

Members in attendance: N. Gorski, L. Annino, Jr., J. Young

Visitors on the agenda: Kathleen Zandi, Greg Wind, Jeffrey Pugliese, Matthew Stillman

Other visitors (as identified onscreen): Owen T. Weaver, Joanne Gorman, Jacqueline Wilcox, D. Bauer, Dawn Mooney, Guy Vecchitto, Kathleen Zandi, John Mancini, Casey Jacob, Dave Cutillo, Eileen Unger, Annie Stirna, Gina Regolo, Malorie Neveu, Eric Marshall, Kristi LiDonni, Tim Gannon, Richard Pleines, Brendan Crowley, Eric Nunes, G Judge, Michele Nuhn, Laura Lefko

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Public comment
Guy Vecchitto asked that two party-affiliation changes be made to the committee member rosters on the town website. [Editor's note: per CT statute, while a committee member may change party affiliation at any time, the seat remains with the party affiliation held at the time of appointment until the expiration of the term. The website will continue to reflect that compliance]
3. Department/Board of Education Reports
Building, Health and Killingworth Library Association monthly reports were distributed for review. BOE liaison Kathy Zandi introduced herself to the new board and gave her monthly report covering:
 - Cougar Pride: Unified sports, State champs, NHS
 - State COVID-19 restrictions relaxed
 - Social and Emotional Learning pilot program
 - Encouraged referral to RSD 17.org for current important informationBrief discussion followed.
4. Approval of minutes
Annino moved to approve the minutes of November 22, 2012 amended as follows:
Page 2, last line: add "*and asked to be included in the PFAS meetings*" after the word "*assist*"
The motion, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.
5. Refunds and abatements
Annino moved to approve the following refunds, and to allow them to follow their normal course for reimbursement:
 - **Michael A. Young, 85 Chestnut Hill Road: \$188.77 (Overpaid COC#10200M)**
 - **Toyota Lease Trust, 20 Commerce Way: \$155.43 (Overpaid COC#10198M)**
 - **Toyota Lease Trust, 20 Commerce Way: \$151.77 (Overpaid COC#10197M)****The motion, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.**

6. Appointments

The board reviewed a supplied roster of current and proposed committee members and made the following appointments:

Young moved the following appointment. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: Marian Smith 1/1/22 -12/31/22

Annino moved the following appointment. The motion, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.

ASSISTANT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER Madelena Howenstine 1/1/22 -12/31/22

Young moved the following appointment. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

**BOND COUNSEL Marie V. Phelan 1/1/22 -12/31/22
(Pullman & Comley)**

Young moved the following appointment. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Brian F. Walsh (U) 1/1/22 -12/31/22
Donald B. McDougall (U) 1/1/22 -12/31/22
Tage A. Carlson (R) 1/1/22 -12/31/22**

Young moved the following appointment. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL ADVISOR Barry Bernabe 1/1/22 -12/31/22
(Phoenix Advisors)**

Young moved the following appointment. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

**LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Katherine R. Smith (D) 1/1/21 -12/31/23
(Selectmen's appt. to Board of Directors)**

Annino moved the following appointment. The motion, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.

**LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY Walter J. Adametz Jr. (R) 1/1/22 -12/31/22
Regional Agricultural Council**

Young moved the following appointment. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY
REVITALIZATION COMM. Andrea Gamberdella Freibauer(U) 1/1/22 -12/31/22**

Annino moved the following appointment. The motion, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.

MUNICIPAL AGENT TO THE ELDERLY Mercedes M. Ricciuti (D) 1/1/22 -12/31/22

Young moved the following appointment. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

MUNICIPAL HISTORIAN Thomas L. Lentz (R) 1/1/22 -12/31/22

Young moved the following appointment. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

OPEN BURNING OFFICIAL Ethan D. Drain (U) 1/1/22 -12/31/22

Gorski moved the following appointment. The motion was lost for want of a second.

TOWN COUNSEL Owen T. Weaver, Esq. 1/1/22 -12/31/22
(Marino, Zabel & Schellenberg)

There was discussion. Young moved to table discussion of town counsel appointment. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

Young moved the following appointment. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

TOWN ENGINEER Nathan Jacobson & Assoc. 1/1/22 -12/31/22

Annino moved the following appointment. The motion, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.

