

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN (subject to approval)

Monday, December 12, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. Killingworth Town Office Building

Members in attendance: N. Gorski, L. Annino, Jr., J. Young

Visitors: R. Regolo (phone), L. Connelly (BOE), R. Darin (KVFC) T. Hajek (BOFC), Bob McCarthy (ENSAFE) C. Jacob, B. Joyce, K. Amoia, J. Vece, E. Unger Pleines, R. Pleines, E. Blewett, J. Gay, R. Reeps, M. Farrell Charney

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public comment
 - Joan Gay: commended the board for working collaboratively, noting from BOS minutes that 200 of 211 motions in the past year have been unanimous.
 - Eileen Blewett: thanked the town for quickly and efficiently handling the aftermath of flooding at the food pantry. First selectwoman and CleanStar restoration were commended for efforts
 - Eileen Unger Pleines: noted that Beechwood residents have reported a significant (>7%) land use/rent increase.
 - Rosalyn Reeps: referred to state statute 22a-220a, which requires waste haulers to register annually with municipalities, and described benefits of maintaining a roster of registered haulers, posting it on the town website. Some towns collect registration fees
 - Bill Joyce spoke of a serious problem with septic backup at several mobile homes in Beechwoods, and asked the town to revisit the current requirement for pumpout frequency.

Gorski made a motion to move Old Business Item 10E. forward on the agenda.

The motion, seconded by Annino, passed [3-0-0]

*** 7A KVFC Building Committee

Chief Darin, with input from Todd Hajek, reported on the KVFC Building Committee's progress regarding plans for the renovation of Station 1. He asked that the board consider a revised comprehensive concept that would consider relocation as well as renovation, given increasing costs and new site-specific and other challenges. The committee is prepared to go out to bid in an effort to estimate costs, and develop a phased-in approach. There was discussion, and consensus that this is a "new ask" which requires town meeting approval. KVFC will work with the selectmen's office to issue an RFP to help estimate overall costs.

4. Approval of minutes

The board voted to make the following amendments to the minutes of the BOS regular meeting of November 28, 2022:

 - Young stated that she and Annino agreed that minutes should be labeled DRAFT until approved
 - New business Item D: Change date from December 10 to December 12
 - Old Business A. Last sentence: change "create a reasonable budget" to "for the first selectmen to create a draft budget"

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- Second to last paragraph, last page: replace the word “retirement” with “the former retirement program”

5. Refunds and abatements

Gorski moved to approve a refund for overpayment in the amount of \$5.53 to Richard or Kevin Timme. The motion, seconded by Young, passed. [3-0-0].

6. 2023 Appointments

Gorski moved to reappoint the following to the Conservation Commission:

James W. Fullmer	D	01/01/2023 -12/31/2025
Stephanie Warren	D	01/01/2023 -12/31/2025

The motion, seconded by Annino, passed [3-0-0].

Gorski moved to reappoint the following to the Sustainable CT Team:

Stephanie Warren	D	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Maureen C. Farrell Charney	D	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Rosalyn S. Reeps	D	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Walter J. Adametz	R	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Thomas W. Hogarty	D	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

The motion, seconded by Annino, passed [3-0-0].

Gorski moved to reappoint the following to the Economic Recovery Committee:

David L. Long	R	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Danilo L. Colonia	D	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Kerry Lynn Emerson	U	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
James Joseph Duffield	U	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Claudette Lagasse	D	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Douglas B. Lefko	R	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Michael J. Parahus	R	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
John F. Mancini	R	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Gwenne Celmer	D	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

The motion failed for a lack of a second. The item was tabled until later in the meeting.

