

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, May 8, 2023 7:00 P.M. Killingworth Town Office Building

In attendance: N. Gorski, L. Annino, Jr., J. Young

Visitors: K. Zandi, E. Blewett, C. Jacob, J. Voegtli, D. Mooney, W. Linsley, J. Vece, D. Sullivan, E. Disbrow

1. The meeting was called to order at 7: 00 p.m.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance of Allegiance was recited.

3. Public comment

Town Clerk Dawn Mooney expressed concern about a letter that RiverCog was asking member selectmen to sign. She sought to underscore the difference between Early Voting, which is state law, and No Excuse Absentee Voting which is not yet approved in CT. She gave a thorough report on the recent history of absentee ballot voting during and since the pandemic, and bills being proposed moving forward. Mooney supports a shorter Early Voting window than is currently proposed, in combination with the current expanded absentee ballot availability.

4. Approval of minutes

Annino moved to approve as submitted the minutes of April 21, 2023. The motion, seconded by Young passed unanimously.

Annino moved to approve as submitted the minutes of April 24, 2023 regular meeting minutes? The motion, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.

Annino moved to approve as submitted the minutes of April 26, 2023 special meeting minutes? The motion, seconded by Young. passed unanimously.

Annino moved to approve as submitted the minutes of May 1, 2023 special meeting minutes? The motion, seconded by Young, passed unanimously.

5. Refunds and abatements

Gorski moved to approve a refund for overpayment to Daniel Vogt of 46 Granite Hill Rd in the amount of \$16.63. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

6. Department reports

Building department, Health Department and Transfers were distributed for review. BOE liaison Kathy Zandi gave her monthly update. Complete monthly updates of Board of Education meetings can be found on rsd17.org

7. Budget report

Referring to highlights from previously distributed YTD budget reports, Gorski noted expected overages in two areas:

- Highway Other - Basin cleaning over by \$15K – bid came in after budget passed
- Compactor Operations – Truck operation and repairs over by \$13K

8. Appointments: none

There was a brief discussion regarding appointments for a building official and ZEO/IWWCEO but no action was taken.

9. New Business

A. KAA request for capital ARPA funding

KAA president Dan O’Sullivan outlined an update to a previous budget request for ARPA funding related to the purchase of AEDs to be distributed around the town. O’Sullivan will meet with E. Disbrow regarding securing competitive bids for the items. The board took no action at this meeting but indicated they will review again at the beginning of the new fiscal year in July.

B. Memorial Day Events

Gorski noted upcoming events, including the Flag Placement Evergreen Cemetery, Flag Raising at Town Hall, and the annual ceremony at the Congregational Church. There was brief discussion about participation from the selectmen.

C. Early Voting letter

Referring back to Town Clerk Mooney’s public comment, Gorski added that at RiverCOG’s April meeting, CEOs expressed serious concerns about their municipalities’ ability to implement early voting. There was discussion about the proposed letter and consensus that the document was unclear in its objectives. The selectmen did not sign. Gorski to draft a letter with input from the town clerk, the registrar of voters, and her fellow selectmen.

D. Rumble strips on Route 148

Gorski noted that CT DOT is planning to install rumble strips on 148 between Parker Hill Road and Route 81 during the 2023 construction season.

10. Old Business

A. 23/24 MYCIP Approval

There was brief discussion regarding the updates. Year 1 was updated to tie to the FY23/24 budget. Roads being completed in FY22/23 were moved to down year requests. There were also a few updates to other down year requests.

Gorski moved to approve the 23/24 MYCIP and send it to town meeting for approval. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.

B. Charter Revision Commission

The BOS presented final changes to the Charter to the Charter Revision Commission (CRC) members present. (Zandi, Jacob). The CRC will review and provide the BOS with its final report no later than June 8th, 2023.

C. Town Hall Roof Repairs

A roofing consultant was preparing an assessment of their services to the town in an effort to help bid out the town hall roof repair project. There was consensus that the job can be done in-house.

D. KAA/KVFC Pension Plan

Gorski provided the selectmen with an updated KAA/KVFC Pension Plan document with the typo corrected. The plan was supposed to allow participants to defer payments to age 75, not 72. After discussion, Annino and Young to receive supporting documents to confirm the correction.

E. DPW Consultant

Gorski was interviewed by Michael McManus, the public works consultant, and was pleased with his questioning. Mr. McManus will continue to interview additional staff in the coming days. His full report is expected in June. Annino stressed that the focus remain on what needs to be done, as opposed to how.

F. Water Pollution Update

PFAS: Gorski sought feedback on the contents of the draft GAC testing results letter being sent to residents. The selectmen were still not comfortable assuming this level of responsibility without further discussion. Gorski to schedule a special meeting with DEEP and the selectmen to discuss. Gorski also spoke with town counsel regarding engagement with a litigation firm. An executive session will be planned.

Salt: Potable water has been delivered to two households near town campus whose wells have high levels of sodium.

11. Public Comment: none

12. Selectmen's comments

13. First Selectman's comments

- Gorski noted a list of assets for CIRMA requires a thorough review, with the appearance of curious items raising questions.
- Gorski also indicated HKYFS has hired a new prevention coordinator

14. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by E. Disbrow on 5/10/2023