

**Minutes of the
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Thursday, February 14, 2019 @6:00 p.m.
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**

First Selectwoman Catherine Iino called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:04 pm. In attendance were Selectman Lou Annino, Jr., Selectman Nancy Gorski, and Finance Director Regina Regolo. Visitors Robert & Marcella Sassi were also in attendance.

Iino shared some news about pending increases in the tipping fees for the town's municipal solid waste. Effective April 1, 2019, the tipping fees will increase from \$72 to \$81.35. They will increase again effective July 1, 2019 an additional \$1.65 to \$83.00. We anticipated the FY19/20 increase and it is already reflected in the budget requests.

Regolo reviewed the upcoming schedule of meeting and invited guests.

- **Tuesday, Feb 19th 6 p.m.** – Tim Gannon, chair of the Parmelee Farm Committee will come to discuss the current fiscal year and capital projects; their requests for operating and capital for 19/20; and the MYCIP. There will also be discussion about the Pavilion Roof Project and the recent bids.
- **Thursday, Feb 21st 6 p.m.** – This meeting will need be cancelled due to the CT Siting Council hearing on the proposed solar project in town. The Board agreed to call a Special Meeting on Wednesday, Feb 20th at 6 p.m. to continue the budget review process.
- **Monday, Feb 25th 6:30 p.m.** – The Volunteer Fire Company asked to attend the Selectmen's meeting scheduled for Monday, Feb 25th but wants to come earlier than 7 p.m. To accommodate their request, the Board of Selectmen will call a Special Meeting that will start at 6:30 p.m. The Regular Meeting will begin at 7 p.m.
- Regolo reminded the board that the final budget must be presented to the Board of Finance at their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 12th – 7 p.m. She was concerned that additional special meetings may be needed to complete the work. Iino pointed out that the Board of Selectmen has a regular meeting scheduled for Monday, March 11th but that the goal would be to complete the work before that to allow time to produce the budget documents.

With regard to the proposed operating budget, Regolo said that in addition of a final line-by-line review, there are several items that need to be considered:

- wages for nonunion, elected and contracted employees;
- proposed new hire for the Highway Department;
- new or currently unfunded requests, which includes a modest request for funding from the Killingworth Garden Club;
- proposed part-time or on-call assistant to the Animal Control Officer, and

- Facilities needs including a new phone system and a security/surveillance system for the town hall, dog pound, highway garage, and transfer station.

Regolo explained that the town has two quotes for a new phone system that are about a year old. She plans to get them updated soon.

With regard to the security system, there has been growing concerns and requests for some type of surveillance system. We need a further refinement of the needs and the costs.

She reminded the board that the issue of the Highway Department generator replacement needs to be addressed in the near future and has been removed from the proposed capital budget for 19/20.

Iino asked that the cost of Speed Spy for \$3,500 be added to the Resident State Trooper's operating request.

The Board reviewed the capital requests for 19/20. They discussed the possibility of moving some expenses to the operating budget or pushing projects to later years. They will complete this review following the upcoming meetings with the Volunteer Fire Company and Parmelee. Annino asked to see the mower repair costs.

There was a brief discussion about the efforts by a small but vocal group of residents – mostly Haddam – who are trying to keep the Regional School District from closing the Haddam Elementary school. Iino explained that postponement or cancellation of the restructuring will mean an addition \$400,000 expense for Killingworth next year.

Gorski moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Annino and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Regolo
Acting Recording Secretary