

BOARD OF FINANCE

TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH
323 ROUTE 81
KILLINGWORTH, CONNECTICUT 06419

MINUTES Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 26, 2022
KES All Purpose Room

Chairman Robert Rimmer called the April 26, 2022
Special Meeting of the Town of Killingworth's Board of Finance to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present: Chair Robert Rimmer, Vice Chair Annie Stirna, Clerk Marcel Couture, Sarah O'Brien, Tara Amatrudo, Andy O'Neill

Visitors:

First selectwoman Nancy Gorski, Jamie Mowat-Young, Lou Annino, Regina Regolo
And approximately 75 town members
Rob Rimmer made a slide show presentation of the proposed town budget and the process.

Comments and questions from the audience ensued

Greg Wind asked if there was a time frame for spending the ARPA funds awarded to the town. Sara O'Brien responded that yes funds must be spent by sometime in 2026

Eileen Blewett commented on the complexity of the budget presentation and asked if it could be made more easily digested by the audience.

Phil Stull commented on the disabled veterans abatement program, the status of the town hall repairs, \$200,000 budgeted for replacement in 2023 town operating budget along with the \$1,800,000 in the following years capital budget.

Greg Wind requested the BOF to add \$5,400 to operating budget for 2023 to help fund the Killingworth Krier

Bill Joyce and Tim Gannon reiterated that request.

Eileen Blewett reiterated Greg Wind's request also. She also thanked the town's first responders for their dedication and hard work. She spoke in favor of fully funding the ambulance / fire recognition plan.

Nancy Gorski pointed out that the stipend portion of said plan would require a town ordinance to be enacted

Laura Lefko, Don Venuti, Dan O'Sullivan, Jan O'Sullivan, Mike Haaga, Rick Darin, Don Venuti Sr, Dawn Mooney, Tim Gannon and new town resident Anthony Gentile spoke in favor of the plan, pointed out the potential cost of a paid FD and Ambulance service and requested that additional \$20,222 be put into the operating budget

Jan O'Sullivan asked for clarification for the recommended two month reserve in the towns general fund that was discussed in the budget process.

Jim McDonald spoke in favor of adding the \$69,000 reduction by the BOF back to the library's requested budget.

Motion made by Amatrudo, seconded by O'Brien to request BOS to call a special town meeting for the purpose of allotting \$25,000 to the KVC to cover operational shortage .

Use of ARPA funds to cover this was discussed

Voting in favor Couture, Stirna, Rimmer, O'Neil, O'Brien, Amatrudo

Motion passed 6-0-0

Motion by O'Brien seconded by O'Neill that BOF gives the Killingworth Krier a one-time payment of \$5,400

Vote Yes O'Brien, O'Neil

Vote No Couture, Rimmer, Stirna, Amatrudo

Motion failed 2-4-0

Motion by Couture seconded by O'Brien to increase the funding of the ambulance/fire service recognition plan by an additional \$20,222

Voting in favor Couture, Rimmer, O'Neil, O'Brien, Amatruda

Vote No Stirna

Motion passed 5-1-0

Motion by Rimmer seconded by Stirna to approve and send to town meeting an operating budget for 2022/2023 of \$5,678,862

Voting in favor Couture, Stirna, Rimmer, O'Neil, O'Brien, Amatrudo

Motion passed 6-0-0

Motion by Rimmer seconded by Couture to approve and send to town meeting a capital budget for 2022/2023 of \$3,227,129

Voting in favor Couture, Stirna, Rimmer, O'Neil, O'Brien, Amatrudo

Motion passed 6-0-0

Motion to adjourn by O'Neil seconded by O'Brien

Voting in favor Couture, Stirna, Rimmer, O'Neil, O'Brien, Amatrudo

Motion passed 6-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 PM

Respectfully submitted

Marcel Couture

Marcel Couture, Clerk

E-mailed: Town Clerk

Board of Selectmen

Board of Finance

Michelle Nuhn Tax Collector

Donna Dupuis, Town Treasurer

Elizabeth Disbrow, Administrative Assistant

Regina Regolo, Director of Finance

Sherry Lee Hynes, Secretary