

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING
February 16, 2016

Regular Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at the Voluntown Town Hall. Mr. 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	Audience of Citizens
Approval of Minutes	
Motion	A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Jack Wesa) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 2, 2016 as submitted. Motion Approved.
Citizens Comments	None
Correspondence & Announcements	
Transformer Fire	Wylie School Road had a Transformer Fire this afternoon leaving about forty-five people without power.
State Budget	CCM forwarded information on the proposed State budget. Mr. Sirpenski noted that he will use these figures when working on the Town's FY2016/2017 budget.
ERMHB	The Eastern Regional Mental Health Board will hold a Legislative Breakfast on April 5, 2016.
Water Resources Dev.	A letter was received from Senators Murphy and Blumenthal regarding the Water Resources Development Act and potential water projects.
New Business	
Tax Refund Motion	A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Robert Sirpenski) to approve a tax refund to Andrew and Pamela Evans. Unanimously voted.
Resolution - Motion Fair Housing	A motion was made (Jack Wesa/Tracey Hanson) to approve a Fair Housing Resolution in conjunction with the Voluntown Housing Authorities Small Cities Grant. Unanimously Voted. A copy of the Resolution is appended to these minutes.
Community Dev.	Mr. Wesa submitted a list of possible goals for the Town. Mr. Sirpenski suggested the Board review copies of the Conservation & Development Capital Improvement Plan and proceed from there.
FY2016/17 Budget	State Revenue estimates are in and the BOS will work with these figures as well as the department and commissions budget worksheets to complete the Town's FY 2016/2017 budget. The Grand List is in place and the Town Budget Meeting will be held in late May. Mr. Sirpenski noted that a joint heating oil contract has been signed between the Town and the School.
DOJ Inquiry	The Department of Justice initiated a statewide inquiry regarding town referendum practices. CCM is working with nearly 50 town and cities on a joint response.
Old Business	
Windstar Van	The Town's Windstar Van has over 250,000 miles and needs numerous repairs. The Board agreed it was time to dispose of the vehicle and will list it on the Town Website and bulletin board. Sealed bids will be due March 31 st and opened at the 4/5/16 Selectmen's meeting.
Driveway Ordinance	The BOS will be review the Driveway Ordinance and make any necessary revisions after the budget season.

- Blight Ordinance Mr. Wesa inquired about the possibility of a Blight Ordinance for the Town. Mr. Sirpenski noted that it comes up periodically. After a brief discussion about the difficulties of a Blight Ordinance, it was agreed to ask NECCOG for assistance.
- Tri-Centennial Celebration The BOS will send letters to the Town's Boards and Commissions asking for volunteers to serve on a Tri-Centennial. A basic Mission Statement for the celebration will be included.
- PILOT Update Mr. Sirpenski and Mr. Wesa spoke about the PILOT program. They noted that Scott Jackson of the Office of Policy and Management, with whom the Town has been working, has taken another position. Rep. Brycki is still working on a bill to enhance our PILOT payments.
- Driveway Non-Buildable Lot Mr. Sirpenski noted that after reviewing the Driveway Ordinance and speaking to the Town Attorney and Peter Zvingilas, Building/Zoning Official, there is no reason to deny a driveway application because it is a non-buildable lot.
- Adjournment**
Motion A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Jack Wesa) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

Roxanne Gray, Admin. Asst. to the BOS

Robert A. Sirpenski, First Selectman