

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING
April 18, 2017

Meeting A Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at the Voluntown Town Hall. Robert A. Sirpenski, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Selectmen Present Robert A. Sirpenski, Tracey L. Hanson, Jack S. Wesa

Town Officials None

Citizens Present Dave Blanchette, Ralph LaFrazza, Brian Laroche, Kimberly Laroche

Approval of Minutes

Motion A motion was made by (Jack Wesa/Tracey Hanson) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 4, 2017 as submitted. Motion Approved.

Citizens Comments

Kimberly Laroche Mr. Laroche and Ms Laroche wanted to know who enforces the leash law in Voluntown. Mr.
Brian Laroche Sirpenski advised them to get in touch with NECCOG who is the animal control for Voluntown.

Ralph Lafrazza Mr. Lafrazza wanted to retract his statement about rules for Selectmen's meetings. Mr. Lafrazza
also wanted to know if anything could be done about the gypsy moth problem for this season. Mr.
Sirpenski stated that the state will not be spraying. Voluntown does not have the resources to do
aerial spraying.

**Correspondence
& Announcements**

Judith Allik Mr. Sirpenski received an email form Ms Allik regarding the basketball hoop on Laurel Drive and
how the snow plowing affects the end of the cul de sac.

CCM CCM sent a report regarding the usage of the discount prescription drug card program in
Voluntown. Residents may print new cards by visiting <http://ctrxdiscountcard.com>.

Brown & Brown Brown & Brown sent a report with the new insurance rates starting on 7/1/2017 for health, dental
and vision.

New Business

Budget 2017/2018 Mr. Sirpenski attended a meeting at NECCOG. At the meeting they felt the state would not have a
final budget until late summer early fall. The town will have to decide what to do with setting a
mil rate if we do not know what the revenue will be from the state. Mr. Sirpenski discussed the
different options the town could do in determining the new mil rate. One option is setting the mil
rate as is and set a new mil rate after the state lets us know what the new mil rate will be. Mr.
Sirpenski does not want to set in increase in the mil rate until we know for sure what the revenue
will be.

Jack Wesa Jack Wesa discussed that changes in the budget for the town aide. Before the town hall aide
position was split between the assessor's office, the building/official, the municipal agent and the
town hall. Now it is being listed under one line as town hall aide. The administrative assistant
position is higher because it is now forty hours per week instead of thirty five.

Finn Beach The selectmen discussed the options on how to pay for the security at Finn Beach and what to
charge for passes to help offset the cost. The new rates will be \$20.00 for residents and \$40.00 for
out of town/out of state residents. Day passes will be \$10.00 the same as last year. There was a

discussion as well on how many hours security needed to be there each day. There was a discussion to change the hours to 10am to 4pm but they would need to find out if Bennet Security requires eight hours a day.

Paving Paving will be done on Tanglewood Lane, Valley Dr., Ten Rod Road and Lakeside Terrace.

Tax Collector Ms. Morell wanted to discuss what to do if we send out two sets of bills. She will call Quality to find out how to print the bills if we have a second mil rate and the costs associated with having two sets of bills. Another option would be to send the bills out one month later.

Ms. Morell brought up that the chairs in the Town Hall meeting room look terrible and that a few people have commented on how bad they are and need to be replaced.

Town Hall The money that will be used to fix the town hall came from what was turned in at the end of 2015-2016 fiscal year. The town did not spend \$61,946.00 so \$50,000 could be appropriated to town hall improvements.

Survey Ms. Hanson will come up with the survey questions regarding a Wylie School House restoration. This will be added to the next agenda.

Budget Proposal Mr. Sirpenski hopes to have the expense budget ready to be handed out on Monday April 24th.

Adjournment

Motion A motion was made (Robert Sirpenski/Tracey Hanson) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:07p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

Julie L. Zelinsky, Admin. Asst. to the BOS

Robert A. Sirpenski, First Selectman