

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, November 9, 2020 7:00 p.m via Go To Meeting

In attendance: C. Iino, E. Blewett, R. Regolo Absent: Annino

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Public comment: none
3. Board of Education report : none
4. Department Reports: Building and Health department reports were distributed for review.
5. Refunds and abatements

Blewett moved to approve the following refunds. Motion passed.

<i>CAB East LLC</i>	<i>PO Box 67000</i>	<i>\$93.17</i>	<i>Overpaid COC#09664M</i>
<i>CAB East LLC</i>	<i>PO Box 67000</i>	<i>\$52.15</i>	<i>Overpaid COC#09665M</i>

6. Appointments
A working list of current vacancies and potential 2021 reappointments was distributed for review. No action was taken.

Iino moved, seconded by Blewett, to add the approval of meeting minutes to the agenda. Motion passed.

Blewett moved to approve the minutes of September 28, 2020, October 26, 2020, and November 2, 2020. There was brief discussion about the Alternative Housing section of the September 28, 2020 minutes. **Motion passed.**

7. Budget
A. Operating, and B. Capital: Regolo noted that she sent out reports and referred very briefly to COVID spending, unbudgeted subcontracting due to one crew member out on workman's compensation, and outstanding capital projects. Iino noted that capital budgets are essentially completed. Upcoming federally-funded bridge projects were noted.

C. FY 20/21 Budget prep discussion

Iino initiated discussion about ways to improve and streamline the budget process and asked Blewett to elaborate on process at RSD17. Blewett explained that the superintendent works out the details of the budget with individual departments before presenting it to the BOE. Iino proposes that, this year, the first selectman similarly work with individual departments prior to BOS presentation, rather than having the BOS meet with individual departments as is the current practice. The BOS will, in turn, present to BOF for financing recommendations. Regolo asked whether the town should move toward including regular road projects such as chipsealing in the operating budget rather than the capital budget, and whether projects might be budgeted by category (paving, chip seal, etc), rather than by road. Discussion of the multi-year plan followed. Regolo will send out budget requests later in the week.

D. Joint Committee on Compensation

Iino recommends that future Joint Committee on Compensation deliberations should focus on elected officials. She noted that the Town Charter assigns to the first selectman the task of determining the conditions of employment for hires, and that the first selectman also negotiates salaries for union positions. She said that the budget line should be clearly

distinguished from the actual salary, and that the first selectman have the latitude to set actual salaries. Blewett disagreed, and said that the Board of Selectmen or the Joint Committee review all nonunion positions and salaries.

8. Old Business: none

9. New Business

A. First Responder tax abatement ordinance

There was extensive discussion about the challenge of providing tax abatements or tax adjustments to town first responders amid conflicting federal and state legislation. The town is working toward providing the maximum benefit to eligible volunteers, without increasing the individual tax burden on those volunteers. lino will reach out to the Board of Fire Commissioners for next steps.

B. Roster of Committees

lino asked the board to consider dissolving inactive committees, and the formation of new committees, e.g. Town Office Building Committee, Town Barn Committee or a combined committee to address the development of the town campus . She asked the selectmen to bring ideas to the next meeting.

C. 2021 Schedule of Meetings

The 2021 schedule of meetings was reviewed and revised. The Board will vote at an upcoming meeting and submit the official schedule to the town clerk.

D. Regional Affordable Housing Plan

lino reported that the state is now requiring municipalities to adopt a 5-year plan for Affordable Housing. The local council of governments plans to develop a general plan for the region which would satisfy that requirement. **Motion by lino, seconded by Blewett, to allow lino ask the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments to include Killingworth in its proposed Regional Affordable Housing Plan.**

10. First Selectwoman's comments

A. lino asked Blewett's help in addressing complaints about remaining Trump signs placed high on trees and posts.

B. At a resident's request, a menorah will be placed alongside the Christmas tree at Parmelee Farm.

11. Selectmen's comments

A. Blewett asked whether Parmelee Farm was given its allotted work days from the town crew.

B. Blewett noted that while the gutters were cleaned and the ceiling was repaired in one portion of the Center School, the gutters on the opposite side of the building will need to be addressed to prevent similar damage.

12. Blewett moved adjournment at 8:16 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow on 11/12/2020.

Video recording also available