

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Regular Meeting held on February 10, 2015**

<b>Regular Meeting</b>	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at the Voluntown Town Hall. Mr. Sirpenski, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
<b>Selectmen Present</b>	Robert A. Sirpenski, Tracey L. Hanson, Ronald J. Millovitsch,
<b>Town Officials</b>	None
<b>Citizens Present</b>	Ronald Baude, Baude & Rolfe; Jack Wesa, EDC, Lloyd VanLanen, Rec. Comm.; Ty Cool, Historical Society; Audience of Citizens
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	
Motion	A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Tracey Hanson) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 13, 2015 as submitted. Unanimously voted.
<b>Citizen's Comments</b>	
Ty Cool	Mr. Cool, Veteran's Liaison, thanked the BOS for providing space for a bulletin board to inform veterans of programs and other items of interest. Mr. Cool also inquired as to the status of the Methodist Church and Mr. Sirpenski noted that the Town would hold a Public Hearing in the spring.
<b>Agenda – Motion</b>	
	A motion was made (Tracy Hanson/Ronald Millovitsch) to list Ronald Baude of Baude & Rolfe as the next item on the agenda. Unanimously voted.
Baude & Rolfe	Ronald Baude, Town Auditor, reviewed the audit report for Fiscal Year 2013/2014. Mr. Baude noted that the report contained an unmodified opinion which means the Town met the requirements set by the State. He further noted that the State will review the audit report.  Discussion took place regarding the mandated GASBS requirements for accounting and how they affect the Town's accounting procedure. Mr. Baude noted that fundraising accounts can be maintained as Special Revenue funds.  Mr. Baude reviewed the Capitol/Nonrecurring Fund as well as the General Fund. He noted that the school bonds for the last addition were paid off and the Town currently has no outstanding debt. Mr. Sirpenski asked whether the funds for the proposed School Roof Project should be appropriated or bonded. Mr. Baude stated that the Town is in good financial shape and felt it would be appropriate to use half of the funds from the Capitol/Nonrecurring Fund and half from the Undesignated Fund.  Mr. Sirpenski noted that the Town will use "mapping" to implement the State mandated "Chart of Accounts".
<b>Correspondence &amp; Announcements</b>	
NECCOG	Mr. Sirpenski attended a NECCOG sponsored meeting with Kevin Lembo, State Comptroller.
Adam Burrows Sledding Hill	Supt. Burrows noted that a large tunnel had been built at the "sledding hill" adjacent to the school and parents were concerned that it could collapse. Mr. Sirpenski notified Public Works who demolished the tunnel.
State Police Monthly Report	Lt. Thomas forwarded the monthly service report for the Town which showed a total of 103 calls for service.
Recreation Comm.	Mr. VanLanen, Recreation Commission Chairman, forwarded a copy of an email to Rep. Paul Brycki asking for help obtaining grants for the stair project on Constitution Field.

- Assessor Report Paige Donovan, Assessor, emailed a report on Horses and Farm Machinery to the BOS.
- Youth Services Bureau Ms. Allik emailed the BOS regarding her request to have the YSB sponsor an informational packet to the parents of newborns. Ms. Allik noted that the CT Dept. of Health, Vital Records Division, does not feel there is a problem with this project as long as no personal information is given to the YSB. The Town Clerk would be responsible for sending out the packets after receiving information on a birth.
- Storm Water Regulations NECCOG forwarded information about the proposed mandates for Storm Water. They are lobbying against these proposals which would place a huge financial burden on Towns.
- Meeting – Sen. Looney Mr. Sirpenski reviewed a letter he sent to Senator Martin Looney thanking him for taking the time to meet and reviewed the issues they had discussed which included PILOT and the Town garage.
- Old Business**
- Technology Upgrade Ms. Hanson reviewed her research with several IT providers. She noted that the Town Hall needs to be brought up to current standards and is currently falling behind with security, backups, support and equipment. Mr. Sirpenski asked her to proceed with any immediate needs and the issue would be addressed in the upcoming budget.
- Tercentennial Celebration Mr. Wesa, EDC Chairman, along with representative from various commissions asked the BOS to set up a committee to begin work on the Town’s Tercentennial Celebration. Mr. Wesa noted they would like to include members from commissions as well as Aura Hall, Churches, etc. He felt the committee would have approximately eleven or twelve members. Mr. Wesa also asked that funds be budgeted for the celebration each year. Mr. Sirpenski noted he would add \$10,000 to the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.
- New Business**
- Appt. – Asst. to the Assessor – Motion A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Tracey Hanson) to appoint Barbara Gauthier as the Assistant to the Assessor. Unanimously voted.
- Appointment – Asst. Treasurer A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Tracey Hanson) to renew the appointment of Roxanne Gray as the Assistant Treasurer. Unanimously voted.
- Town Meeting School Roof Mr. Burrows noted that policy changes at the State Office of School Facilities will add approximately two months to the School Roof project and urged the BOS to hold a Town Meeting for funding approval as soon as possible. A Town Meeting date of February 24, 2015 was selected and the BOS will hold a Special Meeting on 2/14/15 to approve the Meeting Call.
- Storm Update Mr. Sirpenski reviewed the Town’s response to the recent blizzard. He noted that the Fire Dept. had round the clock coverage with EMT’s on duty for any emergencies. The Fire Dept. served as the operations center and shelter during the storm. He thanked them for providing food and a rest area for Public Works who were on continuous duty from Monday at 7:00 a.m. until Wed. at 11:00 p.m. He further noted that the Fire Dept. and the Public Work’s Dept. had contact through radio and cell phones in the event of a call. The Public Works Dept. also spent 10 hours at the school with plows and the backhoe to enable it to reopen.
- Mr. Sirpenski noted that most people complied with the Governors’ request to stay off the roads, which were closed for a portion of the storm. He noted that the job of clearing the roads would be easier and safer if vehicles were kept off the street or at the edge of driveways. He expressed concern about ATV’s and snowmobiles on the roads and noted that with the poor visibility the plow trucks had trouble seeing them as they approached.
- Adjournment**
- Motion A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Ronald Millovitsch) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

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Roxanne Gray, Admin. Asst. to the BOS

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Robert A. Sirpenski, Selectman