

12. Adjournment:

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

Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

The meeting ended at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Buzalski  
Council Secretary

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**KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE:** Tuesday, December 12, 2023

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** TOWN MEETING ROOM  
KILLINGLY TOWN HALL

**AGENDA**

The Town Council of the Town of Killingly held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.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. **PRAYER**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**
4. **ROLL CALL**
5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
  - a) Regular Town Council Meeting – November 14, 2023
6. **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND DECLARATIONS**
  - a) Proclamation Recognizing December 2023 as Driving Impairment Awareness Month
  - b) Proclamation Supporting Israel
  - c) Proclamation Honoring Teacher of the Year for Killingly Public Schools
  - d) Proclamation Honoring Teacher of the Year for Harvard H. Ellis Technical High School
  - e) Proclamation Honoring Teacher of the Year for St. James Parochial School
  - f) Presentation of Plaque Honoring Outgoing Councilor Raymond Wood
  - g) Presentation on the Box Culvert Drainage Study by David Capacchione, Town Engineer
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR TOWN MEETING ACTION**
8. **CITIZEN'S 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 (45) minutes 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 made in person or submitted by 2 p.m. the day

of the meeting via email at [publiccomment@killinglyct.gov](mailto:publiccomment@killinglyct.gov), mailed to Town Manager's Office, 172 Main Street, Killingly, CT 06239 or put in the drop box on the side of the Town Hall. Public comment will be posted on the Town's website, [www.killinglyct.gov](http://www.killinglyct.gov).

**9. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS**

**10. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**11. REPORTS FROM LIAISONS**

- a) Board of Education Liaison
- b) Borough Council Liaison

**12. DISCUSSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BUDGET REPORTS**

- a) Summary Report on General Fund Appropriations for Town Government
- b) System Object Based on Adjusted Budget for the Board of Education

**13. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

- a) Town Manager Report
- b) Northeast District Department of Health 2023-2026 Community Health Needs Assessment
- c) Killingly 2021 Equity Profile

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR TOWN COUNCIL ACTION**

- a) Consideration and action on a resolution appointing the Town Attorney
- b) Consideration and action on a resolution appointing Special Counsel
- c) Consideration and action on a resolution appointing Town Council's recording secretary
- d) Consideration and action on a resolution adopting the Town Council's Rules of Procedure
- e) Discussion of Town Council liaisons to Boards and Commissions

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

**16. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

**REGULAR MEETING**

1. Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Prayer by Mr. Anderson.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
4. Upon roll call all Councilors were present. Also present were Town Manager Calorio, Finance Director Hawkins, and Council Secretary Buzalski.

**5. Adoption of minutes of previous meetings**

**5a. Regular Town Council Meeting – November 14, 2023**

Ms. Wakefield made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tiik-Barclay, to adopt the minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting of November 14, 2023.

Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Mr. Grandelski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tiik-Barclay, to add agenda item 6b2,

Proclamation Acknowledging December 16, 2023, as Celebrating Wreaths Across America

Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Mr. Grandelski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Giambattista, to add agenda item 15a,

Discussion and action on the termination of all agreements, contracts, etc., regarding the NTE Power Plant Project.

Discussion followed. This issue needs to be reviewed by the Town Attorney before action is taken. Mr. Grandelski rescinded his motion and Mr. Giambattista rescinded his second.

6. Presentations, proclamations, and declarations:

6a. Proclamation Recognizing December 2023 as Driving Impairment Awareness Month

Mr. Anderson read the following:

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 2023 AS  
DRIVING IMPAIRMENT AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS** approximately one-third of all fatal traffic accidents in the United States in 2023 involved impaired drivers. The use of alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs can affect the brain by impairing motor skills, reaction time, and judgment, which are all critical while driving; and,

**WHEREAS** impaired driving is a public health concern because it not only puts the driver at risk, but also endangers the lives and safety of passengers and others sharing the road; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), twice as many impaired and fatal accidents occur on the weekend; and,

**WHEREAS**, through the exercise of good judgment, personal responsibility, and a commitment to never drive while under the influence of alcohol or drugs every community member can play a role in the fight against impaired driving due to drunk, drugged, and distracted driving; and,

**WHEREAS** the year-end holiday season is traditionally a time for social gatherings which includes alcohol. Whether you are driving, riding, or hosting a celebration, celebrate with a plan. Designate a Driver, utilize public transportation, stay the night, never drink and drive. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recognizes this as one of the deadliest and most dangerous times on American roadways due to an increase in impaired driving. We must all recognize the danger impaired driving can pose for drivers, passengers, and all others sharing the road, and encourage our communities to identify, develop, and promote solutions to this critical issue that takes away thousands of lives every year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY that the month of December is hereby recognized as Driving Impairment Awareness Month and encourage our citizens to Celebrate with a Plan and pledge to increase awareness for the dangers of impaired driving.

KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL

Jason Anderson

Chairman

Dated at Killingly, Connecticut  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023

6b. Proclamation Supporting Israel

Ms. Wakefield read the following:

**PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING ISRAEL**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Israel is a long-standing ally to the United States, and serves as the national homeland of the Jewish people representing their history, religion, culture, and Jewish identity; and

**WHEREAS**, On Saturday, October 7, 2023, the militant terrorist organization Hamas launched attacks from Gaza against Israeli border communities that, as of December 5, 2023, have resulted in 1,400 deaths including women and children, have injured thousands more, have taken at least 240 people hostage, and have destroyed homes and businesses; and,

**WHEREAS**, at least 35 United States citizens have died as a result of these attacks in Israel, and it has been confirmed that United States citizens are among those taken hostage by Hamas; and,

**WHEREAS**, alongside many other municipalities and states across the nation, and countries throughout the world, the Town Council of the Town of Killingly declares that there is no place for terroristic violence in our world and condemns the violent actions of Hamas perpetrated against Israel and its citizens; and,

**WHEREAS** the Town Council of the Town of Killingly stands in support of Israel and the Jewish Community and honors the lives lost in the recent deadly attacks by Hamas militants; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY that we condemn the unprovoked and barbaric attacks by Hamas against Israel, its citizens and Americans. We express our support for Israel, and we honor the lives lost in the recent deadly attacks by Hamas militants. The Council encourages residents to firmly reject all forms of hate and show support for our Jewish community members during these difficult times.

KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL

Jason Anderson

Chairman

Dated at Killingly, Connecticut  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023

6b2. Proclamation Acknowledging December 16, 2023, as Celebrating Wreaths Across America

Ms. George read the following:

**PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING DECEMBER 16, 2023, AS CELEBRATING  
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

**WHEREAS** the Town of Killingly recognizes the importance of honoring and remembering our nation's veterans; and

**WHEREAS** Wreaths Across America, a nonprofit organization, annually coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies at veterans' graves across the United States and through their mission, remembers the fallen veterans' and honor those who serve and teach our children the value of freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 16, 2023, Wreaths Across America will unite communities, volunteers, and organizations in a solemn tribute to veterans by adorning their resting places with wreaths; and

**WHEREAS** the act of placing wreaths on veterans' graves symbolizes our gratitude for their service, commitment, and sacrifices for our nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY that December 16, 2023, be recognized as a day to celebrate Wreaths Across America and encourages all residents to participate in honoring our veterans through wreath-laying ceremonies and expressions of gratitude.

KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL

Jason Anderson  
Chairman

Dated at Killingly, Connecticut  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023

6c. Proclamation Honoring Teacher of the Year for Killingly Public Schools  
Ms. Murphy read the following:

**PROCLAMATION HONORING  
David Desrosiers  
Killingly Public Schools  
2023-2024 TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, David Desrosiers earned his Masters of Art in Education in 2010 from the University of St. Joseph's and has served as a dedicated teacher at Killingly Intermediate School since 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, David traveled abroad to study and work including a military deployment. He uses his experiences and broad knowledge of international affairs to create authentic lesson plans and assessments to help students open their own windows to the world; and

**WHEREAS** David continually emphasizes current events knowledge with selected readings from current periodicals, simulations and new lesson plans designed to link classroom content to the wider world; and

**WHEREAS** David is committed to providing students an opportunity to learn through field trips, leading students to local, regional and international destinations. David is a supportive and genuine educator who takes the time to listen to students in need and celebrate with students when they are successful. David also ran the ski club and Dungeons and Dragons; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY** that David Desrosiers be publicly recognized for his exemplary service and the well-earned distinction and respect he receives from his students and peers as the 2023-2024 Killingly Public School Teacher of the Year; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that he be commended for his devotion to his students, their families, their school, and their community.

Presented this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023

by the Killingly Brooklyn Rotary

Mr. Desrosiers accepted his plaque and made a few comments.

