

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
(PUBLIC HEARING)**

**Monday, April 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.  
Killingworth Town Hall**

**BOS Members in Attendance:** First Selectman Nancy Gorski and Selectmen Jamie Young and Louis Annino, Jr.

**BOS Members Absent:** None.

**Visitors:** Joan Gay, Kathy Zandi, Eric Nunes, Cathy Iino, Joanne Gorman, Jen Voegtli, Annie Stirna, Bill Kosturfo, Maureen Farrell Charney and Jamie Sciascia (Remote)

**Called to Order:** First Selectman Gorski called this meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

First Selectman Gorski opened the Public Hearing by noting that Attorney Dave Tycz has provided written feedback to the draft Charter. The CRC has held several public hearings, incorporating all the feedback they received into their version of the Charter that the BOS has in their hands now. Attorney Tycz asked for the true redlined version of the Charter, apparently some of the grammatical changes didn't appear in the version he has now. Gorski will reach out to Casey Jacob to obtain that copy. Gorski stated that the BOS needs to be done with their edits by May 9th, and the BOS will hand the draft Charter back to the CRC with their edits which they then have 30 days to compile the final report and then the BOS will have 15 days thereafter to vote to accept or reject the CRC's final report. Attorney Tycz did speak to Gorski about the Water Pollution Control Authority and how they can make recommendations as to whether they put it in the Charter, or they refer to the State Statute around sewers and pump outs. He also spoke about the acceptance and discontinuance of roads and will make recommendations as he sees fit.

Cathy Iino commented about the Water Pollution Control Authority if they wanted to have such a body, and suggested calling it something different. Cathy also suggested it doesn't have to be in the Charter, possibly creating a Committee.

Annie Stirna commented when she was reviewing the Charter a lot of the powers so to speak are tipped back to the First Selectman and wanted to know what the reasoning for that was specifically when it came to the hiring and firing for people that are elected.

Maureen Farrell Charney inquired if the full final version of the Charter goes to the Town members for a yes/no vote or if they vote on individual pieces of the Charter. Gorski responded that eventually it will go to a yes/no vote and stated that the draft Charter is on the Town

Website. Further, Gorski stated over the next few weeks the BOS will present some changes to the CRC to which they will decide what to incorporate and then the BOS approves to accept the final report and it moves it forward to Town Referendum. This will be on the ballot in November. Gorski also noted how the CRC went through each topic, prioritizing each by high, low, or med priority and also noting what they could take on and what they couldn't. The CRC further made a recommendation that the BOS consider charging a Committee to review the Form of Government, do we stay as a three member Board of Selectmen or do we move to a Town Manager. The CRC also reviewed the Water Pollution Authority.

Annino noted that they were really pleased with what was presented by the CRC. Young inquired if the CRC was planning on putting out a document explaining what was done and why the Townspeople should vote for the Charter. Kathy Zandi explained that they would do a similar style that they did for the BOS: a Redlined Version of the Charter, a Clean Version of the Charter, a Summary of What Was Decided to Be Changed, a Running list of Motions, List of Topics and Whether They Decided to Discuss Them or Change Them. Gorski will send out a Constant Contact advising that all artifacts associated with the Charter are listed on the Town Website for public viewing as well as an update on the new schedule.

Bill Kosturfo thanked the CRC for the excellent job in terms of documenting the process and all the various ways that a person could be looking at the changes, he noted it was extremely helpful to him. He asked about Town Counsel's last name and about his edits to the Charter. Gorski explained the process and how it will come back to the CRC for their review once completed by Attorney Tycz.

Gorski noted that Attorney Dave Tycz suggested that the BOS make changes in blue ink. Annino suggested making edits in a cleaned version. The BOS will meet again on Wednesday and then again on Monday to continue their work with the Charter edits to make sure they get everything back into the CRC's hands for May 9th.

Young and Annino noted how the CRC did a great job especially with how well documented the Charter edits were.

Joan Gay went over the 7 CRC Members: Joan Gay, Cathy Iino, Joanne Gorman, Kathy Zandi, Arjumund Abid, Casey Jacob, Eric Nunes.

Bill Kosturfo commented on the issue of the structure of Town Government and the Board of Selectmen versus potentially a Town Manager format, if that is an issue that the BOS intend to submit for consideration at a future time Gorski stated that this was something the CRC suggested the BOS charge a Committee to look at. Gorski also stated that this type of change for the Town of Killingworth would be a challenge and noted the pros and cons would have to be

reviewed. The goal is to get the Charter “across the finish line” and maybe down the road look at charging a CRC to look at those changes.

Cathy Iino feels strongly that a Committee should be created, noting that a Town Manager is only one of the possibilities, others include: expanding the number of people on the Board of Selectmen, creating a quorum requirement. Cathy’s envision for this Committee would be that its primary function would be to create a discourse throughout the Town that would bring voices to engage people, creating an open-ended dialog.

Maureen Farrell Charney echoed Cathy’s comments about getting a representative in Town for those people that are a little harder to reach due to work hours and still want to be part of the process in some way.

Brief discussion took place regarding surveys and getting the information out there in the Community.

First Selectman Gorski thanked everyone in attendance for coming.

First Selectman Gorski ***Moved*** to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia  
Clerk