Gorski moved to reappoint the following to the Health and Safety Committee:

Nancy M. Gorski (1st Select)	R	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Walter J. Adametz, Jr. (HWY, Trans sta)	R	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Michele O’Toole (AFSCME, town emp)	R	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Donald B. McDougall (KAA)	U	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
James R. McDonald (KVFC)	D	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow (non-un, town)	U	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Wayne Gary Linsley (UPSEU)	U	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

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Gorski moved to reappoint the following to the Historic Review Committee:

David D. Meixell	U	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2025
Lucinda H. Hogarty	D	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2025
Bruce E. Dodson	D	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2025
Alt: Graig Stephen Judge	R	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Alt. Dennis R. Rich	R	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

The motion, seconded by Annino, passed [3-0-0].

Gorski moved to reappoint the following to the IWWC:

David J. Cutillo (P & Z)	R	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2025
Terrence W. Doyle	D	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2025
Carolyn M. Reimers	D	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2025

The motion, seconded by Annino passed [3-0-0].

Gorski moved to reappoint the following to the Park and Recreation Commission:

Brian James Blair	R	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2025
James Joseph Duffield	U	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2025
Donna M. Clark	D	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2025

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

Gorski moved to reappoint the following to the Open Space Committee:

Heather J. Greenaway (KLCT)	U	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Clark Voorhees Judge (KLCT)	U	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Stephanie Warren (Cons Comm)	D	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
John F. Mancini	R	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Aaron M. Dollar	U	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
David Kandel Hyman	D	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Michael J. Parahus	R	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

The motion, seconded by Annino passed [3-0-0].

Gorski moved to reappoint the following to the Parmelee Farm Committee:

Christine F. Cronin	U	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Terrence W. Doyle	D	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Margaret A. Scofield	U	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Linda M. Dudek	D	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Timothy E. Gannon	R	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Guy J. Vecchitto	R	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Scott T. Hawkins	IT	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Lise Mariette Brule	U	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Michael David Greenaway	U	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Karen Ann Milano	U	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

The motion, seconded by Annino, passed [3-0-0].

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Gorski moved to reappoint the following to the Traffic Safety Committee:

Michael G. Reimers	D	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Catherine E. Murphy	D	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Walter J. Adametz, Jr.	R	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Benjamin Elliot Scholfield	R	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Douglas G. Schueler	D	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

The motion, seconded by Annino passed [3-0-0].

Gorski moved to appoint David J. Cutillo (R) to the Fair Rent Commission for a 4-year term (01/01/2023 – 12/31/2026). The motion, seconded by Annino passed [3-0-0].

Young moved to appoint Robert T. Rimmer (D) to the Fair Rent Commission for a 4-year term (01/01/2023 – 12/31/2026). The motion, seconded by Annino passed [3-0-0].

Gorski moved to appoint Leo J. Bombalicki, Jr.(R) to the Fair Rent Commission for a 3-year term (01/01/2023 – 12/31/2025). The motion, seconded by Young, passed [3-0-0].

Annino moved to appoint Ellen L. Oppenheimer (D) to the Fair Rent Commission a 3-year term (01/01/2023 – 12/31/2025). The motion, seconded by Young, passed [Voting in favor: Annino, Young, Voting against: Gorski].

Gorski moved to appoint Graig Stephen Judge (R) to the Fair Rent Commission for a 3-year term. The motion failed for lack of a second

Young moved to appoint John Thomas Byrne (D) to the Fair Rent Commission for a 2-year term (01/01/2023 – 12/31/2024). The motion, seconded by Annino passed [3-0-0].

Young moved to dissolve the Economic Recovery Committee. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed [Voting in favor: Annino, Young Voting against: Gorski]. Motion passed.

Gorski moved to reappoint:

ANIMAL CONTROL Officer, Asst. Officer	
Marian Smith	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Madelena Howenstine	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

The motion, seconded by Annino, passed [3-0-0].

Gorski moved to reappoint:

BOND COUNSEL	
Pullman & Comely, Marie V. Phelan	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

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Gorski moved to reappoint:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Brian F. Walsh	U	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Donald B. McDougall	U	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
Tage A. Carlson	R	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

The motion, seconded by Annino, passed [3-0-0].

Gorski moved to reappoint:

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Phoenix Advisors, Barry Bernabe		01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
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The motion, seconded by Annino, passed [3-0-0].

