

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 4:00 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 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 4:00 p.m.

Resolution re: Special Appropriation

Motion #1 - First Selectman Couture *Moved* and Selectman D’Angelo *Seconded* a motion 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
Total:	\$2,158,845	

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”):

Current Projects	Amount	Capital Budget
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
Total Additional Appropriation:	\$2,551,155	
Total Previously Approved Appropriation:	\$2,158,845	
Appropriation:	\$4,710,000	

(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 or 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 Elementary School, 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 - Selectman Gorski expressed concern that project costs have increased significantly from prior presentations and this had not been clearly communicated to the public. The Board discussed the financing structure, raising questions about whether bonding would occur at the end of the project, be issued incrementally, or reflect a reduced amount. First Selectman Couture clarified that bond anticipation notes are not expected to be used, which differed from earlier assumptions and created uncertainty about the final financing structure. Couture noted that clarification from bond counsel may be

required. Couture explained that the resolution language was intentionally written to be flexible in order to allow adjustments in project timing and funding, including shifting amounts between years and offsetting costs such as road work. Selectman D'Angelo expressed comfort with moving the proposal forward to the town electors but emphasized the importance of a clear, deliberate, and well-managed town meeting process, including potential reliance on Robert's Rules due to the possibility of amendments. Gorski also raised concern with the wording of the Resolution, specifically regarding the phrase indicating that the Board of Selectmen "hereby approves," noting that it could imply premature approval. She further emphasized that, if the proposal moves forward, it should be clearly explained so voters fully understand the financial details and outstanding uncertainties.

Couture/D'Angelo - Yes

Gorski - No

Motion passed [2-1-0].

Issue Call to Annual Town Budget Meeting

Motion #2 - First Selectman Couture **Moved** and Selectman D'Angelo **Seconded** a motion to approve the the following Legal Call to Annual Town Budget Meeting:

LEGAL NOTICE AND WARNING OF ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING and SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH, CONNECTICUT

All electors and persons qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Killingworth, Connecticut (the "Town"), are hereby notified that the Board of Selectmen of the Town are convening a Special Town Meeting to be held at Killingworth Elementary School, 340 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut at 7 o'clock p.m. on May 18, 2026 for the following purposes:

Item 1. To approve the Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2027 through Fiscal Year 2036.

Item 2. To consider, discuss, and vote upon: i) an appropriation in the amount of \$4,710,000, which includes a previously approved appropriations in the amount of \$2,158,845 plus an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,551,155 for the cost of various capital projects as set forth in more detail in the text of the resolution, including all repairs, alterations, improvements and architectural, engineering and other fees and costs associated with such improvements, and temporary and permanent financing costs (collectively, the "Appropriation"), and ii) 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 bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and the full faith and credit of the Town shall be pledged to the payment thereof.

The full text of the authorizing resolutions for the project above is on file and open to inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut for the use of any interested person.

Item 3. To adopt the Budget recommendation of the Board of Finance of Capital Expenditures for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 in the amount of \$2,256,214.

Item 4. To adopt the Budget recommendation of the Board of Finance of an Operating Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 in the amount of \$5,911,808.

Item 5. To accept the annual reports from Fiscal Years 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Item 6. To confirm the Selectmen’s appointment of James Joseph Duffield (U), Chris Robert Smalley (U) and William Raymond Burley (U) as Killingworth representatives to the Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Authority, for a term to commence upon the confirmation and to continue until June 30, 2027

Dated at Killingworth, Connecticut this 30th day of April, 2026.

Eric Donavon Couture
First Selectman

Joel A. D’Angelo
Selectman

Nancy M. Gorski
Selectman

Discussion - Selectman Gorski raised a question regarding how the \$2,256,214 appropriation relates to the capital projects included in the bonding resolution, noting that the amount does not directly match any single line item. First Selectman Couture explained that the figure includes both project costs and financing components within the resolution, and that additional capital projects within the fiscal year are not included in the bonding package, accounting for differences between totals.

The Board discussed town meeting logistics, including the proposed start time. Concern was noted regarding deviation from the customary 7:00 PM start time, and the Board agreed to maintain the 7:00 PM start time in the interest of consistency with past practice. It was also noted that a town moderator would preside over the meeting.

The Board reviewed procedural structure for the town meeting, including public comment time limits of up to three minutes per speaker. The Board noted that proceedings will follow Robert’s Rules of Order, and that town meetings are more structured than public hearings.

Motion unanimously passed [3-0-0].

Adjournment: First Selectman Couture adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sciascia

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Clerk