

BOARD OF FINANCE
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING
TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH
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Minutes

Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting
March 9, 2021

Chairman Gwenne Celmer called the March 9, 2021 Virtual Monthly Meeting of the Board of Finance (BOF), of the Town of Killingworth, to order at 7:00 P.M. Members present: Chairman Gwenne Celmer, Vice Chairman Robert Rimmer, Clerk Marcel Couture, Doug Lefko, Andrew O'Neill, and, Annie Stirna. Also present were First Selectwoman Catherine Iino, Financial Director Regina Regolo, and BOF Secretary Sherry Lee Hynes.

Chairman Celmer advised that the Board of Selectmen has not yet finalized the preliminary town budget. It is anticipated to be available by March 12, 2021. Financial Director Regolo advised it will be sent electronically.

Proposed Budget Discussion. First Selectwoman Iino advised that the BOS is finalizing the operating and capital budgets. Preliminarily, it looks like there may be an increase in the operating budget but the grand list has risen. As to the capital budget, one request has been substantially reduced. There may be a shortfall to be addressed. There is no information yet as to state and/or Federal monies that should be coming to the Town and if there will be restrictions on the use of the monies. As to RSD #17, by consensus, the Board asked that the amount of the anticipated proportionate share of excess funding be made available to the Town as soon as possible and ideally be received before the town budget hearing. First Selectwoman Iino will convey this to RSD #17. First Selectwoman Iino and Financial Director Regolo addressed inquiries from the Board. It was noted that the current tax collection rate is at 95% for this fiscal year and it is anticipated to be at least 100%.

Those wishing to have a hard copy of the proposed budget, in addition to the electronic copy, should let Financial Director Regolo know.

Budget Workshops. After discussion, O'Neill **MOVED** to hold the following Virtual Special Meetings at 7:00 P.M. for budget workshops:

- Wednesday, March 17, 2021
- Tuesday, March 23, 2021
- Tuesday, March 30, 2021
- Thursday, April 1, 2021 and
- Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

The Virtual Public Hearing will be added to the April 13, 2021 Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting at 7:00 P.M. Couture seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Celmer, Rimmer, Couture, Lefko O'Neill, and, Stirna. Opposed: none. Abstentions: none. The motion was **carried**, 6-0-0.

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Financial Director Regolo. The February 2021 Financial Report was distributed prior to the meeting. There were no inquiries at this time.

New Member. Celmer officially welcomed Lefko to the Board.

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- February 8, 2021 Virtual Special Meeting
 - February 9, 2021 Virtual Regular Meeting and
 - February 11, 2021 Virtual Special Meeting
- Couture **MOVED** to accept and approve as presented the Minutes of the February 8, 2021 Virtual Special Meeting, February 9, 2021 Virtual Monthly Meeting and the February 11, 2021 Virtual Special Meeting. O'Neill seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Celmer, Rimmer, Couture, Lefko, O'Neill, and, Stirna. Opposed: none. Abstentions: none. The motion was **carried**, 6-0-0.

Bills. Couture **MOVED** to accept and approve for payment the Invoice of Hynes for her February Clerical Hours in the amount of \$133.60. Stirna seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Celmer, Rimmer, Couture, Lefko, O'Neill and Stirna. Opposed: none. Abstentions: none. The motion was **carried**, 6-0-0.

Old/New Business. Tax Collector's Report: February 2021. The Tax Collector's February 2021 Report was distributed prior to the meeting. See the budget discussion above for the discussion on the tax collection rate.

Additions to the April 13, 2021 Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda

1. BOF Budget Public Hearing

There being no further business, Chairman Celmer **ADJOURNED** the virtual monthly meeting at 7:38 P.M. to the April 13, 2021 Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting. Special meetings as noted above will be held for budget workshops

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Lee Hynes
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