TREE WARDEN Robert Bruce Fagan (U) 1/1/22 -12/31/22

Young moved the following appointments. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION Willa Jane Disbrow (D) 1/1/22-12/31/24

Alec Martin(D) 1/1/22-12/31/24

Marilyn C. Campbell (U) 1/1/22-12/31/24

Annino moved the following appointment. The motion, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION Guy J. Vecchitto (R) 1/1/21-12/31/23

Annino moved the following appointment. The motion, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.

HEALTH and SAFETY COMMITTEE

KVFC: James R. McDonald (D) 1/1/22 -12/31/22

KAA: Donald B. McDougall (U) 1/1/22 -12/31/22

Hwy/Transfer Station: Walter J. Adametz, Jr. (R) 1/1/22 -12/31/22

AFSCME: Michele O'Toole(R) 1/1/22 -12/31/22

Non-union Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow (U) 1/1/22 -12/31/22

1st select: Nancy Gorski (R) 1/1/22 -12/31/22

KLA: Lucinda Hogarty (D) 1/1/22 -12/31/22

UPSEU Wayne Gary Linsley (U) 1/1/22 -12/31/22

Annino moved the following appointments. The motion, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.

HISTORIC REVIEW COMMITTEE	Joseph T. Hutchins (D)	1/1/22-12/31/24
	Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow (U)	1/1/22-12/31/24
	Graig Stephen Judge (Alternate) (R)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Dennis R. Rich (Alternate) (R)	1/1/22 -12/31/22

Young moved the following appointments. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION		
	Ernest J. Pizzuto, Jr. (CC) (D)	1/1/22 – 12/31/24
	Christopher C. Plum (U)	1/1/22 – 12/31/24

Gorski moved the following appointments. The motion was lost for want of a second.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	Heather J. Greenaway (U)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Geoffrey M. Picard (U)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Jodi Marie Angus (D)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	John F. Mancini (R)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Michael D. Drew (R)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Aaron M. Dollar (U)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Michael J. Parahus (R)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Jacqueline M. Wilcox (R)	1/1/22 -12/31/22

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	Geoffrey M. Picard (U)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Jodi Marie Angus (D)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	John F. Mancini (R)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Michael D. Drew (R)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Aaron M. Dollar (U)	1/1/22 -12/31/22

Gorski moved the following appointments. The motion was lost for want of a second.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	Michael J. Parahus (R)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Jacqueline M. Wilcox (R)	1/1/22 -12/31/22

Young moved the following appointments. The motion was seconded by Annino.

Voting in favor: Annino, Young Opposed: Gorski. Motion carried.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	David Kandel Hyman (D)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Michael J. Parahus (R)	1/1/22 -12/31/22

Young moved the following appointments. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION	Jeremy D. Burr (U)	1/1/22 - 12/31/24
	William Raymond Burley (U)	1/1/22 - 12/31/24

Gorski moved the following appointments. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

PARMELEE FARM COMMITTEE	Christine F. Cronin (U)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Terrence W. Doyle (D)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Margaret A. Scofield (U)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Linda M. Dudek (D)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Timothy E. Gannon (R)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Guy J. Vecchitto (R)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Scott T. Hawkins (IT)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	John Thomas Byrne (D)	1/1/22 -12/31/22

Young moved the following appointment. The motion was seconded by Annino.

Voting in favor: Annino, Young Opposed: Gorski. Motion carried.

PARMELEE FARM COMMITTEE	David Kandel Hyman (D)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
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Gorski moved the following appointments. The motion, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.

COMM ON ALTERNATIVE HOUSING	John F. Mancini (R)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Michael D. Drew (R)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Denis J. Jakuc (R)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Thomas W. Hogarty (D)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Michelle B. Knockwood (U)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Annie K. Stirna (D)	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	Robert J. Allison (R)	1/1/22 -12/31/22

The board returned to the discussion of the appointment of a Town Counsel.

Young moved the following appointment. The motion was seconded by Annino. Voting in favor: Annino, Young Opposed: Gorski. Motion carried.

