

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, April 13, 2026 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: Elizabeth Disbrow (Executive Assistant to First Selectman), Regina Regolo (Director, Board of Finance) and Jamie Sciascia (Clerk/Via Remote)

Visitors: Annie Stirna (Chair, Board of Finance), Eileen Blewett (Via Remote), Richard Pleines (Via Remote), William Joyce (Chair of Committee on Aging), (Richard Desroisers, Associate Principal at GZA) and Jerry McDermott

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 D’Angelo *Moved* and Selectman Gorski *Seconded* a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen that was held on Monday, March 23, 2026 as presented.

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

Refunds and Abatements:

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

Refunds -

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
1. Ryan Huebner	25 Cow Pen Hill Rd	\$303.00	COC#80052
2. Gary Okarmus	15 Victoria Dr	\$272.92	COC#80819
3. Chimney Sweeps LLC	28 Madison Hollow	\$79.19	COC#40415

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

Department Reports:

First Selectman Couture noted that Department Reports were distributed via email to the Board for review. He indicated that any questions for Michele Nuhn or other department heads should be forwarded accordingly.

25/26 Budget Report:

First Selectman Couture reported that the Board received the 2025–2026 Budget Reports for the current fiscal year that were previously distributed to the Board and reviewed prior to the meeting. There were no additional questions for Director of Finance Regolo. Gorski stated that she previously requested a 10-year historical view of town and school budgets, along with mill rate data, to provide broader context ahead of the upcoming public hearing.

Director of Finance Regolo reported she is working on projections and does not anticipate a significant variance from the planned year-end shortfall, which is expected to be covered by fund balance as budgeted. Regolo noted the current unassigned fund balance is approximately \$3 million, reflecting amounts already earmarked for the current fiscal year, and referenced the audit and financial reports for additional detail.

New Business:

A. Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Municipal Grant

1. Maintenance of Effort Certification

2. Grant Assignment Certification

First Selectman Couture reported on both the Maintenance of Effort Certification and the Grant Assignment Certification for the Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Municipal Grant. It was noted that River Valley Transit serves as the agency responsible for administering and performing services on behalf of the Town, and that the certifications formalize this arrangement.

Motion #3 - Selectman Gorski *Moved* and Selectman D'Angelo *Seconded* a motion to approve the Maintenance of Effort Certification as well as the Grant Assignment Certification associated with the Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Municipal for the fiscal year 26/27.

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

B. Board of Finance budget discussion 2026/2027

The Board of Finance presented their adjustments to the Board of Selectmen which are reflected in the preliminary budget on file with the Town Clerk.

C. Special Appropriation: Bonding

The Board discussed a proposed special appropriation for a bonding resolution covering roads, vehicles, and facilities improvements. First Selectman Couture reported that Bond Counsel and the financial advisor will begin preparing draft resolution language and supporting financial materials upon authorization. The process timeline was reviewed, including the Annual Public Hearing scheduled for April 27th and the Town Meeting scheduled for May 18th. It was noted that bonding of this type is infrequent, with the last issuance approximately 20 years ago.

The Board further clarified that school-related bonding is allocated through the Regional School District Budget as debt service shared by both towns. Broader context was provided regarding

municipal reliance on bonding for capital projects and the impact of education costs on local budgets.

Motion #4 - Selectman D'Angelo *Moved* and Selectman Gorski *Seconded* a motion to recommend a special appropriation in the total amount of \$4,633,545 for roads, vehicles, and facilities improvements, to be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

D. Regular Meeting BOS Change of Date:

First Selectman Couture reported that the regular Board of Selectmen meeting scheduled for April 27th will be moved to April 28th due to anticipated changes in the Public Hearing schedule. The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. due to another meeting utilizing the space.

Old Business:

A. Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan

First Selectman Couture reported that he had been keeping the Capital Improvement Plan on the Agenda for continuity purposes. An updated version will be provided after revisions, including the reorganization of items and removal of certain road projects.

B. Code of Ethics

First Selectman Couture provided an update on the Code of Ethics, noting relevant progress and follow-up items. Couture noted that prior comments would be submitted for follow-up, and that the Ethics Committee had met the previous week. Couture clarified mandatory state requirements, confirming that all elected officials are required by state statute to complete sexual harassment training.

Selectman Gorski inquired about the definition of “employee” and how it applies to KAA. Couture noted that this definition may require further clarification, particularly given the Town’s pension-related relationship, and that additional input is needed to properly interpret its application.

Public Comment: None.

Selectmen’s Comments:

Nancy Gorski -

- Gorski inquired about the land conveyance, noting that she was not aware of the request and that it had not been brought before the Board of Selectmen.

First Selectman Couture acknowledged and reported that the Committee on Aging had requested that the Town approach the State regarding a potential conveyance of a portion of state-owned property on Roast Meat Hill Road to support affordable housing goals. Couture noted that any conveyance would require Town Meeting approval. He explained he testified at a State hearing in support of the request, but the proposal was opposed and is not expected to move forward due to environmental and site constraints, including watershed designation, streams, and active management use.

- Gorski inquired about the Fair Rent Commission and whether the process was still on track. First Selectman Couture referenced a requested extension and timing related to an upcoming Saturday deadline. First Selectman Couture responded that an extension had been requested, but it was unclear whether the Fair Rent Commission had acted on or scheduled a meeting to consider it, and the status remains pending.

Joel D'Angelo - No Comments.

First Selectman's Comments:

Eric Couture -

- Couture noted that NAA Applications are already coming in, and referenced the Land Trust.

Motion #5 - Selectman D'Angelo ***Moved*** and Selectman Gorski ***Seconded*** enter into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss a real estate matter, and to invite Rich Desrosiers and Jerry McDermott into the Executive Session

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

Executive Session started at 8:04 p.m.

Executive Session: Real Estate:

The Board of Selectmen discussed a Real Estate matter with Rich Desrosiers and Jerry McDermott.

Executive Session ended at approximately 8:38 p.m.

Adjournment: First Selectman adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia
Clerk