

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Thursday, February 11, 2021 6:00 p.m. via Go To Meeting**

In attendance: Selectmen C. Iino, L. Annino Jr, E Blewett, Guests: R Regolo, Finance Director and acting recording secretary.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. Refunds and abatements. Annino moved approval of the refund for overpayment to Diana Casey 31 Cow Pen Hill Rd in the amount of \$1,667.03. Blewett seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Approval of minutes  
There were no minutes ready for approval. They will be added to the next agenda.
4. Continuing Review of 21/22 Operating, Capital and MYCIP.

Iino updated board regarding answers to questions from earlier meetings.

- Regolo shared a description of the CCM Government Official Certification Program.
- Iino is still waiting for clarification from Board of Elections regarding the estimated cost for absentee ballots and whether or not it is reflected in their proposed budget.
- The tax collector confirmed that tax bills by statute must be mailed or placed in the taxpayers' hands.
- The narrative from last year's proposed budget from the Board of Selectmen described the reason for the increase in resident state trooper expense line. The RST assessment was reduced and the overtime line was increased, producing and overall flat budget for 20/21.

Iino listed the following areas remaining to be discussed:

- Killingworth Volunteer Fire Company has submitted their operating and capital requests for next year.
- Killingworth Park & Recreation Commission has not submitted their proposal yet.
- The Animal Control Budget needs to be reviewed. The current staff is arguing for expanded operations.
- Iino is waiting to hear from CCM regarding the estimated cost for a Public Works consultant.

- There was a general discussion regarding the operating and capital requests from Killingworth Volunteer Fire Company. There was an overall increase in the operating budget of 9% or \$12,873. lino expects some expense to be reimbursed through FEMA or CRF, as they would be deemed COVID related. Regolo noted that there is a request for funding for administrative help. The board agreed that there was a need for that support.
  - There was further discussion regarding the current level of life insurance offered to volunteers over age 70 who are meeting requirements. Annino felt that the life insurance should remain unchanged but would support other ways to enhance recruitment and recognition of volunteer first responders. The board discussed various alternative scenarios, including an enhancement to the service recognition plan (more commonly referred to as the pension plan); a one-time payment of \$12,500 for active personnel over age 70 with 20 years of service; and/or continued tax abatement for personnel who are over 70 with 25 years of service and are no longer serving. lino will send a memo to the fire commissioners sharing the board's ideas and solicit their feedback.
5. Selectmen comment. None.
6. Motion by lino, seconded by Blewett to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Voting in favor – lino, Annino, and Blewett.

Respectfully submitted

Regina Regolo  
Acting Recording Secretary  
Video recording available.