Gorski moved to reappoint

LCRVRegional Agricultural Council

Walter J. Adametz	R	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
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The motion, seconded by Annino, passed [3-0-0].

Gorski moved to appoint

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY REVITALIZATION
COMMISSION**

Andrea Gambardella Freibauer	U	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
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The motion, seconded by Young, passed [3-0-0].

Gorski moved to appoint

MUNICIPAL AGENT to the ELDERLY

Mercedes M. Ricciuti	U	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
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The motion, seconded by Annino, passed [3-0-0].

Gorski moved to appoint

MUNICIPAL HISTORIAN

Thomas L. Lentz	R	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
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The motion, seconded by Young, passed [3-0-0].

Gorski moved to appoint

OPEN BURNING OFFICIAL

Ethan Daniel Drain	U	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
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The motion, seconded by Young, passed [3-0-0].

Gorski moved to appoint

TOWN COUNSEL

David Tycz., Esq Howard, McMillan & Tycz		01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
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The motion, seconded by Young, passed [3-0-0].

Gorski moved to appoint

TOWN ENGINEER, Consulting

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Nathan L. Jacobsen & Associates **01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023**
The motion, seconded by Annino, passed [3-0-0].

Gorski moved to appoint:
ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD
Joan D. Gay D 1/01/2023 – 12/31/2026
The motion, seconded by Annino passed [3-0-0].

Gorski moved to appoint
TREE WARDEN
Robert Bruce Fagan U 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
The motion, seconded by Young, passed [3-0-0].

7. Department Reports

A. A. KVFC Building Committee (see page 1)

B. BOE: Lisa Connelly gave the November Update, covering:

- First grade concert
- Bullying and bias program
- Software update, new payroll system
- CT Grown food program
- Professional Learning Subcommittee
- Girls x-country, field hockey achievements
- Joint meeting re capital planning
- CONSULT RSD17 for full report and other valuable information

C. Building/Health Department reports, and property transfers were distributed for review. Annino asked for an update on the efforts to address the backlog of open permits. Gorski will report back. There was further discussion about meeting with Building Administrative Assistant about that and pumpout documentation.

8. Budget report

Finance director's reports, with annotations, were distributed prior to the meeting.

9. New Business

A. EnSafe PFAS

Gorski reported on recent PFAS meeting with DEEP and DPH, expressing concerns about contamination beyond the town campus area.

EnSafe engineer Bob McCarthy gave a report on the status of the ongoing PFAS investigation, the size and scope of the overall contamination, and the challenges of the various methods of containment and remediation. He then fielded questions from the selectmen on the same. Gorski announced a February 8, 2023 Town Hall to educate the town on the problem and proposed solutions. DEEP, DPH, EnSafe and CRAHD will be present to field questions from residents and local businesses.

B Building Official

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Gorski reported that the town is seeking a new Building Official, as our current Building Inspector will not be certified in time to replace our current Interim Building Official.

C. Through-town Event

The Living Rock Church had asked the BOS, as Local Traffic Authority, to approve a route for a 5K road race through town. The proposed route would require the closure of two major state highways, so they have been asked to work with RST Mulhall in designing a new route for consideration. Gorski tabled the item.

10. Old Business

A. 2023 Meeting Schedule

Gorski moved to approve the following 2023 meeting schedule. The motion, seconded by Annino passed [3-0-0]

The meetings will be held at the Town Office Building

2.

