

In attendance: N. Gorski, L. Annino, Jr., R. Regolo Absent: J. Young

Visitors: L. Lefko, D. O'Sullivan, M. Haaga, E. Blewett, L. Dudek. K. Wodatch, D. Mooney, M. O'Toole, M. Nuhn, T. Hajek, E. Nunes, D. Offner, T. Shipman, D. Venuti, R. Darin, M. Haaga, M. Robbenhaar-Fretz, J. Fretz, M. Clifton (7:21)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public comment
BOFC Rick Darin: RE: First Responder Incentive plan, Darin noted that, on the eve of the April 26 BOF public hearing, the BOF was looking to the BOS for guidance. He asked the Board to show support for the program as this hearing would be the last chance to get additional funding into the FY 22/23 budget.

Commissioner Offner echoed the request for full BOS support of the plan, and emphasized the high level performance of the KVFC and KAA during the pandemic.

KVFC Chief Venuti asked the Board to stand up in favor of the plan to and ask the BOF to put \$20,222 back into the budget.

KAA Chief Mike Haaga noted that services in towns across America are shutting down for lack of volunteers, and emphasized that the proposed plan is critical to keep current volunteers engaged and to attract new ones. He also noted other towns spend \$600,000 or more for paid service.

Eileen Blewett expressed that she has learned that this plan has widespread support among taxpayers.

KAA President Dan O'Sullivan noted that looking out for the taxpayer means not only saving the \$20,222 but also means looking at the costs of having to spend upwards of \$500,000 for a paid force if the incentive plan fails to help attract and retain a volunteer force. He also noted the plan actuary pricing was based on a July 1, 2021 effective date, and that the fire fund is currently underfunded, in support of putting the recommended 20,000 back into this upcoming budget.

Chief Venuti added that the KVFC has been hailed as a model department in Middlesex County, as one of 2 or 3 that never miss a call.

Eileen Blewett asked for an update on recent BOS discussions about limiting the content in meeting minutes.

Laura Lefko asked for the BOS to move regular meetings to a larger space and for a return to recorded/hybrid meetings. She also noted as its chair, that the Killingworth Republican Town Committee is 100% behind the First Responder Incentive plan

Commissioner Darin acknowledged MaryLou Robbenhaar-Fretz, an active member of KAA, whose mother was a founding member of the program. To underscore the importance of the local volunteer program to residents and of the plan to the volunteers, Robbenhaar Fretz reported on her successful emergency transport of a newborn to the hospital that morning.

4. Approval of minutes

Gorski moved to approve the minutes of the Monday, April 11, 2022 meeting of the Board of Selectmen amended as follows. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed. [2-0]

Page 2, Item 8B.: Change last sentence to *It was noted that should the town accept the Purple Dog platform, the town would own the platform for the website.*

5. Refunds and abatements

Gorski moved to approve the following refunds and allow them to follow their normal course for refunding. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed. [2-0]

Honda Lease Trust	1919 Torrance Blvd	\$60.28	Overpaid COC#10261
Thomas J. Lockwood	131 Burr Hill Rd	\$76.67	Overpaid COC#10184M
Thomas P. Riedy	122 Bar Gate Trail	\$185.57	Overpaid COC#10303M

**** Gorski moved to add a new item, "Appointments," to the agenda. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed. [2-0]**

**** Appointments**

Gorski moved to appoint Michael David Greenaway (U) to the Parmelee Farm Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022. There was very brief discussion. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed. [2-0]

6. FY 21/22 Budget report

Regolo reported that at this time of year where her focus shifts from YTD actuals vs budget to Revenue vs. expenses She said the town was in good shape, and noted a FEMA reimbursement of \$371,311 for the September 2018 storm has been direct deposited to the general fund. She also noted a \$1,545 check from Connecticut wine and spirits wholesalers "nips" environmental fee.

A. KVFC overrun request

Gorski moved to authorize an additional expenditure of \$25,000 to the KVFC for operating expenses through June 30, 2022. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed. [2-0]

Discussion: Chief Venuti noted that due to overruns due to repairs, emergency expenditures for hoses, and medical supplies, the KVFC will need additional funds to cover operating expenditures. Annino noted that ARPA funding should cover there overruns.

7. New Business

A. KVFC Training Facility

Gorski toured the facility with members of the KVFC last week. They are utilizing KVFC – Training Building Improvements/Props capital line to make valuable improvements to the building and the grounds. They are requesting town permission to erect a gate at the driveway entrance to protect the grounds and the equipment they have there. Materials and labor will be donated.

Gorski moved to authorize the KVFC to erect a gate in front of the KVFC Training Facility. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed. [2-0]

8. Old Business

A. KFVC/KAA Service Recognition Plan

Gorski reported on recent efforts to obtain a second actuarial review of the pension plan, and there was discussion about the challenges involved with their working from a somewhat different set of assumptions.

The retainer check for the attorney went out Thursday so review/redraft will begin. Once the BOS has the actuarial review, draft pension plan and ordinance, they will initiate the ordinance and hold a town meeting 30 for approval. There was further discussion. No action was taken.

B. Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

Gorski and Adametz recently reviewed progress against the plan, approved in June 2021, with RiverCog. Recommendations, which deal with environmental and climate-related hazards, may need to be incorporated into future capital plans. There was brief discussion.

C. Issue Requests for Proposals

After brief discussion, **Gorski moved to issue the Request for Proposals for Gravestone Repair at Union Cemetery. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed. [2-0]**

There was brief discussion regarding narrowing the focus in the RFP for Consultant Services to Perform Public Works. Gorski will edit document to emphasize services to address preventative maintenance for infrastructure, facilities and equipment.

D. Killingworth Historical Society Barn

Gorski gave a brief overview of the various leases currently in place between the town and the Killingworth Historical Society and of the necessary legal requirements moving forward. Linda Dudek and Ken Wodatch provided input regarding amended site plan, etc. and Dudek noted that the Parmelee Farm Committee will make necessary amendments to its Master Plan

Gorski moved to approve the Municipal Improvement Checklist while the BOS initiates a ground lease agreement with the Killingworth Historical Society (KHS) for the placement of their barn on the property conditional on a site plan and legal review. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed. [2-0]

E. Personnel Manual Updates

BOS will hold special meetings to continue working on edits to the Personnel Manual

9. Selectmen's comments : None

10. First Selectman's comments
 - A. 2022 Mosquito Control Catch Basin Treatment Program will begin in June employ robots to administer a naturally-occurring microbe which is an extremely effective agent for controlling several species of mosquitoes.
 - B. Gorski will work with Jim Duffield and several ball clubs to discuss the condition of baseball and softball fields at Irene Sheldon Park.
 - C. Denise Slater from the garden club would like the stone walls in front of town hall refurbished and is working on quotes to submit to the town.
 - D. Tomorrow is the Board of Finance-Public Budget Hearing, 7PM at KES. Expect a request for a BOS special meeting to issue the call to Annual Town Budget Meeting on May 16, 2022.
11. Adjournment
Gorski moved adjournment at 8:00 p.m. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed. [2-0]

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow on 4/28/2022.