dates.

lino moved that the Board of Selectmen recommend to the Board of Finance that the Town appropriate the sum of \$6,500,000 for the cost of the purchase of approximately 304.11 +/- acres of land comprised of four (4) contiguous parcels, located on 541 Route 148, Birch Mill Road, Route 148 and Schnoor Road in Killingworth, Connecticut, and being identified on the Killingworth Assessor Map 11 as Lot 04, Map 15 as Lot 54, Map 15 as Lot 31 and Map 15 as Lot 53A respectively (the "Venuti Property"), as well as temporary and permanent financing costs and all other costs associated therewith including, but not limited to, costs of appraisal, environmental studies, title search and title insurance (the "Project"), and to meet said appropriation and in lieu of a tax therefore, bonds of the Town be issued pursuant to Chapter 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Town Charter or any other provision of law thereto enabling, in the maximum principal amount of \$6,500,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary after deducting grants or others sources of funds available therefore.

After brief discussion, lino amended the motion to include all the entire resolutions prepared by counsel (attached). The resolutions passed unanimously.

7. New Business

A. Neighborhood Assistance Act

A motion by lino, seconded by Gorski, to approve the library's application for inclusion in the 2018 Neighborhood Assistance Act passed unanimously.

B. Master Municipal Agreement for Rights of Way

The town engineer has asked that the town sign a MMA that would facilitate the state's ability to approve work done on town rights of way and conversely, the town's ability to perform work on state rights of way. No action was taken. BOS will vote next meeting.

C. Through-town event: Vista Tour de Shore

A motion by lino, seconded by Annino to allow the annual Vista Tour de Shore charity bike ride to pass through town on October 14, 2018 passed unanimously. (rain date Oct 21)

8. First Selectwoman's comments

A. lino received a complaint that a town hall staff member made a comment about someone's ethnicity. She has not found clear evidence that occurred but stated for the record that she takes such matters very seriously and that she has reiterated to the staff that any such comments are unacceptable. Annino asked whether there was an investigation underway, as noted that he was told there are witnesses. lino will take that under advisement.

B. the town has received over 40 applications for the Land Use Administrative assistant position. Interviews will begin shortly.

9. Selectmen's comments: None

10. **A motion by lino, seconded by Gorski, to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow on 6/26/2018.

ATTACHMENT: RESOLUTION