

Minutes of Special Meeting No. 12152
Killingworth Planning & Zoning Commission
Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 6:45 PM
Killingworth Town Office Building
323 Route 81, Killingworth/Remote Access

Commission Members in Attendance: Paul McGuinness (Chair), Thomas Hogarty, Geoffrey Cook, Lisa D'Angelo, Julie Phelps (Seated for Mike Drew/Alternate) and Stephnie Warren (Seated for Brice McLaughlin/Alternate)

Commission Members Not in Attendance: Mike Drew, Alec Martin, Brice McLaughlin

Staff in Attendance: Linda Kieft-Robitaille (ZEO), and Jamie Sciascia (P&Z Clerk/Via Remote)

Visitors: Richard Pleines

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM. by Paul McGuinness, Chair.

Discussion and possible action to fill a vacancy on the Commission created by the resignation of Brice McLaughlin:

Chair McGuinness stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider and potentially appoint an individual to fill the vacancy resulting from Brice McLaughlin's recent resignation for personal reasons. The appointment would be effective through November 2025, at which time the seat will be subject to re-election.

Chair McGuinness further noted that the candidate to fill the vacancy cannot be a Democrat, as the Commission must maintain at least two minority-party members; with four Democrats currently serving, the replacement must come from another party. The Republican Town Committee was asked to provide a recommendation for filling the vacancy, and they suggested that the Commission consider Richard Pleines.

Richard Pleines gave a brief introduction of himself and stated that he has been a resident of the town since 1974, graduated from the RSD17 High School, and has spent much of his career working in the community. Mr. Pleines noted that he is deeply vested in the town and, given his daily work in Planning and Zoning, believes he would be a valuable asset. Mr. Pleines also stated how he worked extensively with Planning and Zoning in Clinton.

Review of candidate(s) nominated for consideration to fill the remainder of Bill Tobelman's term (November 2025):

The Commission reviewed Richard Pleines' resume and confirmed his willingness to serve for the remainder of the term.

Thomas Hogarty *Moved* and Stephanie Warren *Seconded* a motion to appoint Richard Pleines to the Killingworth Planning and Zoning Commission, to fill the vacancy of Brice McLaughlin, until his term expires in November 2025.

Motion unanimously passed [6-0-0].

Adjournment:

Chairman McGuinness adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia
Clerk