

BOARD OF FINANCE
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING
TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH
323 ROUTE 81
KILLINGWORTH, CONNECTICUT 06419

MINUTES

Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting
January 12, 2021

Celmer called the January 12, 2021 Virtual Monthly Meeting of the Town of Killingworth's Board of Finance to order at 7:05 P.M. Members present: Chairman Gwenne Celmer, Vice Chairman Robert Rimmer, Clerk Marcel Couture, Andrew O'Neill and Annie Stirna. Cheryl Fine was absent. Also present was First Selectwoman Catherine Iino and Finance Director Regina Regolo.

First Selectwoman Iino spoke about the following:

1. Tax Abatement for First Responders. The Board of Selectmen is considering an increase from the present \$1,000 tax abatement for first responders, which includes emergency management personnel, to a graduated increase over a two-year period. It is also considering a provision that the organizations be able to tier the abatement based on the first responders' position within the organization which, in turn, will encourage current members to step up their certifications and generate more interest to potential volunteers. She, with input from Finance Director Regolo, addressed inquiries of the Board. The consensus of the Board was favorable to the proposals.
2. Proposed Budget FY21/22. The Board is considering a budget season with virtual public hearing(s) and a budget referendum with the option of mail-in voting, possibly at the same time as the RSD #17 budget referendum. The Town budget schedule may have to be tweaked to accommodate a referendum.
3. Annual Report. No discussion.

Finance Director Regolo. Finance Director Regolo distributed the December 2020 Report prior to the meeting. There were no inquiries.

2021 Mileage Rate. Following a brief discussion of the 2021 Federal mileage rate, Couture **MOVED** to follow the 2021 Federal mileage rate, and, reduce the 57.5 cent per mile rate for 2020 to a 56 cent per mile rate for 2021, effective January 1, 2021. O'Neill seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Celmer, Rimmer, Couture, O'Neill and Stirna. Opposed: none. Abstentions: none. The motion was **carried**, 5-0-0.

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Discussion of Appointment of Auditor. The December 2020 Quote from Seward and Monde for a three-year period was reviewed and discussed by the BOF with input from Finance Director Regolo. She was asked to contact Seward and Monde regarding the quote.

Minutes: December 8, 2020 Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting. Rimmer **MOVED** to accept and approve the December 8, 2020 Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes as presented. Stirna seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Celmer, Rimmer, Couture, O'Neill and Stirna. Opposed: none. Abstentions: none. The motion was **carried**, 5-0-0.

Bills. O'Neill **MOVED** to accept and approve for payment the December 2020 Invoice of Hynes in the amount of \$45.93 for her clerical hours. Couture seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Celmer, Rimmer, Couture, O'Neill and Stirna. Opposed: none. Abstentions: none. The motion was **carried**, 5-0-0.

Tax Collector's Report. The December 2020 Tax Collector's Report was distributed prior to the meeting. Rimmer noted that it appears that the percentage of collections is ahead of this time last year and is bringing in more revenue despite the mill rate decrease.

Agenda: February 9, 2021 Virtual Regular Meeting. Celmer noted that the BOF members will be joining the Board of Selectmen's virtual meeting on the Second Monday in February to discuss priorities for the Town in the coming fiscal year. A report will be made at the BOF February 9, 2021 Virtual Meeting.

Return to Finance Report. Stirna noted that it appears gun sales has gone up.

Return to Annual Report. Celmer advised the Board of Selectmen's Office solicited for and is collecting the reports. Chairman Celmer submitted a report on behalf of the Board of Finance which was distributed prior to this meeting.

There being no further business, Celmer **adjourned** the meeting at 7:48 P.M. to the February 9, 2021 Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Lee Hynes
Sherry Lee Hynes, Secretary

E-mailed: Dawn Mooney, Town Clerk
Board of Finance
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Regina Regolo, Director of Finance
Elizabeth Disbrow, Administrative Assistant

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Michele Nuhn, Tax Collector
Donna Dupuis, Town Treasurer