

In attendance: C. Iino, L. Annino, Jr., E. Blewett, R. Regolo, M. Burns (RiverCOG), L. Lefko, A. Stirna, S. O'Brien, J. Fretz

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Public comment: none
3. **Iino moved to add item "7Ai Capital Closeouts" to agenda. The motion, seconded by Blewett, passed unanimously.**
4. Approval of minutes for 6-14-21 meeting
Blewett moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 14, 2021 as written. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.
5. Refunds and abatements
Annino moved to approve the following refunds/abatements and allow them to take their proper course for refunding. The motion passed unanimously.

• Kevin E. Gorman	361 Roast Meat Hill Rd	\$500.00	FF Benefit
• Daniel J. O'Brien	194 Roast Meat Hill Rd.	\$500.00	FF Benefit
• Stanley E. Sarnowski	91 Route 81	\$132.00	COC#09920R
• Jeremy E. Adametz	185 Schnoor Rd	\$500.00	FF Benefit

6. Appointments
Iino moved to appoint John F. Mancini (R) to fill the vacancy on the Alternative Housing Committee for a term ending 12/31/2021. The motion, seconded by Blewett, passed unanimously. Mr. Mancini, Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer for the Eastern Connecticut Savings Bank, was recommended by the KRTC. A new vacancy on the Charter Revision Commission was noted. Several recommended nominees will be considered.
7. Old Business
 - A. 2021 Budget
Capital closeouts were presented and discussed. Closeouts will move to BOF, and then go to town meeting. There was a brief discussion of the significant underexpenditure on the Bethke road project, and the accuracy of the engineer's budget estimates. Iino noted that we expect 75% of costs of this project to be funded by FEMA funds.
Annino moved to approve the capital closeouts as presented by the Finance Director. The motion, seconded by Blewett, passed unanimously.
 - B. MYCIP
There was brief discussion. Two recent changes were noted. Parmelee Farm Pavilion upgrades will be added to year one. No action was taken. Regolo requested that the BOS vote to approve the current plan at the July 12, 2021 meeting.
 - C. Economic Recovery Committee: page 3
8. New Business
 - A. Neighborhood Assistance Act see page 3 .

8B. Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan approval
Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Government's Senior Planner Margot Burns summarized the Killingworth annex to the regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. There was extensive discussion.

lino moved to adopt the following resolution regarding the update to the LCRVH Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

**A RESOLUTON concerning the
2021 Lower Connecticut River Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Dated May 2021**

For the purpose of adopting the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in order to be eligible for certain Federal assistance for any natural hazards.

WHEREAS, the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, at 42 U.S.C. § 5165, and 44 CFR Part 201.6 of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, require the municipalities to adopt a mitigation plan in order to be eligible for grants to implement certain mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) municipalities have experienced past flooding and other natural hazard events that pose risks to public health and safety, may cause serious property damage, and a plan is needed to address the results of these events: and

WHEREAS the planning process fostered by the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and set forth by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, offers the opportunity to consider natural hazards and risks, and to identify mitigation actions to reduce future impacts of such hazards; and

WHEREAS the State of Connecticut has provided federal Hazard Mitigation Assistance program funds to support development of the mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS a Hazard Mitigation Plan (the "Plan") has been updated by the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and staff from RiverCOG and 15 of its municipal members, including the Town of Killingworth; and

WHEREAS the Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends several mitigation actions that will help minimize and reduce safety threats and damage to private and public property; and

WHEREAS a public meeting was held on June 28, 2021, to present the Plan and proposed mitigation actions and to solicit questions and comments,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Selectmen of Killingworth, Connecticut, that the Hazard Mitigation Plan, including Volume I and the annex for our municipality, is hereby adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the municipal offices identified in the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended priority actions that are assigned to their agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any action proposed in the Plan shall be subject to and contingent upon budget approval, if funding is required, and this resolution may not be interpreted so as to mandate any such appropriations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Selectmen will coordinate with other offices and entities and shall periodically report on the activities, accomplishments, and progress, and shall prepare a progress report as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Adopted this 28th day of June, 2021.

7C. Economic Recovery Committee

For discussion, lino presented a working list of 9 potential nominees, some recommended by Selectman Blewett, reflecting an attempt to have representation from relevant local entities.

Richard Bauer (R)
Geoff Cook (D)
Kerry Emerson (U)
Jim Duffield (U)
Lucinda Hogarty (D)
Douglas Lefko (R)
Sara O'Brien (R)
Derek Phelps (R)
Annie Stirna (D)

John Mancini, Bank Chief Credit Officer and Eileen Blewett, Selectman and BOE member, were also discussed as potential nominees. The BOS hopes to hold the number of committee members to 9. There was discussion about whether Blewett, as selectman, could serve on this board.

Blewett moved to postpone the discussion of the appointments to the Economic Recovery Committee until the next meeting. The motion, seconded by lino, passed unanimously.

8. New Business

A. Neighborhood Assistance Act

i. Killingworth Land Conservation Trust: an application for open space land acquisition, discussed at the 4-26-21 meeting, was presented for Board of Selectmen approval.

ii. Killingworth Library Association: an application for installation of energy - efficient lighting, part of a multi-year project, was presented for Board of Selectmen approval.

lino moved to approve the applications for Neighborhood Assistance Act funding from the Killingworth Land Conservation Trust and the Killingworth Library Association. The motion, seconded by Blewett, passed unanimously.

9. First Selectwoman's comments

A. PFAS update

lino and Health Director Amy Scholz facilitated meetings between residents and DEEP and the Department of Public Health to discuss remediation for private wells with the most elevated levels of PFAS (above 70 parts/trillion). lino was impressed with the residents' level of preparation for the proceedings. The highest levels remain at Town Hall and the Highway department wells.

The next meeting for the broader audience is being scheduled for late July. In the meantime DPH is providing potable water to residents whose wells test above the action level for PFAS and looking into remediation options. lino noted that some COVID recovery funds will likely be available for helping to provide clean water.

B. There will be a public hearing for the RiverCog Regional Plan of Conservation on June 30th at 7:00 p.m. The regional plan is a state mandate.

C. The state will be providing the town with two speed monitor signs. Iino is requesting permission from the state to install on state roads, such as Route 80 near Roast Meat Hill Road.

9. Selectmen's comments

A. Annino proposed that the taxpayers weigh in on major investments in Parmelee Farm, such as the currently proposed fabric enclosure panels for the pavilion. He felt strongly that the taxpayers must be clearly supportive of, for example, expanding the use of the pavilion as an event venue. This project is currently out to bid, but there is no commitment to awarding of the bid and proceeding with the project at this time.

There was extensive discussion and consensus that all improvements be part of the Parmelee Master Plan, and part of the town's multi-year capital plan. The enclosure panels will need to be added to the MYCIP, which is presented at Town Meeting annually. Iino noted that a vote in support of the MYCIP indicates support of the projects therein.

B. Blewett asked for clarification on the process for funding non-budgeted capital projects, such as the recently completed engine replacement. By charter, supplementary appropriations over \$20,000 must be put before the town. The board discussed whether labor charges can be separated from equipment charges, and covered by surpluses in operating budget. The Board of Finance supported this project and reserved further action for a possible town meeting after the fiscal year ends.

10. **Blewett moved to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow on July 1, 2021. Notice of Votes filed 6/29/21.
Recording available.