

**MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Monday, June 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Killingworth Town Office Building**

In attendance: N. Gorski, L. Annino Jr., R. Regolo, W. Adametz absent: J. Young  
Visitors: E. Blewett, J. Wilcox, A. Stirna, E. Unger Pleines, L. Lefko, R. Pleines, E. Nunes

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public comment  
Eileen Blewett gave information about an upcoming Blood Drive, July 7 at the KVFC.
4. Approval of minutes  
**Gorski moved to approve as submitted the minutes of the Monday, June 13, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed. [2-0]**
5. Refunds and abatements  
**Gorski moved to approve a refund for overpayment in the amount of \$261.45 to Toyota Lease Trust, and to allow it to follow its normal course for refunding. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed. [2-0]**
6. Appointments  
A. Economic Recovery Committee  
**Gorski moved to extend the date of conclusion for the Economic Recovery Committee and to extend the terms for the following members to December 31, 2022:**

**Richard A. Bauer (R)**  
**Kerry Lynn Emerson (U)**  
**James Joseph Duffield (U)**  
**Lucinda H. Hogarty (D)**  
**Douglas B. Lefko (R)**  
**Sara Jane O'Brien (R)**  
**John Mancini (R)**  
**Danilo A. Colonia (D)**  
**Gwenne Celmer (D)**

**The motion, seconded by Annino, passed. [2-0]**

7. Department Reports  
A. Building Department  
Gorski presented her executive summary of open permits for review. She noted progress made in closing out old open permits, alongside the processing of new permits. There was brief discussion, with input from temporary building inspector Pleines. A letter to homeowners reminding them of their responsibility to close permits was suggested. No action was taken.

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8. FY 21/22 Budget report

Regolo came forward to answer questions re year-end reports, noting possible overruns in excess of \$20,000 (snow budget, town counsel) that will need to go to town meeting.

9. New Business

A. National Opioid Settlement

Gorski distributed an executive summary, and pointed out that the town was allocated \$4,208.76, with payments continuing over 18 years. Settlements will allow for a broad range of approved abatement uses by state and local governments. Developed in consultation with the nation's leading public health experts, the list of pre-approved uses includes a wide range of intervention, treatment, education, and recovery services so that state and local governments can decide what will best serve their communities. It is anticipated that entire communities will benefit from the effects of the opioid-remediation efforts funded by the settlements and the injunctive relief the settlements provide. She noted resource issues at HKYFS would prevent them from conducting prevention campaigns at this time. Some funds could be given to the KVFC for the purchase of NarCan. No action was taken.

10. Old Business

A. FY22/23 Capital Road Projects

Gorski discussed the impact on rising asphalt prices on upcoming road projects. Overlay of Iron Works, Reservoir Road, Chestnut Hill Road, and River Road is approximately \$60K underfunded. Mill and Fill for Bunker Hill Road and Victoria Road is approximately \$10K underfunded. There was discussion, with input from Foreman Adametz.

**Gorski moved to send FY22/23 underfunded capital road projects to the BOF funding for considerations. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed. [2-0]**

B. ARPA Funds Draft Policy

Regolo supplied an updated draft policy for review. Gorski proposed the BOS walk through the document at the July 11 meeting. No action was taken.

C. Fair Rent Commission

**Gorski moved for the BOS to authorize First Selectmen Gorski to work with town counsel to draft a Fair Rent Commission ordinance similar to those in place in Clinton and Westbrook.** There was very brief discussion about next steps and collaboration with the other towns.

**The motion, seconded by Annino, passed. [2-0]**

D. Bid Awards: Sports Turf Management

**Gorski moved to award the 2-year bid for Sports Turf Maintenance Services** at the sites of Irene Sheldon Memorial Park (198 Route 80), Rocco M. Reale Memorial Field (Recycle Way – Route 81) and Bethke Field (Bethke Road) to Langer Landscaping in the following amounts: Base bids for FY2022/23: \$14,880, base bid for FY2023/24: \$25,880

**Annino moved to amend the motion to note that this award was pursuant to the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Commission. The motion to amend, seconded by Gorski, carried. [2-0]**

**The amended motion, seconded by Annino, passed [2-0]**

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**Gorski moved to award the 2-year bid for Eric W. Auer Killingworth Recreational Park to DrainScapes, LLC in the following amounts: FY 2022-2023: \$23,430 FY 2023/24 \$24,133  
The motion, seconded by Annino, passed [2-0]**

**Gorski moved to add an item to the agenda: 10E. Bid Opening: Consultant for Public Works.  
The motion, seconded by Annino, passed [2-0]**E. Open Bids

One sealed bid from McMahon Associates, in the amount of \$40,000, was received and opened. Bid will be reviewed by the selectmen.,

11. Selectmen's comments

A. Annino is developing a request for proposals for Custodial Services for the town-owned buildings.

**Annino moved to add "Municipal Improvement Project: Library Outdoor Lighting" to the agenda  
The motion, seconded by Gorski, passed [2-0]**

Annino presented plans to install and upgrade outdoor lighting at the Killingworth Library. Plans and spec sheets were reviewed.

**Annino moved to approve the Municipal Improvement Application to replace 3 light poles and add 3 additional light poles as presented in the Municipal Improvement Application submitted to the land use department. The motion, seconded by Gorski, passed [2-0] There was brief discussion about KLA's available funds for this project.**

12. First Selectman's comments

A. Personnel Manual

Gorski plans to update the document with track changes on and then send to selectmen for additional edits. Once the document has been reviewed by all three, she will then send to labor attorney for his review. Annino noted the possibility of developing a memorandum of understanding for the 3 employees grandfathered in the old pension plan, to facilitate finalizing the language in that part of the manual.

B. PFAS – As part of the investigation to identify the source of contamination, Ensafé has begun drilling investigation wells. The EPA and DPH have reduced the action levels for four PFAS compounds, which may lead to additional filtration systems for residential wells.

C. Deer Lake – Gorski learned that Pathfinders continues to negotiate with the Yankee Council. A lawsuit regarding the Richard English Bird Sanctuary has to be reconciled before a contract can be completed.

D. HKYFS

Representatives from both towns (Gorski, Stirna, McGarry, Centofani) met with the troubled agency which is suddenly without an Executive Director, Clinicians, and Prevention Coordinator. They are currently interviewing a new Executive Director and the Board of Directors are working on a new strategic plan for the towns and the school district.

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E. Approval of town meeting minutes.

Gorski received a request from a resident to look into approving town meeting minutes. Unlike board and committee meeting minutes, which are approved at subsequent meetings, town meeting minutes are taken by the Town Clerk and submitted directly to the Secretary of the State. At Gorski's request, town clerk Mooney researched the issue and found that **no** towns in CT approve town meeting minutes.

**Gorski moved adjournment at 7:48 p.m. The motion, seconded by Gorski, passed [2-0]**

Respectfully submitted on 6/29/2022 by E. Disbrow.