

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

Visitors: HKYFS: Louise Hayash, Laurie E. Ruderfer, Sean Macauley, Carol DuPuis, Kerry Emerson,
Friends of HES, HKYFS: Shawna Goldfarb
Residents: Marcella Sassi, Robert Sassi,
Board of Finance: Robert Rimmer, Marcel Couture, Gwenne Celmer, Annie Stirna
Parmelee Farm Committee: John Byrne

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Public comment
Mr. Sassi read a letter dated 1/3/19 regarding town employee salaries.

Higganum resident/HKMS parent Shawna Goldfarb, also representing "Friends of HES," read a letter regarding the planned restructuring of RSD17, the closure of Haddam Elementary School, and the repercussions for both Haddam and Killingworth. The group hopes that the towns will appeal to RSD17 to reconsider the sale of the building and the revisit the restructuring plan.

3. Approval of minutes Jan 28, Feb 5, Feb 7
A motion by Annino, seconded by Gorski, to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2019 regular meeting, passed unanimously.

A motion by Annino, seconded by Gorski, to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2019 regular meeting, passed unanimously.

Annino moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2019 amended as follows. The motion, seconded by Gorski, passed unanimously.

Page 2, last paragraph, first line: Replace "Gorsky" with 'Gorski'"

4. Refunds and abatements: none
5. Old Business

A. Open bids: Parmelee Pavilion Roof bid

Seven sealed bids for the Parmelee Pavilion reroofing RFP were opened, and referred to the Parmelee Farm Committee for review. Bid results:

| | STANDING SEAM | EXPOSED FASTENER |
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| Elite Roofing and Restoration | \$79,425 | \$72,574 |
| M.J.Turner Exteriors | \$96,000 | \$55,000 |
| Greenwood Industries | ----- | \$93,000 |
| Young Developers | \$154,000 | ----- |
| Quality Roofing Services, Inc. | \$62,755 | \$55,370 |
| Scholar Painting and Restoration | \$132,320 | \$98,320 |
| Silktown Roofing, Inc. | \$157,834 | \$136,600 |

B. Budget review: HKYFS

Laurie E. Ruderfer, the new Executive Director of Haddam Killingworth Youth and Family Service, gave a comprehensive overview of the mission of the organization, and spoke at length about the challenges facing the organization. While the organization has met with problematic staff turnover, state mandates, and other funding challenges, a newly staffed HKYFS is committed to addressing growing community needs. While HKYFS continues to pursue and receive federal grant funding, one noted obstacle was the lack of an audit -- a prerequisite for some grants.

Selectmen Annino suggested that budgeting for the audit should be a priority. Iino asked where residents would turn if HKYFS ceased to exist and what the town would be required to do to handle state-mandated services. Ruderfer noted that this was indeed a big question. There was brief discussion. The HKYFS team left at 8:06 p.m. The Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance were impressed with the presentation.

C. Board of Finance budget review

Per town charter, "by the second Monday in February, the Board of Finance shall meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the priorities for the Town in the coming fiscal year."

Iino began the discussion noted that the grand list is projected to remain the same, and noted two budget priority issues:

- The 2019/20 capital budget could be over \$2 million. The boards must now work together on how to finance these expenses.
- School restructuring issue: As noted above, many district residents are still opposed to the restructuring/school closing and are asking the Board of Education to rescind its decision. Killingworth's savings as a result of this plan are estimated at \$1 million per year. There was some discussion as to how those savings would be realized/applied. Iino noted that the BOE could benefit from support from the town. She asked the BOF work together with Haddam's BOF in reviewing RSD17's restructuring

Annino added the following :

- . Our capital needs are recurring at about 1-1/2 million every year and the town will need to stay on task, completing these projects.
- . Regarding the anticipated request for increased public works staff, he asked for quantifying data to support the added expense. He noted that not keeping up with regular maintenance could lead to increased capital expense down the road.
- . Work with KVFC to ensure that time frames for apparatus and upgrades appear correctly on multi-year capital plan

Gorski noted that the town must be careful about adequately estimating costs. She also noted that final budget for road work is incomplete as the town engineer needs to make adjustments, and to provide costs for catch basins.

Other comments:

- Couture asked whether chip sealing is still the preferred/most cost effective way to extend the life of paved roads. There was brief discussion.
- lino noted that the Buell Hill/Beaver Dam subdivision was never completed and the bond ran out. The town must now complete the road and they will become part of the capital plan.
- Rimmer: as the new federal tax structure does not allow for deduction of property taxes, the town should be more mindful of mil rates. lino added that citizens should lobby the state to diversify its sources of income.
- lino noted that the Board of Education has been very fiscally responsible and should be thanked for its efforts to constrain the school budget.

The Board of Finance left at 8:28 p.m.

D. Charter Revision: no action was taken

6. First Selectwoman's comments

A. lino met with FEMA representatives, along with Walt Adametz, to work on our application for reimbursements for repairs of damages from the September 25-26 storm. The status of the Green Hill Road repairs is still in question.

B. Modular repairs, including propping up the roof over the Land Use department, will proceed in the coming weeks. Staff will be temporarily relocated.

C. An informal meeting regarding the proposed Route 80 Solar Farm meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 18 at 7 pm.

7. Selectmen's comments

A. Annino asked for an update on a proposed Eagle Scout project.

8. Executive Session: *Discussion of confidential attorney-client privileged memorandum from the Town Counsel regarding the status of the Ridges at Deer Lake subdivision, phases III and IV.*

A motion by lino, seconded by Gorski, to go into Executive Session at 8:32 p.m. passed unanimously. BOS came out of Executive session at 9:12 p.m.

9. Adjournment

A motion by Annino, seconded by Gorski, to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow on 2/15/19. (Notice of Vote filed 2/13/19)