

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.  
Killingworth Town Hall/Remote Access Available**

**BOS Members in Attendance:** First Selectman Eric Couture and Selectman Nancy Gorski (Arrived at 5:08 p.m.)

**BOS Members Absent:** Selectman Joel D'Angelo

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

**Visitors:** Eileen Blewett (Via Remote), Eileen Unger Pleines (Via Remote)

**Called to Order:** First Selectman Couture called this meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion #1 - Selectman Gorski *Moved* and First Selectman Couture *Seconded* a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen that was held on Monday, April 13, 2026 as presented.

Motion unanimously passed [2-0-0].

**Refunds and Abatements:**

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 -**

<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Address:</u></b>	<b><u>Amount:</u></b>	<b><u>Reason:</u></b>
1. Mark & Dawn Albrecht	671 Route 81	\$372.08	Online Overpayment
2. Mark & Dawn Albrecht	671 Route 81	\$908.51	Online Overpayment
3. Mark & Dawn Albrecht	671 Route 81	\$251.01	Online Overpayment
4. Mark & Dawn Albrecht	671 Route 81	\$2,734.22	Online Overpayment

Motion unanimously passed [2-0-0].

**Department Reports:** None.

**25/26 Budget Report:** First Selectman Couture reported on the 25–26 Budget. Director of Finance Regolo is finalizing the budget report and beginning year-end reconciliation and projections.

**Old Business:**

**A. Multi-year Capital Improvement Plan**

First Selectman Couture reported that the first year of the Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan is largely aligned with the version presented the previous night, except for Board of Finance adjustments, for which minutes are not yet available. Couture requested a detailed review of the plan with Selectmen D’Angelo and Gorski. Couture noted that the road project priorities are largely set, with escalation cost estimates still needed.

**New Business:**

**A. Resolution re: Special Appropriation**

Motion #3 - First Selectman Couture *Moved* to approve the following Resolution regarding a Special Appropriation and Bond Authorization:

**TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
RESOLUTIONS**

**RE: Confirming, Ratifying and Approving Previous Appropriations in the Amount of \$2,158,845, Authorizing an Additional Appropriation of \$2,551,155 for a Total Appropriation of \$4,710,000 and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of \$4,710,000 for Various Capital Projects.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Killingworth (the “Town”) previously approved appropriations for the following projects in various capital budgets (the “Approved Projects”) in the following amounts (the “Previously Appropriated Amounts”); and

<u>Approved Projects</u>	<u>Previously Appropriated Amounts</u>	<u>Capital Budget(s)</u>
Transfer Station Canopies	\$100,000	2025/2026
Emanuel Church Road Bridge & Pavement	\$475,000	2019/2020 and 2024/2025
Cow Hill Road Drainage	\$196,277	2024/2025
Pumper 851	\$1,387,568	2024/2025
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,158,845</b>	

**WHEREAS**, the Town seeks to appropriate an additional \$2,551,155 for various projects in connection with the 2026/2027 capital budget (the “Additional Appropriation,” together with the Previously Appropriated Amounts, the “Project Appropriation”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town desires to fund the Project Appropriation in the total amount of \$4,710,000 with bonds issued by the Town; and

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Selectmen hereby approves and recommends to the Board of Finance and the electors and persons qualified to vote at Town Meetings that

(i) the Previously Approved Appropriation in the amount of \$2,158,845 for the Approved Projects is hereby confirmed, ratified and approved (the “Ratification”).

(ii) the Town of Killingworth (the “Town”) appropriates the additional sum of \$2,551,155 (the “Current Appropriation,” together with the Previously Approved Appropriation, the “Appropriation”) for the cost of various projects, as hereinafter listed, including all repairs, alterations, improvements and

architectural, engineering and other fees and costs associated with such improvements, and temporary and permanent financing costs (the “Current Projects”):

<b>Current Projects</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Capital Budget</b>
HW Dept Vehicles	\$883,495	2026/2027
Chip Sealing	\$232,695	2026/2027
Transfer Station Canopies	\$55,495	2026/2027
Irene Sheldon Park - playground renovation	\$258,495	2026/2027
Rocco Reale Field – install lights and replace outfield fence	\$183,495	2026/2027
Irene Sheldon Park – permanent bathroom facilities	\$58,495	2026/2027
Eric Auer Park – storage building with bathroom facilities and septic system	\$258,495	2026/2027
Town Office Building Campus Improvements	\$58,495	2026/2027
Chip Sealing	\$561,995	N/A
<b>Total Additional Appropriation:</b>	<b>\$2,551,155</b>	
<b>Total Previously Approved Appropriation:</b>	<b>\$2,158,845</b>	
<b>Appropriation:</b>	<b>\$4,710,000</b>	

