

**KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL GOAL SETTING MEETING**

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2024

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Town Meeting Room
Killingly Town Hall

**AGENDA
KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL**

The Town Council of the Town of Killingly held a Special Meeting on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Town Meeting Room of the Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main Street, Killingly, Connecticut. The agenda was as follows:

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Citizens' Statements and Petitions

Pursuant to the Town Council's Rules of Procedure, Article IV, Section 2, all presentations by citizens shall be limited to an aggregate of forty-five minutes (45) and each citizen's presentation shall not exceed five (5) minutes unless otherwise indicated by a majority vote of the Town Council.

Public comment can be emailed to publiccomment@killinglyct.gov or mailed to Town of Killingly, 172 Main Street, Killingly, CT 06239 on or before the meeting. All public comment must be received prior to 11 am Friday, March 4, 2022. Public comment will be posted on the Town's website www.killinglyct.gov.

4. New Business

a) Discussion of Town Council goals

5. Adjournment

1. Chairman Anderson called the Special Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. On Roll Call, all counselors were present except Mr. Whitehead who was absent with notification. Town Manager Calorio, Finance Director Hawkins, and Council Secretary Buzalski were also present.

3. Citizens' Statements and Petitions:

Frank Alemian would like to see the meetings posted in the newspaper. He would also like to see the formation of a committee to develop a vision for the Town.

John LaBelle suggested that the Council "define the destination" and build a community around that concept. He would also like to see the town develop a vision for the future.

4. New Business

4a. Discussion of Town Council goals:

Councilors discussed goals as follows:

1. Support additional funding for improvement to parks & open space.
 - a. Look to acquire space to protect or expand park/recreation space.
2. Education on how State requirements impact local requirements.

3. Forestry Management
 - a. Maintenance
 - b. Removal of dead trees
 - c. Volunteer to keep/maintain trails/spaces (i.e. planting, clean up days, trail markings)
 - i. Possible volunteer groups – youth, civic organizations, Community Garden
 - ii. How to keep consistency with volunteers
4. Continue to support road and drainage infrastructure.
5. Support wastewater infrastructure improvements.
6. Citizens Engagement
 - a. Hold “Coffee with a Counciler” sessions - Quarterly.
 - b. Empower citizens to engage.
 - c. Are we welcoming the citizens to participate?
 - d. Council booths at community events
 - e. Meet & greets with materials.
 - f. Newsletter
7. Create a short term and long-term plan for the Constabulary program. What are the next steps?
8. Support Brownfield remediation/clean up.
9. Create a Vision Committee to develop a recommendation on future direction of the Town
 - a. Why do people come here?
 - b. Vision Committee to possibly include members from the KBA, citizens, Lake Association, Keep Killingly Rural organization, and the Chamber.
 - c. Recruitment of members at community events like the Red, White & Blue or Celebrate Killingly.
 - d. Destination recognition: rural, business, people can afford to live here
10. Zoning changes
 - a. Fair Share Housing
 - b. Unfunded mandates by State legislation
 - c. Penalty if affordable housing drops below 10%
11. Support Veterans Coffeehouse – Fundraising?

Top 5 Goals

1. Vision – Develop a long-term vision for the Town.
2. Communication – improving communication to the public
3. Constabulary Program– Create long- and short-term goals for the program
4. Infrastructure improvements – including wastewater infrastructure
5. Brownfield Remediation

5. Adjournment

Mr. Kerttula made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wakefield, to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

The meeting ended at 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Buzalski
Council Secretary
