

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, November 22, 2021 7:00 p.m. via Go To Meeting

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In attendance: N. Gorski, L. Annino, Jr., J. Young
BOFC/KAA/KVFC: R. Darin, D. O'Sullivan, M. Haaga, Bill Shipman
Visitors as identified onscreen: Casey Jacob, Todd Hajek, Bill Shipman, Jim McDonald, Greg Wind, Richard Pleines, Eileen Unger, Daniel O'Sullivan, Greta, Kathleen Zandi, Michael Haaga, Cheryl Fine, Dave Cutillo, Bonnie Sirignano, Don Offner, Lisa Barbout, Dawn Mooney, Gina Regolo, Wayne Linsley, Rick Darin, Jacqueline Wilcox, Karen Vecchitto, Ed Sirignano, Catherine Iino, Graig Judge, Annie Stirna, L. Lefko, J. Liptak

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Public comment
Guy Vecchitto congratulated the newly-elected board and wished them luck working together.
3. Departments/Board of Education report: none
4. Approval of minutes: No action was taken as new board is in place. There was brief discussion regarding an amended motion.
5. Refunds and abatements

Annino moved to approve the following refunds and allow them to go their normal course for reimbursement:

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| Robert Lenihan | 9645 N Bluebird Way | \$16.65 Overpaid COC#10188M |
| Leroy J. or Phyllis A. Stanford | 34 Boulder Trail | \$19.02 Overpaid COC#10035M |
| Bethany E. Riedy | 122 Bar Gate Trail | \$139.10 Overpaid COC#10030M |
| Kim Misook | 300 Route 80 | \$39.06 Overpaid COC#10128M |
| Kerrie Clifford | 11 Lower Ledge Rd | \$146.35 Overpaid COC#10199M |
| Nissan Infiniti | PO Box 650214 | \$109.55 Overpaid OC#10191M |
| Thomas Facin | 16 Welsch Farms Rd | \$44.36 Overpaid COC#10075M |
| Honda Lease Trust | 1919 Torrance Blvd | \$183.62 Overpaid COC#10196M |

The motion, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.

Motion by Gorski to move forward Item 8A *First Responders Service Recognition Plan*

The motion, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.

8A. First Responders Service Recognition Plan

Fire Commissioner Rick Darin gave a brief history of the current plan, and reviewed the individual components; KAA President Dan O'Sullivan reviewed the proposed updates to the pension plan. The importance of having a comprehensive benefits plan in place to support recruitment efforts and member retention was emphasized.

Gorski noted that, if updates are approved, the current \$40,000 budget line for this year will underfund the plan, and that the 2022/2023 budget line will need to be increased to bring the plan to full funding. This increase is offset by recent savings achieved by the reduction of life benefit from \$25,000 to \$12,500 for all but grandfathered members. Gorski is seeking actuarial data to enable accurate budgeting.

Gorski entertained a motion to direct the BOFC and the KAA to engage an actuary to determine firm costs. There was extensive discussion, with members of the KAA and KVFC fielding questions from the selectmen.

Gorski moved to direct the BOFC and the KAA to engage an actuary to determine firm costs and determine next steps. The motion, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.

The selectmen expressed appreciation to Darin and O'Sullivan for their work on this proposal, and for the overall contributions of the KFVC and KAA.

6. Appointments [this item was presented after the First Responder Plan item]
Draft of roster of 2022 appointments was distributed. Gorski proposed Guy Vecchito to replace her on the Conservation Commission. She asked board to consider whether to reappoint the Energy Task Force, as the committee did not meet at all this past year. After brief discussion, there was consensus to continue with the ETF appointments. Other new candidates will be reviewed and presented for vote at the December 13, 2021 meeting.
7. Budget report: none
8. Old Business
 - A. Deer Lake
Gorski reported on current offers to buy the property which formerly housed the Deer Lake Scout Camp, and on recent efforts by RiverCog to work with the state legislature toward preserving the open space on the parcel moving forward. Bidding is open until December 13. Gorski will report back.
 - B. PFAS
Gorski reported on meetings with former selectman Iino, DPH and DEEP. Gorski learned that while there are several towns addressing PFAS contamination, Killingworth's situation is unique in that the source of contamination remains unidentified. She noted an upcoming RFP in the works to help DEEP understand the source of the contamination.

