

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monday, September 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Killingworth Town Office Building

In attendance: N. Gorski, L. Annino, Jr., R. Regolo  
Visitors: E. Blewett, L. Lefko, E. Nunes, R. Pleines, J. Wilcox

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public comment  
E. Blewett asked for clarification on why a proposed building committee is to address the town hall space needs ahead of those of the KVFC. KRTC chair L. Lefko read from a prepared statement criticizing the town's choice of - and performance of - the moderator at a recent town meeting, and expressed her opinions about the actions of the Democratic selectmen in this and the previous administration.
4. Approval of minutes  
**Gorski moved to approve the minutes of the Monday, September 12, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen as submitted. The motion, seconded by Young, passed. [3-0-0]**
5. Refunds and abatements  
**Gorski moved to approve the following refunds and abatements, all for overpayment, and allow them to follow their normal course.**

• USB Leasing LT	1850 Osborn Ave	\$108.09 Overpaid COC#10656M
• Marilyn M. Campbell	622 Route 148	\$186.78 Overpaid COC#10617M
• Angela R. Canneli	9 Cedarwood Ln	\$26.82 Overpaid COC#10663M
• Mercedes-Benz Financial Services	14372 Heritage Pkwy	\$228.13 Overpaid COC#10398M
• American Home & Tree	PO Box 905	\$57.63 Overpaid COC#10658M

**The motion, seconded by Young, passed [3-0-0]**

6. Appointments  
**Gorski moved to appoint Michael J. Parahus (R) to the Economic Recovery Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed [3-0-0].** This appointment fills the vacancy left by the resignation of Sara O'Brien.  
  
**Gorski moved to appoint Michael G. Reimers (D) to the Traffic Safety Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed [3-0-0].**  
  
**Gorski moved to appoint Catherine E. Murphy (D) to the Traffic Safety Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed [3-0-0].**  
  
**Gorski moved to appoint Walter J. Adametz (R) to the Traffic Safety Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed [3-0-0].**  
  
**Gorski moved to appoint Benjamin Elliott Schofield (R) to the Traffic Safety Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed [3-0-0].** Mr. Schofield is a member of the KVFC.

One further candidate is being considered.

7. Department Report

Gorski provided a summary of the pumpouts by due year from the town including, and noted the challenges involved in collecting some data. There was discussion about the need to oversee and codify the reporting (to BOS as WPCA) and follow-up process. [Young later reported on Regional Water Authority actions regarding security at recreational trails and about leaf screenings to help regulate nitrogen levels in water supply.]

8. Budget report

FY 22/23 Capital Projects Review: Gorski and Regolo commented on the YTD Committed Continuing Projects. There was brief discussion. Park and Rec seeks assistance in moving forward on the ballfield project.

9. New Business

A. KVFC Medical Supplies

KVFC submitted a supply list from the KVFC that the town could fund from the National Opioid Settlement. Annino noted that these funds would cover a currently-budgeted expense.

**Gorski moved to approve the KVFC supply list and fund from the National Opioid Settlement received by the town. The motion, seconded by Young, passed [3-0-0]**

10. Old Business

A. KHS Parmelee Lease

Town attorney provided an updated draft, which has been forwarded to KHS president Ken Wodatch for review. Tycz' recommendation is to keep the format similar to previous leases and add a term, in this case, perpetual, a nominal price, and a more defined description of the precise area. The lease is expected to ready for BOS approval at the next meeting.

B. Town Office Building Committee

Gorski moved to charge a Town Office Building Committee with the following

- i. Recommend a design for the construction of a new Town Hall addition to replace the existing modulars;
- ii. Project the cost of the new Town Hall addition;
- iii. Provide general oversight to the future construction of the Town Hall addition.

The motion was seconded by Annino.

Discussion: Annino suggested that since the taxpayers have already voted against a new town office building, this process should not be repeated. If the task at hand is to replace/repair the current modulars, the BOS can go ahead and do that. Gorski suggested going out to bid for design/build solution. There was consensus that the people who currently work in the modulars should provide input up front. After discussion, this item was tabled.

C. Consultant Services to Review Public Works

As \$40,000 was approved at town meeting, next steps were discussed. Sending out a revised RFP, and consulting with the current bidder was proposed. There was discussion.

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11. Selectmen's comments

A. Young asked for an update from the Park and Recreation Commission regarding the status of the Pickleball Courts project, and noted that there were concerns about proposed locations. Gorski invited Park and Rec commission members to the November 14, 2022 BOS meeting. The board recommended that the local pickleball club speak directly to the commission by attending one of their meetings.

B. Young commended Gorski on her handling of the Fair Rent Commission discussion at town meeting, and for her bipartisan work with state officials and the residents of Beechwood.

12. First Selectman's comments

A. The Charter Revision Commission continues to move forward on their charge. Gorski has invited one of its members to provide an update to the BOS in October.

B. Updates to the town website are currently under review with a target date to launch the new site in October. BOS will have an opportunity to view the new product.

C. In response to Blewett's inquiry during public comment, Gorski reported that the Economic Recovery Committee recommended that ARPA funds be used for the \$200,000 budgeted town hall renovation, not Station 1.

D. Gorski will meet with a representative of Clinton's Fair Rent Commission to learn about their operation. She also noted that she received a call from a resident outside of Beechwood regarding a tenant issue, underscoring that the new Commission would address the needs of residents outside of Beechwood. She announced that AG William Tong will be at Beechwood on Thursday evening to hear resident concerns.

13. Real Estate Transactions

**Gorski moved to go into Executive Session to at 7:45 pm. The motion was seconded by Annino. Motion passed [3-0-0].**

**Gorski moved to come out of Executive Session to at 8:01pm. The motion was seconded by Annino. Motion passed [3-0-0].**

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow on 9/28/2022