

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**July 5, 2016**

<b>Meeting</b>	A Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at the Voluntown Town Hall. Mr. Sirpenski, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
<b>Selectmen Present</b>	Robert A. Sirpenski, Tracey L. Hanson, Jack S. Wesa
<b>Town Officials</b>	None
<b>Citizens Present</b>	Deborah Maynard, Wendy Gauthier, MaryAnne and Arthur Nieminen
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	
Motion	A motion was made (Jack Wesa/Tracey Hanson) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 7, 2016 as submitted. Motion Approved.
Motion	A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Robert Sirpenski) to approve the minutes of the meeting held On June 21, 2016 as submitted. Motion Approved.
<b>Citizens Comments</b>	
MaryAnne Nieminen	Ms. Nieminen presented a \$1.00 check to the BOS in keeping with the Historical Society Lease for Wylie Schoolhouse.
Deborah Maynard	Ms. Maynard reported that gravel and tar are being brought to the Transfer Station.
Arthur Nieminen	Mr. Nieminen had several suggestions for the BOS regarding Public Works; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>. Brown Road – a tree near pole 521/522 is leaning over the wires (The BOS will call Eversource).</li><li>. Rt 49N paving – the State should pave into the connecting roads 10-15 feet.</li><li>. The Trailer at the Transfer Station should be scrapped</li><li>. The contractor working on the water line project at Tanglewood should process the material being brought to the Transfer Station</li></ul>
Wendy Gauthier	Ms. Gauthier stated that a drainage ditch on Congdon Road is blocked.
<b>Correspondence &amp; Announcements</b>	
Housing Authority	A Press Release from Gov. Malloy's office announced that the Voluntown Housing Authority received a \$700,000 grant for improvements to Greenwood Manor.
NECCOG	A Press Release form Gov. Malloy's office announced that NECCOG received funding to construct and operate an indoor regional household hazardous waste facility as well as funding to bring the regional animal care facility in compliance with state standards.
Green Falls Campground	Notice was received from the DEEP that the campground at Green Falls would be closed for the season. Mr. Wesa noted that he spoke to the Director of State Parks, Tom Tyler, about the effect of the closing on businesses in town. Mr. Sirpenski stated that two letters were received asking for the Board of Selectmen's help to keep the campground open.
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Paradis	Mr. & Mrs. Paradis contacted the Board regarding additional police patrols on Lillibridge Ave. Mr. Sirpenski noted that he spoke to our police liaison about additional patrols when in the area.
Town Bridge Inspection	The Dewberry Company, on behalf of the State of Conn., will be conducting inspections of the bridges located on: Gardner Rd., Wylie School Rd., Campbell Hill Rd. Shetucket Tpke. and Hodge Pond Road.

Stairway Project  
Constitution Field                      The Recreation Comm. received notice from the State that the PSA for the project is being updated and will need to be signed before the project may begin.

Green Valley Plaque                      Ms. Pamela Delaney, the Town's Tourism Representative, delivered a welcome to Voluntown plaque from the Eastern Regional Tourism District. The plaque notes that Voluntown is a "Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor Community".

NECCOG – Climate  
Change                                      NECCOG forwarded an invitation to a council on Climate Change that they are sponsoring in partnership with the Governor's Council on Climate Change. This Stakeholder Event will take place on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wesa noted that he plans to attend the meeting.

**New Business**

Motion - School  
Readiness Council                      A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Robert Sirpenski) to add the appointment of a liaison to the School Readiness Council to the agenda. Motion Approved

Motion                                      A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Robert Sirpenski) to appoint Alicia M. Trakas as the 2016/2017 Voluntown School Readiness Program Liaison. Motion Approved.

**Old Business**

Fire Dept. Ord.                              Mr. Ivanick previously submitted information on a "Rescue Recovery Ordinance" to the Board for review. Mr. Sirpenski stated that the information has been forwarded to NECCOG for recommendations.

Tri-Centennial                              A letter is ready asking for volunteers to serve on a Tri-Centennial Committee and will be posted on the Town's website and sent to civic groups in Town.

Historic Bldg. Comm.                      The Board began its review of material presented at previous meetings and exchanged information and recommendations. Mr. Wesa noted the Commission would only work with Town owned historic buildings.

Traffic Light                              Ms. Hanson noted that she was approached by a resident about a traffic light at the junction of Rt. 138 and Route 165. Mr. Sirpenski stated that he worked with DOT to keep the blinking light that is currently in the area as the State wanted to remove it.

Finn Beach                                      A discussion took place regarding the beach and parking area. Mr. Sirpenski noted that he has requested additional police patrols and Mr. Wesa stated that he spoke to the Director of State Parks, who also agreed to more patrols by park personnel. Ms. Hanson was thanked for her efforts to utilize parking permits. The Board agreed they will continue to monitor the use of the area.

Town Personnel                              Mr. Wesa spoke to John Filchak of NECCOG who forwarded a letter to the Board regarding a proposed administrative study for the Town. He noted that the study will involve several stages, including questionnaires and interviews. The study will provide an overview of each department, job descriptions, a salary survey and a listing of suggested changes. There will be no cost to the Town.

**Adjournment**

Motion                                      A motion was made (Jack Wesa/Tracey Hanson) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 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 Sirpenski, First Selectman