

## **VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**June 21, 2016**

### **Meeting**

A Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, June 21, 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, Jack S. Wesa

### **Town Officials**

None

### **Citizens Present**

Deborah Maynard, Wendy Gauthier, Lloyd Van Lanen, Scott Davidson, Audience of Citizens

### **Citizens Comments**

#### **Deborah Maynard:**

Complimented the nice work done on the Congdon Road drain repairs.

#### **Wendy Gauthier:**

Stated that she notices drainage issues on the side of the road on Congdon and stated that there used to be ditches on the side of the road for the water. Ms. Gauthier asked if the Selectmen were receiving requests for appointments to the Historical Building Commission. She was told by the Selectmen that no commission has officially been formed yet and that it is a process to create and approve an ordinance to form such commission.

#### **Scott Davidson:**

Stated that he noticed that Sunny's dumpsters and sight line were on the agenda. In his opinion this should be an issue for the Zoning Officer, not the Selectmen.

#### **Lloyd Van Lanen:**

Mentioned that he was contacted by a reporter about Finn Beach. He reminded the reporter that he was no longer a Selectman and that the questions should be directed to the BOS. He stated that the Recreation Commission was only responsible for paying for the porta potty. Mr. Sirpenski stated that the Recreation Commission did use to have a committee that oversaw the life guards, sand replacement that did come out of the Recreation Commission Budget. He

suggested that a beach committee be formed again under the Recreation Commission to look into the amount of money needed for what residents want (security, sand, etc) for future budget. Mr. Sirpenski also noted that Lieutenant Cooke of the CT State Police has said he will put Finn Beach and Lillibridge Ave on notice to patrol.

### **Correspondence & Announcements**

A letter from Ms. Dalton of Lillibridge Ave was received informing the Selectmen about drag racing on Lillibridge Ave.

Mr Wesa announced that he spoke to Scott Dawley about the gypsy moth problem. Mr. Dawley stated that the state has no plan of action.

### **New Business**

#### **Appointment, ZBA:**

A motion was (Wesa, Hanson) to appoint Maria French to the Zoning Board of Appeal as an Alternate. All Approved.

#### **Appointment, Recreation Commission:**

A motion was made (Sirpenski, Hanson) to appoint Michael Kalwara to the Recreation Commission. All Approved.

#### **Appointment, Housing Authority:**

A motion (Sirpenski, Hanson) was made to appoint Joyce Megly to the Housing Authority. All Approved.

A motion was made (Wesa, Sirpenski) to add to the agenda the appointment of Thomas Main as Deputy Fire Marshal. All Approved.

#### **Appointment Deputy Fire Marshall:**

A motion was made (Wesa, Sirpenski) to appoint Thomas Main to the position of Deputy Fire Marshal. All Approved.

### **Historical Building Commission**

All Selectmen agree that the Commission to be formed will focus on only town owned historical buildings. Ms. Hanson noted that the information that was passed out at the last meeting was mostly focused on historical districts as opposed to historical buildings. She noted that she

emailed to Mr. Wesa and Mr. Sirpenski a few links to ordinances that 2 other Connecticut towns have passed forming commissions that focus on historic buildings. The Selectmen will review these ordinances for discussion at the next meeting. She also noted that per Connecticut General Statutes 7-148 and 7-147, the town does have the authority to form such commission.

### **Main Street: Line of Sight/ Dumpsters**

**Dumpsters:** Mr. Wesa noted that he spoke to the owner of Sunny's about the trash blowing out of his dumpsters. Mr. Vino noted that he was having issues with the gates staying on the fence and with people dumping their trash in the dumpsters filling them up. He has since replaced the dumpsters with new, bigger ones with better covers, and has installed cameras to catch illegal dumpers. **Line of Sight:** Mr. Wesa mentioned that the lotto signs in front of Sunny's could be in line of sight causing a safety issue. Mr Wesa will let the Zoning Enforcer know of the line of sight issue, and have him check on the dumpsters.

### **Town Owned Properties**

Mr. Wesa stated that he contacted the State Acquisition Group about three town owned parcels on Bailey Pond that the town would like to trade for the firehouse property. He was referred to Scott Dawley and Matt Star. Scott Dawley stated that all of the information on the properties be forwarded to Matt Starr for consideration. Mr. Sirpenski reminded the Audience of Citizens that the town doesn't own the land that the firehouse is on, the state does. As long as the property is used as a firehouse, it is the town's to use. The town properties we are looking to trade are small, unbuildable lots and it would be beneficial to the town to swap.

A motion was made to adjourn (Hanson, Wesa) at 7:45. All Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tracey Hanson, Secretary Pro-tem

Approved for distribution by:

Robert Sirpenski, First Selectman

