

In attendance: C. Iino, L. Annino, Jr., E. Blewett, R. Regolo, James and Mary Fretz, A. Stirna, Rick Darin, Building Official, Geoff Picard

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Public comment
3. Department reports
A map indicating the progress of town-wide sweeping effort was noted. Work continues in the southwest quadrant and should wrap up this week. Building and Health Department reports were also distributed for review.
4. Approval of minutes
Motion by Blewett, seconded by Annino, to approve the minutes of April 12, 2021. Blewett amended the motion to read "to accept the minutes of April 12, 2021 as amended." The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.
Corrections:
Page 2, Item 6, line 10: *202 should be 2021.*
Page 3, Item 9D. rearrange sentence: *Iino moved to remove from Town Meeting to the referendum to be held on May 4, 2021 the following two questions:"*
5. Refunds and abatements
Motion by Annino to approve the following refunds and allow them to take their proper course for refunding. The motion, seconded by Blewett, passed unanimously.
 - Robert A. or Susan S. Furman 39 Old Mine Rd. \$33.42 Overpayment
 - Linda L. or John J. Kozak 26 Warwickshire Dr. \$14.51 Overpayment COC#09660M
 - Ann D. Neal 69 Perry St. Apt. 4 \$39.38 Overpayment COC#09539M
 - Christopher D. Krumenacker 41 Wolf Hollow Lane \$317.84 Overpayment COC#09710M
 - USB Leasing LT 1850 Osborn Ave \$527.45 Overpayment COC#09647M
6. Appointments
Iino moved to appoint Bruce E. Dodson (R) as Alternate on the Historic Review Committee for a term ending December 31, 2021. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.
7. Old Business
A. First Responder Tax Abatement Rosters
The recently passed ordinance will go into effect May 1; rosters of eligible volunteers are due April 30. The board reviewed submissions from the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Killingworth Ambulance Association:
 - From BOFC, a list of members eligible for the retroactive 2019 abatement (refund)
 - From BOFC, a list of members eligible for the 2020 Abatement
 - From KAA a list members eligible for the 2020 abatement.

Commissioner Darin elaborated on recent changes to KVFC bylaws that introduce a new tiered system: Firefighters in good standing will receive the 2/3 of the maximum allowable abatement, but not less than the current \$1,000. Those with required levels of Emergency Medical Responder training are eligible for the maximum allowable amount, currently \$1,500. Levels of service are indicated on the rosters.

The selectmen applauded this effort to incentivize participation and training. lino noted that for the 2019 grand list, there will be refunds given to 27 members. For 2020, 30 KVFC members will received the increased amount and, 14 will remain at current level. Rosters will be verified and finalized in the coming days.

lino moved that the BOS accept the 2019 and 2020 rosters of KVFC members eligible for tax abatement submitted by the Board of Fire Commissioners provisionally, and that the BOS authorize her to accept any additions recommended by the BOFC received before Friday, April 30, 2021. The motion, second by Annino, passed unanimously.

With input from KAA member Mary Robbenhaar-Fretz, there was discussion about 2019 vs 2020 rosters. A misspelling of a member's name (Fretz) was noted.

Annino moved that the BOS accept the Killingworth Ambulance Association's list of members eligible for tax abatement. Annino amended the motion to authorize lino to accept any additions received before Friday, April 30, 2021. The motion, seconded by Blewett, passed unanimously.

lino moved to approve a tax abatement for Emergency Management Director Donald McDougall. The motion, seconded by Blewett, passed unanimously.

B. Multi-year Capital Improvement Plan

Most recent changes to the plan were noted. There was extensive discussion about planning for upcoming large capital projects including Station 1 renovations and/or Station 1 reroofing, Town Hall renovations, and a possible regulation-sized ballfield. With regard to the fire station in particular, the need to review past needs assessment reports and conceptual designs, and for clear communication of future capital needs was discussed. Updated needs assessment for the town hall—encompassing accessibility issues, staffing needs, and the failing modular building—was also identified as urgent. Whether or not to approach Park and Rec about putting a proposed full-sized ballfield, originally part of the development plan for what is now Eric Auer Park, back into the multiyear plan was briefly debated. The multi-year plan will need to be brought to town meeting for approval in the coming months.

Ways to solicit town input and gauging the level of taxpayer support were also debated. Regolo noted that the town expects to be receiving, in addition to the \$628,000 already received for COVID-related expense, \$1.2 million from the County Equivalent Fund. It is possible that certain capital projects could be funded from this. Guidelines for eligibility have not yet been communicated.

8. New Business

A. Killingworth Land Conservation Trust Request for Open Space Funding

lino introduced KLCT president Geoff Picard to discuss the purchase of the Greer/Duffy Property. This 24-acre piece with access off Route 80 will allow the KLCT to create a greenway trail from Route 80 north to Wolf Hollow and connect with the trails at Welter Woods and Parmelee Farm. Annino noted that the development of Patrick Drive years ago was zoned with this potential connection in mind.

The Land Trust hopes to raise \$70,000 this year towards the \$120,000 purchase through various methods including grants, fundraising events and donations. The selectmen enthusiastically support the purchase. Annino emphasized its importance toward preserving open space, protecting water resources, and other pillars of the plan of conservation and development. lino noted that the purchase is an appropriate use for the town's open space fund, currently at \$13,008.

lino moved that the town allocate \$12,000 to the Killingworth Land Conservation Trust from the Open Space Acquisition fund to go toward the KLCT's acquisition of the Greer/Duffy property. The motion, seconded by Blewett, passed unanimously.

B. Neighborhood Assistance Act

The BOS encourages any non-profits in town to participate in this annual program, which offers tax credit to corporations who assist in funding eligible projects. (100% credit for energy-related projects, 60% for others) lino noted that a solar installation at the Center schoolhouse could qualify. No action was taken.

C. Estuary Transit District Grant

lino moved that the BOS authorize her to sign the Grant Assignment Certification and the Maintenance of Effort Certification for the State Matching Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation for 2021/2022. The motion, seconded by Blewett, passed unanimously.

D. Coordinated Medical Emergency Direction (CMED) Grant

lino moved that the BOS authorize her to sign the DESPP Coordinated Medical Emergency Direction (CMED) Designation form, assigning Valley Shore Emergency Communications as recipient of the regional emergency telecommunications service credit. The motion, seconded by Blewett, passed unanimously.

9. First Selectwoman's comments

A. Discussion returned to potential funding from County Equivalent Fund. The board noted several opportunities from the capital program, as well as town hall technology upgrades, which would benefit. lino expects clarification from her federal contacts in the coming weeks.

B. lino reported that the first results from recent testing for PFAS are in. Levels at the library and at KES were below the threshold, those from the Town Hall/Fire station were not. DEEP will now conduct further testing and will fund remediation for private residents. The town will retest the Town Hall Campus well.

10. Selectmen's comments

A. Blewett inquired about the status of the appointment of a new Emergency Management Director. lino intends to present a candidate at the next meeting.

B. Blewett asked if there have been any further developments regarding tire disposal/waste removal in town. lino expecting new guidelines from the state soon.

11. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Submitted by E. Doyle Disbrow on 4/29/21. Votes recorded 4/28/21. Video recording available.