(iii) to meet said Appropriation and in lieu of a tax therefor, bonds of the Town be issued pursuant to Chapter 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Charter of the Town or any other provision of law thereto enabling, in the maximum principal amount of \$4,710,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary after deducting grants or other sources of funds available therefor (the “Bond Authorization,” together with the Appropriation and the Ratification, the “Actions”). The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and the full faith and credit of the Town shall be pledged to the payment thereof.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that should the Actions be approved by the Board of Finance and the electors and persons qualified to vote at Town Meeting,

(i) that the First Selectman and the Treasurer be authorized to issue and sell temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$4,710,000 in anticipation of the receipt of proceeds from the sale of such bonds and to determine the amount, date, date of maturity, interest rate, form and other details of such notes pursuant to Chapter 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Town Charter or any other provision of law thereto enabling, provided that the proceeds from the sale of such notes shall be used for said purpose.

(ii) The First Selectman and the Treasurer shall sign the bonds or the notes by either manual or facsimile signatures and that the law firm of Pullman & Comley, LLC is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or the notes.

(iii) that the First Selectman and the Treasurer, or either of them, be authorized to designate a bank or trust company to be the certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale or by direct placement; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary to appropriate to issue the bonds or notes. If the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution are issued on a tax-exempt basis, the First Selectman and the Treasurer, or either of them, are authorized to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal

income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, provided the Board of Finance approves the Actions, the Town convene a Special Town Meeting to be held on May 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at \_\_\_\_\_, Killingworth, Connecticut to vote upon the resolution authorizing the appropriation and financing for the Project referenced above.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town reasonably expects to incur expenditures (the “Expenditures”) in connection with the capital projects for which a general functional description is provided in the resolution above. The Town reasonably expects to reimburse itself for the cost of the Expenditures and the proceeds of general obligation bonds and notes of the Town described above. The maximum principal amount of such debt (both bonds and notes) is not expected to exceed \$4,710,000. This declaration of official intent is a declaration of official intent made pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

*Discussion – Gorski declined to second the motion and indicated she was not inclined to pursue the item. Couture stated that Selectman D’Angelo supported taking action on the motion that evening and that the item could be forwarded to the Board of Finance for recommendation. The possibility of a special meeting on Thursday was also noted.*

Motion **Failed** for Lack of a Second.

#### **B. Issue Call to Annual Town Budget Meeting**

First Selectman Couture noted that the Call for the Annual Town Budget Meeting could not be issued without approval of Agenda Item A (Resolution re: Special Appropriation).

**Public Comment:** None.

#### **Selectmen’s Comments:**

##### **Nancy Gorski -**

- Gorski raised concerns about unsafe traffic conditions near Roast Meat Hill during Little League opening day. She noted that parked cars near the corner obstructed visibility of oncoming traffic, creating a hazardous situation. Gorski questioned enforcement and signage regarding no parking zones at intersections and described the overall traffic management as disorganized.
- Gorski expressed dissatisfaction with the prior evening’s proceedings and the Board of Finance’s approach to capital financing. Referencing her approximately 20 years of experience, including prior service on the Board of Finance, she stated that the town has historically funded capital needs on an ongoing basis and questioned the inclusion of approximately \$239,000 in the capital budget. She stated that regular annual contributions to capital reserves are necessary to help stabilize the mill rate and expressed opposition to the current financing approach. She further stated that the proceedings did not reflect well on the Town of Killingworth or the Board.

Motion #4 - Selectman Gorski **Moved** to make a motion for Vote of No Confidence in the Board of Finance.

Motion **Failed** for Lack of a Second.

**First Selectman's Comments:**

**Eric Couture -**

- Couture stated that, following the Public Hearing, the Board of Finance added portions of Parmelee's capital and operating requests to the budget and increased the transfer to capital to approximately \$690,000. Couture noted that, while the meeting could have been conducted more effectively, the Board of Finance has been acting diligently and considering multiple factors. It was also noted that the budget was adjusted following the meeting and that discussions will continue.
- Couture reported that the Memorial Day Parade sign-up forms have been printed and will be posted online shortly. He noted that planning for the event is underway.
- Couture reported that the state legislative session is expected to conclude next Wednesday. He reported that approximately \$270 million in municipal funding has been agreed to, including about \$170 million for ECS and \$100 million in other municipal-related funding, with final details still pending. He further stated that because one of the motions failed, a special meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible, likely on Thursday, with the exact time to be determined.

**Adjournment:** Selectman Gorski **Moved** and First Selectman Couture **Seconded** a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:29 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed [2-0-0].

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jamie Sciascia*

Jamie Sciascia  
Clerk