

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Regular Meeting held on January 13, 2015

Regular Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at the Voluntown Town Hall. Mr. Sirpenski, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
Selectmen Present	Robert A. Sirpenski, Ronald J. Millovitsch
Town Officials	None
Citizens Present	Angela and Christopher Chabot; Neil Salter; Audience of Citizens
Approval of Minutes	
Motion	A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Robert Sirpenski) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 23, 2014 as submitted. Unanimously voted.
Citizen's Comments	
Christopher Chabot	Mr. Chabot spoke to the BOS about Public Act 14-33 an act concerning the assessment of horses and ponies. Mr. Chabot noted that the Act allows a municipality to fully exempt all horses and ponies from taxation and urged the BOS to approve this exemption. Mr. Sirpenski thanked Mr. Chabot and noted that this item will be addressed under New Business.
Correspondence & Announcements	
Jack Wesa – EDC Tercentennial	Mr. Wesa forwarded a preliminary Tercentennial plan to the BOS. The plan listed goals, objectives and events for the Tercentennial year.
Solar Project Elementary School	Supt. of Schools, Adam Burrows forwarded a notice from CL&P regarding the Generator/Solar Interconnection process for the school's solar panel project.
DOT – No Parking Zone	The State DOT notified the BOS that they are in receipt of the request for a “No Parking” zone on Rt. 165 in the vicinity of #164 Preston City Road and are processing the request.
CT State Police Fundraiser	Fire Chief Grenier forwarded an email from Lt. Thomas of the CT State Police agreeing to provide traffic control for a fundraiser on January 17 th .
Recreation Comm. Paypal	Mr. Vanlanen, Chair of the Recreation Comm., contacted the BOS regarding using PayPal for programs they sponsor. Mr. Sirpenski noted that he forwarded the request to Baude & Rolfe and will discuss it with them when they attend the BOS meeting scheduled for 1/27/15.
Christopher Chabot	Mr. Sirpenski noted that he received an email from Mr. Chabot regarding the assessment of horses and ponies which will be addressed under New Business.
CT State Police	Lt. Thomas, of the Conn. State Police, forwarded a monthly report showing that troopers responded to 91 calls for service in Voluntown during the month of December. This brings the total calls for the 2014 year to 1,043.
Solar Project Elementary School	Supt. Burrows noted that the he spoke to the Bus Coordinator, Terry Chenette, regarding storage of solar panels in the fenced Bus Parking area. After discussion they decided that the area was not large enough.
Brian West CCM	Mr. West thanked the Town for letting him know that the Town is not currently working on a “Code of Ethics”.
CL&P Pole 178	Mr. Johnston of CLP notified the Town that a damaged pole on Shetucket Turnpike has been replaced and the wires transferred.

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Meeting
Legislative Session

First Selectman Sirpenski and area selectmen attended a meeting sponsored by incoming Senate President Martin Looney and State Senator Cathy Osten to discuss the upcoming Legislative Session.

Old Business

Solar Project
Elementary School

The Solar Project at the Elementary School has been delayed due to encroachment onto the boundaries of the Town and Greenwood Manor. The engineers are working to correct the problem.

New Business

Assessments – Equine

Mr. & Mrs. Chabot expressed their concerns about the process used to assess equines. They provided information about the Public Act as well as information from other towns that have enacted the exemption. Mr. Salter noted that as a horse owner, he also felt the assessment process was flawed. Mr. Sirpenski stated that he would discuss this with the full board as well as the assessor and the matter could be addressed at the Town Budget Meeting in May.

Appointment – EDC
Panko – Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Robert Sirpenski) to move Jennifer Panko from an “Alternate” to a “Full” Commissioner on the Economic Development Commission. Motion Approved.

Appointment – EDC
Cool – Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Robert Sirpenski) to renew the appointment of Janet Cool to the Economic Development Commission. Motion Approved.

Appointments
Town Hall

Appointment letters for the Assistant to the Assessor and the Assistant Treasurer were reviewed and will be forwarded to them for signature.

Resolution – DOT
Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Robert Sirpenski) to approve a Resolution from the State DOT authorizing First Selectman Sirpenski to sign the “Master Municipal Agreement for Rights of Way Projects”. Motion Approved

Adjournment

Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Robert Sirpenski) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

Roxanne Gray, Admin. Asst. to the BOS

Robert A. Sirpenski, Selectman