

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monday, December 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.  
Killingworth Town Hall/Remote Access Available**

**BOS Members in Attendance:** First Selectman Eric Couture, Selectmen Nancy Gorski and Joel D'Angelo

**BOS Members Absent:** None.

**Staff in Attendance:** Regina Regolo (Director of Finance/Via Remote), Elizabeth Disbrow (Executive Assistant to First Selectman), Annie Stirna (Chair, Board of Finance/Via Remote), and Jamie Sciascia (Clerk/Via Remote)

**Visitors:** Eileen Blewett (Via Remote)

**Called to Order:** First Selectman Couture called this meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion #1 - Selectman Gorski *Moved* and Selectman D'Angelo *Seconded* a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of the Selectmen that was held on Monday, December 8, 2025 as presented.

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

Motion #2 - First Selectman Couture *Moved* and Selectman Gorski *Seconded* a motion to approve the following Refunds, all for overpayment, and allow them to follow its normal course as presented.

**Refunds, Abatements and Transfers:**

**Refunds -**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
1. Nissan Motors	PO Box 22059 Nash.	\$260.76	COC#54887
2. Alicia Duncanson	22 Jacobs Ln	\$76.02	COC#51901
3. Edward Crotty	50 Cow Hill Rd	\$285.32	COC#51418
4. Nissan Infiniti	PO Box 254649	\$345.38	COC#54871
5. Enterprise Trust	2281 Ball Dr	\$101.15	COC#51985

6. New England Tooling 24 W Main St \$25.67 COC#54853

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

**New Business:**

**A. Friendly Fund**

First Selectman Couture reported that the town plans to provide emergency support for residents in need of fuel assistance through the Friendly Fund. The \$25,000 appropriation from the General Fund would be used solely for residents already approved for State Fuel Assistance Program, ensuring that the funds reach those most in need. The funds are intended as a contingency if the Friendly Fund is depleted, especially given early cold weather and uncertainty about state funding. Couture emphasized that the money comes from the General Fund and would not require additional taxation, and any unused funds could later be returned if state aid becomes available.

Motion #3 - First Selectman Couture **Moved** and Selectman D'Angelo **Seconded** a motion that the Board of Selectmen recommend to the Board of Finance that it approve an emergency appropriation of \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Friendly Fund, to be used as needed to replenish the Friendly Fund for the purpose of fuel assistance.

Selectman Gorski **Amended** the motion to include language specifying that the appropriation be used exclusively for fuel assistance for residents.

*Discussion - Director of Finance Regolo clarified that the funds would remain in the General Fund and would not be transferred unless and until a demonstrated need exists, at which time amounts would be transferred incrementally as needed. Regolo also requested that the appropriation include a "not to exceed amount" in the motion.*

First Selectman Couture **Moved to Adopt the Amendment** and Selectman D'Angelo **Seconded** a motion to request the Board of Finance approve an amount not to exceed \$25,000, to be taken from the General Fund, and transferred to the Friendly Fund as needed, to offset anticipated shortfall due to reductions in Fuel Assistance payments to qualified residents.

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

**B. River Valley Transit Bus Stop**

First Selectman Couture reported on the River Valley Transit bus stop initiative, noting that Brendan Geraghty, the River COG liaison, was unable to attend the meeting. River Valley Transit is transitioning from a flagdown system to designated bus stop signs along Route 81 to improve safety, as riders have been observed waiting in unsafe locations such as near guardrails and corners. Couture further reported that the agency is in the early stages of obtaining DOT permits to install sign-only bus stops, which will be spaced approximately every 1,000 feet in well known and frequently used locations, specifically areas near Beechwood and local businesses. While shelters may be considered in the future, their placement presents challenges due to roadway conditions and safety concerns. Ridership has been strong over the past two years, particularly serving employees in nearby commercial areas.

### **C. Town-Owned Parcels**

First Selectman Couture reported on town-owned parcels, noting that three parcels were under discussion. Two buildable lots on Beaver Dam Road were acquired by the town when a prior development failed. One lot was sold previously, and the town plans to move forward with selling the remaining two lots by engaging a realtor. One of the lots is just over three acres, and there had been prior interest expressed. The parcels have been unused and are considered surplus. Couture reported that the third town-owned parcel is an approximately one-acre lot acquired by the town in the 1990s or early 2000s, identified as the parcel on Route 148. While there has been interest from an abutting property owner, the building file for the parcel is clearly marked “do not sell” due to the circumstances under which the property was originally acquired. Couture advised that, depending on charter and statutory requirements related to the disposal of town-owned and potentially forested land, approval at a Town Meeting may be required before the sale can proceed. The Board discussed adjacent parcels identified as Land Trust property, including areas with known Native American archaeological features, but those parcels are not part of the proposed sale.

**Public Comment:** None.

### **Selectmen’s Comments:**

Nancy Gorski -

- Gorski commented that the Board of Education recently approved the Administrative Contract noting the importance of reviewing the administrative contract prior to entering teacher contract negotiations. Gorski also commented that the Board should consider whether members of the Board of Finance should participate in the teacher contract Process going forward.
- Gorski commented that there are potential concerns about Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) funding due to Waterbury’s water issues. Gorski suggested following up with Joseph Buehler regarding the possible funding impact.

Joel D’Angelo -

- D’Angelo expressed appreciation for the recent presentation by the Ethics Committee and acknowledgment of the work completed. D’Angelo expressed interest in understanding the timeline and next steps to keep the ethics initiative moving forward.
- D’Angelo spoke about concerns regarding the recent town-wide power outage and its significant impact on some residents. D’Angelo stated he hopes that full power has been restored, particularly given the weather and holiday season.
- D’Angelo extended Holiday wishes to the Community.

### **First Selectman’s Comments:**

Eric Couture -

- Couture commented that the recent power outage was likely caused by one or two microbursts occurring within a short time frame. Approximately nine trees fell, resulting in power outages across town. Couture advised that power has been fully restored, with the last affected areas, including Kelsey Town and North Tower near Route 80, restored as of the previous day.

- Couture reported that the Ethics Committee matter is currently under review by legal counsel. Due to the holiday season, the review timeline is flexible.
- Couture wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and extended warm wishes to those in the community who celebrated Hanukkah.

**Adjournment:** First Selectman Couture adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia  
Clerk