6d. Proclamation Honoring Teacher of the Year for Harvard H. Ellis Technical High School

Mr. Anderson read the following:

**PROCLAMATION HONORING**

**Lisa Anniello**

**Harvard H. Ellis Technical High School**

**2023-2024 TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS** Lisa Anniello is currently serving her ninth year as the hairdressing and barbering teacher at Harvard H. Ellis Technical High School. Lisa attended the Creative School of Hairdressing in Manchester, CT and has worked in multiple avenues of hairdressing over the years, including owning her own hair salon from 1990 to 2000; and

**WHEREAS** Lisa began her teaching career later in life at the age of fifty years old. She worked various cooking jobs to put herself through school to obtain her teaching certificate and raised two sons at the same time. Lisa exemplifies the definition of determination no matter where you are in life and shares that drive and determination with her students; and

**WHEREAS** Lisa has developed a special connection with her students that she thought would never be possible because she started her teaching career later in life. Her students express their gratitude daily and are inspired by the example she sets every day as a teacher at Harvard H. Ellis Technical High school; and

**WHEREAS** Lisa is successful in teaching her students to have respect for one another and as well as themselves inside and outside of the classroom. She emphasizes the importance of great work habits, good ethics, and to simply help make the world a better place with every student she teaches; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY** that Lisa Anniello be publicly recognized for her exemplary service and the well-earned distinction and respect she receives from her students and peers as the 2023-2024 Harvard H. Ellis Technical High School Teacher of the Year; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that she be commended for her devotion to her students, their families, their school, and their community.

Presented this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023  
by the Killingly Brooklyn Rotary

6e. Proclamation Honoring Teacher of the Year for St. James Parochial School  
Ms. George read the following:

**PROCLAMATION HONORING  
Blythe Hanley  
St. James Parochial School  
2023-2024 TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS** Blythe Hanley is currently serving her ninth year as a science and mathematics educator at St. James Parochial School. She successfully manages three sections of science and four sections of math, as well as teaching two sections of math to eighth grade students simultaneously; and

**WHEREAS**, Blythe is the advisor for Student Council and coaches the cross-country team. She is known as a great-worker and mentor among the staff and students at St. James Parochial School. She brings a calm presence to the classroom, which creates an environment where her students feel safe to ask questions; and

**WHEREAS** Blythe is known for her creative ideas and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Parents and administration alike have recognized Blythe's willingness to identify each of her student's strengths and challenges and will work with them to grow their skills as they prepare for high school; and

**WHEREAS** Blythe lives her life in line with the gospel values, serving her students, her school, the parish and the community. She models the school's mission in her gospel values, gladly performing her duties with patience, kindness, flexibility, dedication and compassion; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY** that Blythe Hanley be publicly recognized for her exemplary service and the well-earned distinction and respect she receives from her students and peers as the 2023-2024 St. James Parochial School Teacher of the Year; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that she be commended for her devotion to her students, their families, their school, and their community.

Presented this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023  
by the Killingly Brooklyn Rotary

6f. Presentation of Plaque Honoring Outgoing Councilor Raymond Wood

Mr. Anderson presented Mr. Wood with a plaque and Mr. Wood made a few comments.

Presented to

**Raymond Wood II**

In Appreciation for Dedicated and Distinguished  
Service to the Town of Killingly as a  
**MEMBER OF THE KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL**  
December 2019 – November 2023

Presented this 12th day of December 2023

By the

KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL

6g. Presentation on the Box Culvert Drainage Study by David Capacchione, Town Engineer

Town Engineer Capacchione presented the Box Culvert Drainage Study and responded to Councilors' questions and comments.

7. Unfinished Business for Town Meeting Action: None

8. Citizens' Statements and Petitions:

There were no written comments submitted.

Ralph Oriola, 337 Wauregan Rd, spoke about agenda item 6a, driving safely and road safety.

John LaBelle, 57 Island Rd, spoke about bicycle trails and suggested over rather than under roadway crossings. He also talked about the recent tax assessments. He encouraged more public participation in the meetings. He commended the Town Engineer on his work with the culverts. He suggested murals be painted on the Meeting Room walls. He would like to see better microphones for the Meeting Room and has other suggestions.

9. Council/Staff Comments:

Mr. Grandelski asked about the River Trail and design plans for the northbound connection.

Town Manager Calorio commented on the status of the Trail and some of the challenges that are faced. Mr. Anderson commented on the microphones and Town Manager Calorio said that they had done some research on better options but had not found any at this time.