Monday, Jan. 9 @ 7 pm

Monday, Jan. 23 @ 7 pm

Monday, Feb 13 @7 pm

Monday, Feb 27 @7 pm

Monday, Mar. 13 @7 pm

Monday, Mar. 27 @7 pm

Monday, Apr. 10 @7 pm

Monday, Apr. 24 @7 pm

Monday, May 8 @7 pm

Monday, May 22 @7 pm

Monday, June 12 @7 pm

Monday, June 26 @7 pm

Monday, July 10 @7 pm

Monday, July 24 @7 pm

Monday, Aug. 14 @7 pm

Monday, Aug. 28 @7 pm

Monday, Sept. 11@7 pm

Monday, Sept. 25@7 pm

Monday, Oct 9 @7 pm

Monday, Oct. 23 @7 pm

Monday, Nov. 13 @7 pm

Monday, Nov. 27 @7 pm

Monday, Dec. 11 @7 PM

B. DEEP Resolution for Killingworth Sports Facility

Motion by Gorski, seconded by Annino, to approve the following resolution to be used for the DEEP grant application submitted by Park and Rec Commission for the Killingworth Sports Facility:

Be it resolved that it is in the best interests of the Town of Killingworth to enter in to contracts with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection in support of a grant-in-aid to the Town of Killingworth for the Killingworth Sports Facility.

In furtherance of this resolution, First Selectman Nancy Gorski is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of Killingworth. Nancy Gorski currently holds the title of First Selectman and has held that office since November 8, 2021. The First Selectman is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the state or federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto.

The Town Clerk is authorized to impress the seal of the Town of Killingworth on any such document, amendment, rescission, or revision.

C. Personnel Manual

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Now that the town labor attorney has reviewed the document, an annotated draft of the Personnel manual was distributed for final BOS review. A draft of a Memorandum of Agreement for employees grandfathered under the old pension plan was also distributed.

D. Snow Removal

Truck and Driver pricing for the 2023 snow season was reviewed, and a one- year contract document for will be executed. 2024 pricing will be determined by a closed bidding process next spring. In all cases , hourly rates are subject to change based on economic conditions.

E. KAA/KVFC Pension Plan

A typographical error was found in the approved Pension Plan document representing a material change to the intended program. The corrected draft will be presented at town meeting for approval

Motion by Gorski to add an agenda item: DPW consultant. The motion, seconded by Young, passed.

[3-0-0]. Gorski secured a revise scope of work, with a \$20,000 cap, from McMahon and Associates. Gorski will proceed with the project.

Motion by Young to add an agenda item: Trash haulers The motion, seconded by Annino, passed.

[3-0-0]

See public comment. Young asked that the town review the law regarding trash hauler registration, work to ensure compliance, and put any registered haulers on the town website.

11. Selectmen's comments

Motion by Young to add an agenda item: Trash haulers The motion, seconded by Annino, passed.

[3-0-0]

See public comment. Young asked that the town review the law regarding trash hauler registration, work to ensure compliance, and put any registered haulers on the town website.

Motion by Young to add an item to agenda: Sustainable CT The motion, seconded by Annino, passed.

[3-0-0]

Young asked whether the local Sustainable CT team has been registered with the state. Gorski confirmed that it has.

Young asked that the serious septic backup issues at Beechwood be addressed by the town.

Annino asked if there were any objections to the Memorandum of Agreement mentioned in item 10 C. This document recognize that employees grandfathered in the old pension plan will now be eligible for prorated distribution if they leave before 15 years, as are employees in the current plan.

Hearing none, **Motion by Annino, seconded by Gorski, to execute the MOU for employees who are grandfathered under the old pension plan as presented. The motion, seconded by Young passed. [3-0-0]**

12. First Selectman's comments

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A.. Gorski attended the RiverCOG Legislative agenda meeting earlier in the week.

B. Gorski emphasized the need to prepare for anticipated costs to the town on PFAS investigation and remediation

C. Gorski reported on recent flooding at the food pantry. She sent landscapers to clear brush to work on runoff, and sent CleanStar Restoration to clean and dry out the building, repair drywall. Gorski is collecting quotes for vinyl flooring. Young and Annino suggested a new building assessment before proceeding with improvements.

D. Gorski acknowledged the need to address septic issues. Selectmen discussed reestablishing a separate Water Pollution Control Authority. There was consensus among the board about prioritizing creating the independent board.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Gorski to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. The motion, seconded by Young, passed [3-0-0]

Respectfully submitted on 12/16/2022 by E. Doyle Disbrow