

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING
June 7, 2016

Meeting	A Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, June 7, 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, Audience of Citizens
Approval of Minutes	
Motion	A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Jack Wesa) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 17, 2016 with the following amendment: Page 2 - Historical Building Commission, line 2, add "historical" before town owned properties. Motion Approved.
Citizens Comments	
Deborah Maynard Bonding Projects	Ms. Maynard asked about the bonding process which was discussed at the presentation by Chelsea Groton Bank and the reason for bonding funds for upcoming projects at the same time. Mr. Sirpenski explained that if upcoming bonding projects could be bonded at the same time, the fees incurred by the bonding process would only have to be paid once rather than for each individual project.
FY2016/2017 Salaries	Ms. Maynard noted that it may be an issue that a staff member had been given a larger pay increase than an older employee. Mr. Sirpenski stated that Town Government employees were receiving a 2 ½% increase.
Correspondence & Announcements	
ZBA Alternate	Maria French submitted a request to be added as an Alternate Member of the ZBA.
Planning & Zoning	David Nieminen submitted a request to fill the vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Board.
Recreation Comm.	Kevin Woodcock submitted a letter of resignation from the Recreation Commission.
Recreation Comm.	Michael Kalwara submitted a request to be added as a member of the Recreation Comm.
Deputy Fire Marshal	Fire Marshall Joseph Grenier submitted a letter requesting Thomas Main be appointed Deputy Fire Marshal.
Humvee Brush Unit	Authorization for repairs to the 1997 Humvee Brush Unit were received from DEEP.
CCM – Municipal Aid	CCM forwarded notification that Gov. Malloy cut an additional \$20 million in Municipal Aid for FY2017.
COST – Leg. Update	COST forwarded information on a bill which will allow towns to reduce education spending if their ECS funding has been cut. The bill also allows towns to adjust municipal budgets after they have been adopted.
New Business	
Unclaimed Remains	The Office of the State Chief Medical Examiner forwarded information on unclaimed non-medical examiner deaths. Due to State budget reductions and State Law, towns will now be liable for the disposition of these remains, which will no longer be sent to the office of the Medical Examiner. Mr. Sirpenski noted that the Town will need to establish a procedure for this process.

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Historical Building
Comm.

Mr. Sirpenski provided a draft Ordinance for a Historical Building Commission. He noted that it was a rough draft and asked the BOS members to review it and make recommendations. He also provided a White Paper (legal field comment) on Municipal Preservation Ordinances and a copy of Glastonbury's Ordinance. Mr. Wesa noted that the Town should be receiving a quote for the removal of bats at the Wylie Schoolhouse. A brief discussion took place regarding repairs to the Schoolhouse and it was agreed an inspection needed to be done.

Tax Refund
Motion

A motion was made (Robert Sirpenski/Tracey Hanson) to approve a tax refund to Bryant Gardner. Motion approved.

Adjournment

Motion

A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Jack Wesa) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

Roxanne Gray, Admin. Asst. to the BOS

Robert Sirpenski, First Selectman