

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

Minutes

Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting
May 11, 2021

Chairman Gwenne Celmer called the May 11, 2021 Virtual Regular Monthly of the Board of Finance to order at 7:02 P.M.

Members present: Chairman Gwenne Celmer, Vice Chairman Robert Rimmer, Clerk Marcel Couture, Douglas Lefko, Andrew O'Neill and Annie Stirna
Also present: First Selectwoman Catherine Iino, Selectwoman Eileen Blewitt, Financial Director Regina Regolo, Tax Collector Michele Nuhn, John Mancino, Ed Sirignano, Megan McKieri, Mike (last name unknown), and, Secretary Sherry Lee Hynes

Set Mill Rate

Rimmer **MOVED** to set the mil rate for FY 21/22 at 27.62, no increase over the mil rate for FY20/21. Stirna seconded the motion. Discussion: Selectwoman Blewitt was recognized by Celmer. She asked for an explanation, for the benefit of the public, why the mil rate was remaining the same for FY21/22 while there was an increase in the grand list. Celmer, with input from Rimmer, explained why the mil rate proposed remains the same while reducing the shortfall in the capital budget. Voting in favor: Celmer, Rimmer, Couture, Lefko, O'Neill, and, Stirna. Opposed: none. Abstentions: none. The motion was **carried**, 6-0-0.

Cathy Iino, First Selectwoman

1. American Rescue Fund. It appears, pending clarification, that the Town will be getting direct funds to be divided into two payments, one in May 2021 and the other in May 2022. The funds will come with stipulations on what they can be used for.
2. State of Connecticut. The State will be getting funds which will be apportioned out by county to local municipalities. These funds will come with stipulations on what they can be used for.
3. Killingworth Land Conservation Trust. The Board of Selectmen voted to assign funds from the Town's Open Space Acquisition Account to the Killingworth Land Conservation Trust to help offset their purchase of land to create/complete a greenway to Parmelee Farm.
4. Sale of Town Property. One of the three subdivision lots taken over by the Town in a settlement with a contractor, is on deposit. The closing is

scheduled in the near future. The remaining two lots are available for purchase.

5. Covid-19 Education Relief Funds. A member of the public asked what the funds will be used for. Blewitt advised that there will be two programs to address the needs of students because of Covid-19, one this summer and the other in the next fiscal year. There will be restrictions on the use of the funds.

Regina Regolo, Financial Director

1. March 2021 Financial Report
2. April 2021 Financial Report

Rimmer noted that it appears at this time that there may be a surplus. He then inquired about several line items that appear to be and/or may be over-expended. Regolo explained that the over-expenditures at this time are because the Town has paid expenses that will be reimbursed by other entities, which reimbursements are forthcoming.

Rimmer, Couture, Stirna, as well as others, inquired about towns' reimbursement from RSD#17 when there is a surplus in their operating budget, including self-insured account(s) the Board of Education has. It is their believe that State Statutes state the surplus must be distributed in the current school year. Blewitt was asked to get a clarification on the Board of Education procedures for the reimbursement(s) for the next Board of Finance meeting.

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March 9, 2021 Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting. O'Neill **MOVED** to approve the Minutes of the March 9, 2021 Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting as presented. 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. Lefko was not a member of the Board at that time.

Lefko **MOVED** to accept and approve as presented the Minutes of the following meetings:

1. March 17, 2021 Virtual Special Meeting;
2. March 23, 2021 Virtual Special Meeting;
3. March 30, 2021 Virtual Special Meeting;
4. April 1, 2021 Virtual Special Meeting; and
5. April 8, 2021 Virtual Special Meeting & Budget Hearing.

Stirna seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Celmer, Rimmer, Lefko, O'Neill, and Stirna. Opposed: none. Abstentions: none. The motion was **carried**, 5-0-0. Couture was not available to vote due to technical difficulties.

April 6, 2021 Virtual Special Meeting (Cancelled).

Bills

Hynes, Clerical Hours – March 2021 - \$100.20. Couture **MOVED** to ratify the e-mail consensus for the payment to Hynes, for her April 2021 Clerical Hours in the amount of \$96.03. 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.

Hynes, Clerical Hours – April 2021 - \$96.03. Couture **MOVED** to accept and approve for payment the April 21, 2021 Invoice of Hynes in the amount of \$96.03 for her Clerical Hours. 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.

Tax Collector's Reports

1. March 2021
2. April 2021

The Reports were distributed electronically prior to the meeting. There were no inquiries.

Additions to Agenda: June 8, 2021 Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting

1. Michele Nuhn, Tax Collector – Suspense List

There being no further business, Chairman Celmer **ADJOURNED** the virtual monthly meeting at 7:40 P.M. to the June 8, 2021 Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Lee Hynes

Sherry Lee Hynes, Secretary

E-mailed: Dawn Mooney, Town Clerk
Board of Finance
Board of Selectmen
Regina Regolo, Director of Finance
Elizabeth Disbrow, Administrative Assistant
Michele Nuhn, Tax Collector
Donna Dupuis, Town Treasurer