

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Regular Meeting held on July 14, 2015**

**Regular Meeting** The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at the Voluntown Town Hall, immediately following a Public Hearing and Town Meeting on a lot line adjustment for the Elementary School Solar Panel Project. Mr. Sirpenski, Selectman, called the meeting to order at 6:46 PM.

**Selectmen Present** Robert A. Sirpenski, Ronald J. Millovitsch

**Town Officials** None

**Citizens Present** Mary Anne Nieminen

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Robert Sirpenski) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 23, 2015 as submitted. Motion approved.

Motion A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Robert Sirpenski) to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 30, 2015 as submitted. Motion approved.

**Citizens Comments**

Mary Anne Nieminen  
Historical Society Ms. Nieminen spoke to the BOS about a donation presented to the Historical Society for the maintenance of Wylie Schoolhouse. After discussion, it was agreed the \$340 donation would be added to the Town's budget appropriation for "Wylie School Historic Building". The account is an on-going fund for maintenance of the building. Mr. Sirpenski asked Ms. Nieminen to have the Historical Society present a list of prioritized maintenance needs to the BOS.

Ms. Nieminen also noted that thanks to the efforts of Janet Cool, the Historical Society recently received a \$1000 grant from Pfizer towards the purchase of a computer which will, in part, be used to archive the records of the Historical Society.

**Correspondence & Announcements**

Motion A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Robert Sirpenski) to have this item follow the presentation by Shawn Johnson of Eversource. Motion approved.

Clean Energy Comm.  
Program – Eversource Mr. Johnson spoke to the BOS about the "Clean Energy Communities Program". Mr. Johnson noted that the Town is close to qualifying for its first "Bright Idea Grant" of \$5,000, but needs to sign the "Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge" to participate in the program. The pledge states the Town will reduce its municipal building energy consumption by 20% by 2018. In addition the Town will make a voluntary purchase of at least 20% of the electricity for municipal facilities from clean, renewable energy sources. A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Robert Sirpenski) to sign the pledge. Motion approved.

Motion

**Correspondence & Announcements**

Conn. State Police Report Lt. Eric Cooke forwarded the monthly "Calls for Service" report to the BOS. The report showed a total of 85 calls during the month of July, 2015.

CT State Library The Office of the Public Records Administrator forwarded a copy of a grant award to the Town of Voluntown in the amount of \$3,000 for the purpose of Historic Documents Preservation.

CCM – Liaison CCM sent a notice to the Town which noted that each of the State's 158 member towns will have a dedicated representative in order to achieve the highest level of service from CCM. Voluntown's representative will be Alexandra Beaudoin, Legislative Analyst.

Recreation Comm. Mr. VanLanen forwarded information about the ongoing process of funding the stair project for Constitution Field. He noted that a "Constitution Field Stairs Building Committee" has been established and they are currently working on plans, including lights, for the project. Mr. VanLanen has been in contact with Rep. Brycki's Office and Lowes regarding possible grants.

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Rumble Strips  
Installation

The Dept. of Transportation forwarded information about centerline rumble strips along Route 49S. The strips have proved effective in reducing head-on and sideswipe collisions. The project is tentatively scheduled to take place in 2016.

Energize CT

Mr. Zvingilas, BI/ZEO Officer forwarded information on an incentive program for Town's to install charging stations for electric vehicles. Mr. Zvingilas will look into the program.

### Old Business

School Roof Project

Mr. Robert Ficeto, Connecticut DAS Office of School Facilities, contacted the BOS regarding funding for the School Roof Replacement Project. Mr. Ficeto requested more detailed information about the funding for the project. The BOS will forward a copy of these minutes and establish an account for the project as follows:

#### ASSETS

**Capital Non-recurring Fund** \$493,239

**Voluntown School Roof Project:** \$200,000

Total Remaining Undesignated Balance: \$293,239

Total: \$493,239

#### FUND BALANCES

**Total Fund Balances:** \$2,719,993

Restricted: \$480,512

Committed: \$639,802

Assigned: \$ 29,594

**Voluntown School Roof Project:** \$904,304

Unassigned: \$665,781

**Total:** \$2,719,993

Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Robert Sirpenski) to move the sum of \$200,000 from the Capital Nonrecurring Fund and the amount of \$904,304 from the Undesignated Fund into the Voluntown Elementary School Roof Replacement Project Account. Motion Approved.

Housing Authority  
Grant – Small Cities

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Robert Sirpenski) to approve the contract between Lisa Low & Associates and the Voluntown Housing Authority for consulting services on a Small Cities Grant application. Motion approved

Driveway Permit  
Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Robert Sirpenski) to approve a driveway permit for 260 Shetucket Turnpike. Motion approved.

Historical Doc.  
Resolution

The Conn. State Library notified the Town today, that this Resolution is no longer needed for the grant process.

Tax Refunds  
Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Robert Sirpenski) to approve tax refunds to Samuel Burton and Frances Marraud. Motion approved.

Library Board of  
Trustees – Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Robert Sirpenski) to approve the appointment of Tracey Dineen-Hutchins to the Library Board of Trustees. Motion approved.

### New Business

Appt. – Motion  
Readiness Liaison

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Robert Sirpenski) to approve the appointment of Alycia M. Trakas to the position of Voluntown School Readiness Liaison. Motion approved.

### Adjournment

Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Robert Sirpenski) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

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Roxanne Gray, Admin. Asst. to the BOS

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Robert A. Sirpenski, Selectman