10. Appointments to Boards and Commissions: - none

11. Reports from Liaisons:

11a. Report from the Board of Education Liaison: no report

11b. Report from the Borough Liaison: no report

12. Discussion and Acceptance of Monthly Budget Reports:

12a. Summary Report on General Fund Appropriations for Town Government:

Mr. Grandelski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tiik-Barclay, to accept the summary report on general fund appropriations for Town Government.

Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

12b. System Object Based on Adjusted Budget for the Board of Education:

Ms. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wakefield, to accept the system object based on adjusted budget for the Board of Education.

Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.



13. Correspondence/Communications/Reports:

13a. Town Manager Report

13b. Northeast District Department of Health 2023-2026 Community Health Needs Assessment

13c. Killingly 2021 Equity Profile

Town Manager Calorio discussed her reports and responded to comments and questions from Council Members.

14. Unfinished Business for Town Council Action:

14a. Consideration and action on a resolution appointing the Town Attorney

Ms. Tiik-Barclay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kerttula, to adopt the following:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE TOWN ATTORNEY**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY that, pursuant to Chapter IX, Section 902 of the Killingly Town Charter, the firm of Halloran & Sage be appointed as Town Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council, pursuant to the Killingly Town Charter, reserves the right to appoint temporary counsel for special purposes and circumstances as may be required.

KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL  
Jason Anderson  
Chairman

Dated at Killingly, Connecticut,  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023

Discussion followed.

Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

14b. Consideration and action on a resolution appointing Special Counsel

Ms. George made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tiik-Barclay, to adopt the following:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL COUNSEL**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY that, pursuant to Chapter IX, Section 902, of the Killingly Town Charter, that

- a) the firm of Pullman & Comley, LLC be appointed as special bond counsel;
- b) the firm of Pullman & Comley, LLC be appointed as special counsel for revenue collection matters

KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL  
Jason Anderson  
Chairman

Dated at Killingly, Connecticut  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023

Discussion followed.

Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

14c. Consideration and action on a resolution appointing Town Council's Recording Secretary  
Mr. Grandelski made a motion, seconded by Ms. George, to adopt the following:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWN COUNCIL'S RECORDING SECRETARY**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY that, pursuant to Chapter V, Section 503 of the Killingly Town Charter, Elizabeth Buzalski is appointed as Council Secretary for the Killingly Town Council for the purpose of recording, in written format, the minutes of Town Council meetings, with compensation as follows:

Regular Council Meetings:	\$287.00 per meeting
Special Council Meetings:	23.50 per hour

KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL  
Jason Anderson  
Chairman

Discussion followed.

Mr. Kerttula made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gerooge, to amend the resolution with compensation for the Regular Council Meetings at \$315.00 per meeting and for Special Council Meetings at \$25.00 per meeting.

Discussion followed.

Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

On the amended motion, voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

14d. Consideration and action on a resolution adopting the Town Council's Rules of Procedure  
Mr. Kerttula made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tiik-Barclay, to adopt the following:

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TOWN COUNCIL'S  
RULES OF PROCEDURE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY that, pursuant to Chapter V, Section 504 of the Killingly Town Charter, the Rules of Procedure for the Killingly Town Council in effect as of December 12, 2023, and as attached hereto and considered a part hereof as Exhibit A, shall be in effect for the ensuing two years or until further amended in accordance with Article X of said Rules or replaced.

KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL  
Jason Anderson  
Chairman

Dated at Killingly, Connecticut,  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023

Discussion followed.

Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

14e. Discussion of Town Council Liaisons to Boards and Commissions

Mr. Anderson will review the positions and Councilors' preferences and will send the appointments to Town Manager Calorio for distribution.

15. New Business: - none

16. Council Member Reports and Comments:

Mr. Grandelski reported on the Conservation Commission and the WPCA meeting.

Mr. Kerttula reported on the Permanent Building Committee.

Ms. Wakefield said that Frosty's Big Night Out was very well received and Breakfast with Santa went well also.

Mr. Anderson reported on the IW/WC meeting.

Ms. George reported on the NECCOG meeting, the BofE meeting, and the NDDH meeting.

Ms. Tiik-Barclay reported on the P&Z meeting and the Housing Authority meeting.

17. Executive Session: - none

18. Adjournment:

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

Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

The meeting ended at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Buzalski  
Council Secretary

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