While remediation costs for residential wells are being supported by DEEP, costs to address issues on municipal properties are not. Gorski is also investigating the impact on the town campus wells, and is researching costs for filtration systems, etc. Annino and Young offered to assist .

C. Connecticut River Area Health District

Gorski announced that the three month agreement with the district to cover town public health and sanitarian services is now in effect. She will update the BOS on status moving forward.

D. Hemlock Dr – Prohibition of Through Traffic

Instead of the requested *No Thru Trucks* sign discussed at the previous meeting, DOT proposed an *Exempt: Delivery or Service on this Street* sign to accompany current *Weight Limit* sign. Cathy lino noted that while the signs may not have impact on traffic directly, it might affect how GPS routes traffic on the street. There was discussion, and further clarification was requested. No action was taken.

8. New Business

- A. First Responders Service Recognition Plan see above
- B. Town Campus Water Remediation see Item 8 Babove

C. Schedule of Meetings

Young moved to approve the following schedule of Regular Meetings of the Board of Selectmen. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

SELECTMEN’S MEETING SCHEDULE 2022

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| Monday, Jan. 10 | @ 7 pm | Monday, June 13 | @7 pm |
| Monday, Jan. 24 | @ 7 pm | Monday, June 27 | @7 pm |
| Wednesday, Feb. 2 | @6 pm | Monday, July 11 | @7 pm |
| Thursday, Feb. 3 | @6 pm | Monday, July 25 | @7 pm |
| Monday, Feb. 7 | @6 pm | Monday, Aug. 8 | @7 pm |
| Thursday, Feb. 10 | @6 pm | Monday, Aug. 22 | @7 pm |
| Monday, Feb 14 | @7 pm | Monday, Sept. 12 | @7 pm |
| Wednesday, Feb.16 | @6 pm | Monday, Sept. 26 | @7 pm |
| Thursday, Feb. 17 | @6 pm | Monday, Oct 10 | @7 pm |
| Monday, February 21 | @ 6 pm | Monday, Oct. 24 | @7 pm |
| Monday, February 28 | @7 pm | | |
| Monday, Mar. 14 | @7 pm | Monday, Nov. 14 | @7 pm |
| Monday, 28 | @7 pm | Monday, Nov. 28 | @7 pm |
| Monday, Apr. 11 | @7 pm | | |
| Monday, Apr. 25 | @7 pm | Monday, Dec. 12 | @7 PM |
| Monday, May 9 | @7 pm | | |
| Monday, May 23 | @7 pm | | |

D. In-Person vs. Remote Meetings

The merits of in-person, hybrid, and remote meetings were discussed. Gorski proposed the EOC as a potential sight for hybrid meetings. Statutory compliance issues and other logistics will be explored. No action was taken.

9. First Selectwoman's comments

A. Employee manual: Gorski will call a special BOS meeting to address proposed updates. A synopsis of proposed changes will be given to town employees prior to final approval.

B. Gorski noted her plans to work partially remotely in February and March, and to commute to and from Florida as needed.

10. Selectmen's comments

A. Young noted that the Charter Dictates that at the first meeting of a newly-elected board, the first selectman must designate an acting first selectmen to serve in the event of her incapacitation.

Gorski moved to add an agenda item to assign an acting first selectman in the event of her incapacitation. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

Gorski moved to appoint Louis Annino, Jr., to serve as acting first selectman in the event of her incapacitation. The motion, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.

B. Both Annino and Young expressed an eagerness to move forward and work together on this new board.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. by Gorski, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow on 11/23/2021.