

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING
January 19, 2016

Regular Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at the Voluntown Town Hall. Mr. Sirpenski, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
Selectmen Present	Robert A. Sirpenski, Tracey L. Hanson, Lloyd A. VanLanen
Town Officials	None
Citizens Present	Jack Wesa; Al Daigneault; Audience of Citizens
Approval of Minutes	
Motion	A motion was made (Robert Sirpenski/Lloyd VanLanen) to approve the minutes of the Meeting held on January 5, 2016 with the following correction: Correspondence & Announcements: V/S Transfer Station – line one “was referred” to read “will be referred”. Unanimously voted.
Citizens Comments	
Jack Wesa	<p>Mr. Wesa asked about the disposition of the request for additional PILOT Funds for the Town. Mr. Sirpenski noted that in addition to the work being done through the legislative process, he is working with Rep. Brycki and Mr. Jackson of OPM on evaluating properties appropriately. He hopes to have legislation presented in February which would hasten funding for the new assessments. If this legislation is not approved, it will be 2018 before the town sees a possible increase in funding.</p> <p>Mr. Wesa also inquired about a committee for the Town's Tri-Centennial celebration which will take place in five years. Mr. Sirpenski noted that he would put a notice on the Town's website and in the Library Newsletter asking for volunteers. Ms. Hanson will bring it up for discussion at the Community Networking meeting in February.</p>
Al Daigneault	Mr. Daigneault noted that he is a builder in Town and he, as well as others, are experiencing delays in getting permits from the Building Department. Mr. Daigneault also felt the fee schedule is too high. Mr. Sirpenski noted that the Building Official is part-time and works approximately six hours per week. The Town is in the process of hiring clerical help following the recent resignation of Barbara Gauthier. Mr. Sirpenski stated that he will take Mr. Daigneault's concerns into consideration when working on the upcoming budget.
Correspondence & Announcements	
WebEOC Training	The DEMHS sent a notice regarding WebEOC V7.5 Basic Training
EWIB	The Eastern Conn. Workforce Investment Board will meet on January 26, 2016.
FEMA	The Federal Emergency Management Agency forwarded an “Exit Interview Form” for last year's blizzard. Mr. Sirpenski will sign and return the form which will close the project.
Super Storm Sandy	The DEMHS forwarded a notice regarding a Dec. 1, 2016 deadline for disaster loans for Super Storm Sandy.
Housing Authority	The Town on behalf of the Voluntown Housing Authority has posted a request for Architectural and related services required as part of the Small Cities Grant Program.
CCM	CCM forwarded a notice that there will not be a dues increase for FY2016/2017.
CDW Government	CDW forwarded a refund for unclaimed property in the amount of \$540.00.

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BOS Vacancy

Mr. Sirpenski noted that Jack Wesa, Wendy Gauthier and Ronald Millovitsch have expressed interest in filling the Selectmen's position left vacant by the resignation of Lloyd VanLanen on 1/22/16.

Old Business

Architect – Library
Addition

Catherine Rubin, Library Director, presented a summary of three bids for the proposed expansion to the library. Bids were received from DRA Architects, Saccoccio Architects and Jacunski Humes Architects. After review by the Library Board of Directors, Jacunski Humes was selected. A motion was made (Robert Sirpenski/Lloyd VanLanen) to approve the authorization of \$10,000, pending review and approval by the Town Attorney for the contract. Funds to be taken from the Town budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016. Unanimously voted.

Motion

New Business

Appointment – ZBA
Motion

A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Lloyd VanLanen) to appoint Shirley Broadnax as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Unanimously voted.

Resignation – EDC

The Board of Selectmen accepted, with regret, the resignation of Jennifer Panko from the Economic Development Commission.

Adjournment

Motion

A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Lloyd VanLanen) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

Roxanne Gray, Admin. Asst. to the BOS

Robert A. Sirpenski, First Selectman