TOWN COUNSEL	DAVID TYCZ, ESQ	1/1/22 -12/31/22
	(Howard, McMillan & Tycz)	

7. Budget report

Finance Director Regolo offered to answer questions about previously distributed monthly reports, and suggested the board review the comment section of the operating report, and the current capital exhibit

8. New Business

A. Killingworth Krier

Greg Wind introduced Jeff Pugliese from the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce, which has taken over the functions of the former Killingworth Chamber of Commerce. The Killingworth Chapter of the MCCC publishes the monthly Killingworth Krier. Wind gave a PowerPoint presentation on the status of the Krier, its importance to the community, and its need for financial support in order to continue publication. There was discussion. No action was taken.

B. Revaluation - Ordinance in support of 9-199. Boards of assessment appeals. Alternate and additional members

BAA chair Matthew Stillman has asked the town to consider passing an ordinance that would allow the BOS to appoint alternate and additional members to the BAA during revaluation years. Town attorney Tycz, at Gorski's instruction, has produced a draft ordinance for consideration.

Gorski moved to take to town meeting the ordinance in support of 9-199. Boards of Assessment appeals Alternate and additional members. Discussion: Stillman expressed support of putting the ordinance in place for current or potential future use. There was extensive discussion. The selectmen expressed concerns and sought more information about the ordinance and the member selection process. **The item was tabled.** Selectmen will reconvene to discuss further before committing to calling the required town meeting.

C. Charge and appointments for Charter Revision Commission

Gorski moved to establish a Charter Revision Committee charged with drafting amendments to the Charter of the Town of Killingworth, according to the process laid forth by Connecticut state statutes. The committee will be asked to report back before September 30, 2022. The motion, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.

A discussion of potential candidates followed. Gorski reminded the board about statutory limits on the number of town officials, and about minority representation. There was brief discussion about the potential number of members. There was consensus that seven members would be optimal.

Annino moved to limit the number of members on the Charter Revision Commission to seven. The motion, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.

Annino moved to make the following reappointments to the Charter Revision Commission. The motion was seconded by Young. Voting in favor: Annino, Young Opposed: Gorski Motion carried

Arjumund Abid (U)

Joan D. Gay (D)

Mary Casey Jacob (D)

Kathleen Suzanne Zandi (D)

Gorski moved to appoint David J. Cutillo (R) to the Charter Revision Commission. The motion was seconded by Annino. Gorski amended the motion to include David J. Cutillo (R), (Mary) JoAnne Gorman (R), and Eric J. Nunes (R). The motion was seconded by Young. Discussion: There was discussion and debate between Gorski and Young about qualifications, about impartiality, and levels of expertise. **Voting in favor: Gorski Opposed: Annino, Young Motion failed.**

Annino moved to appoint (Mary) JoAnne Gorman (R), Jennifer Lynn Liptak (D) and Eric J. Nunes (R) to the Charter Revision Commission. The motion was seconded by Young. Discussion: Minority representation was again considered, and town clerk Dawn Mooney confirmed that state statute section 7-190 requires that charter commissions may have no more than a bare majority from one party. **Voting in favor: Annino, Young Opposed: Gorski Motion carried.**

9. Old Business

A. Hemlock Drive signage

Gorski conferred with DOT and it was determined that the Weight Limit (with delivery exceptions) signage would not be appropriate for Hemlock Drive. There was consensus from the board that no action be taken. Gorski will continue to monitor the situation.

B. In-person meetings

There was consensus that remote meetings should continue until March. Returning to in-person meetings will be reconsidered at that time.

10. First Selectman's comments

A. PFAS

Gorski reported on communications with DPH and DEEP, on recent testing, new sites with elevated readings, and on a recent meeting attended by all three selectmen. Gorski also met with an outside contractor regarding remediation systems. Annino questioned why, if DPH has admitted this is a statewide problem, there is not a coordinated statewide response. Gorski noted that the town remains unique in that the sources of contamination have still not been determined. Young thanked Gorski for her attention to this matter, and agreed that a broader statewide response is warranted.

B. Deer Lake

The Yankee Council has suspended action on the two bids received. Gorski will meet with the Trust for Public Land next week regarding next steps..

C. Town Hall modulars

Gorski will call a special meeting to review a quote on the emergency repairs.

D. Gorski met with town engineer Howard Pfrommer and shared a monthly update on ongoing road projects. She will require more regular reporting of this type.

11. Selectmen's comments: None

12. Adjournment
Young moved adjournment at 9:49 p.m. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow on 12/16/2021. Recording and transcript available.