

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Regular Meeting held on June 10, 2014

Regular Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at the Voluntown Town Hall. Mr. Sirpenski, Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
Selectmen Present	Robert A. Sirpenski, Tracey L. Hanson, Ronald J. Millovitsch
Town Officials	None
Citizens Present	Ty Cool; Jody Grenier; Raymond & Tammy Paradis; Audience of Citizens
Approval of Minutes	
Motion	A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Robert Sirpenski) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 27, 2014 as submitted. Unanimously voted.
Citizens Comments	
Ty Cool	Mr. Cool noted that he is now the president of the Historical Society and would like to address any repairs needed on Wylie School House. Mr. Sirpenski would like to set up a meeting with members of the Historical Society and create a list of necessary repairs.
Raymond/Tammy Paradis	Mr. and Mrs. Paradis spoke about drainage issues they have at their home on Lillibridge Ave. Mr. Sirpenski will review the Town's easements for the area and assess the Town's responsibility. Mr. & Mrs. Paradis also expressed concern about police coverage in town, Mr. Sirpenski noted that this would be addressed under correspondence.
Correspondence	
State Police	Lt. Michael Thomas of the Conn. State Police provided a monthly report showing a total of 92 Calls for Service in Voluntown. Mr. Sirpenski noted that the Town has a good working relationship with the State Police. Mr. Paradis asked about the possibility of a Resident State Trooper and Mr. Sirpenski noted that it would cost the Town between \$100,000 and \$120,000 per year. A Resident Trooper would cover only one shift per day and would also be called by neighboring towns if the need arose. Mr. Sirpenski will contact Lt. Michael Thomas about an informational meeting at the Town Hall.
Open Burning Official Motion	Joseph (Jody) Grenier completed a mandatory six hour course required by the State of Conn. Bureau of Air Management to become the Town's Open Burning Official. A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Tracey Hanson) to appoint Joseph Grenier as the Town's Open Burning Official. Unanimously voted.
School Bond Addition – 2002	The Bank of New York Mellon sent the paperwork necessary to pay off the bond for the 2002 school addition. The payment in the amount of \$197,058.33 was approved at a Town Meeting on May 21, 2014 and will save the town approximately \$18,000 - \$19,000 in interest payments.
CL&P – Phase III	Based on an inquiry from the EDC, Shawn Johnston of CL&P notified the Town that to extend three phase power down Green Falls Road would cost about \$400,000.
Methodist Church	Elizabeth Ackley of Cirrus Structural Engineering, LLC, submitted a bill for \$2,750.00 for evaluating the repairs to the Methodist Church Meeting House.
Encon Solar	Correspondence was received from Encon Solar regarding the site work preparation at the Elementary School.
Workmen's Comp. Fire Dept.	Brown and Brown, the Town's insurance broker, sent information regarding the denial of two claims based on State Statue 31-275.

Old Business

Methodist Church
Meeting House

Mr. Sirpenski noted that he has correspondence from the State Historic Preservation Office saying in one that the building is and the other saying the building is not on the State Register of Historic Places. Mr. Sirpenski will get this issue clarified. Mr. Sirpenski stated that at the last BOS meeting it was agreed to start a committee to determine the feasibility of moving the building to town property adjacent to the Town Hall. Mr. Cool objected to this being the only option. Ms. Hanson and Mr. Sirpenski noted that the cost of other options, such as tearing down the building, renovating the building on the present site, or selling the building have been explored and this aspect needs to be completed before going to the Town for a decision on the building.

Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Tracey Hanson) to establish a "Methodist Church Meeting House Relocation and Renovation Building Committee". Unanimously voted. Audience members Ty Cool, Rachel Ricard and Peggy Morningstar volunteered to serve on the committee. A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Ronald Millovitsch) to appoint Ty Cool, Rachel Ricard and Peggy Morningstar to the Methodist Church Meeting House Relocation and Renovation Building Committee. Unanimously voted.

Motion

Fire Dept.
Hummer

Mr. Sirpenski noted that according to the contract with the State of Connecticut, the Town is obligated to pay for \$8000 in repairs to the Hummer. The twenty year contract is in its seventeenth year and Mr. Sirpenski hopes to negotiate a new contract within the remaining timeframe.

New Business

Historical Preservation
Document Grant –
Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Tracey Hanson) to approve a Resolution enabling the Town to contract with the Conn. State Library for an Historical Documents Preservation Grant. Unanimously voted. A copy of the Resolution is appended to these minutes.

Rec. Comm.
Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Tracey Hanson) to approve the resignation, per the by-laws of the Recreation Commission, of Robert Martin. Unanimously voted.

Rec. Comm.
Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Tracey Hanson) to approve the appointment of Tammy VanLanen to fill the vacancy on the Recreation Commission. Unanimously voted.

Rec. Comm.
CT Tigers Day

Ms. Hanson reviewed the information for Voluntown Day at the CT Tigers which is scheduled for Sunday, July 13, 2014. Anyone interested who would like more information may contact mbryan@voluntownct.org.

NECCOG

NECCOG is beginning a comprehensive process governed by the U.S. Economic Development Adm. to develop an economic development strategic plan. Public and private input is welcome. Anyone with questions about this plan may contact Tracey Hanson through the Selectmen's Office.

Adjournment

Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch, Tracey Hanson) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

Roxanne Gray, Admin. Asst. to the BOS

Robert A. Sirpenski, Selectman