

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2014

Regular Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, September 9, 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	Judith Allik, Dean Wittwer, Maryanne Nieminen
Approval of Minutes Motion	A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Ronald Millovitsch) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 26, 2014 as submitted. Unanimously voted.
Citizens Comments Judith Allik	Ms. Allik, who serves on the Youth Services Bureau, read their Mission Statement to the BOS and spoke about a program she would like to institute which would provide information to the parents of newborns in Voluntown. The package would contain information about resources available for children in the birth to three/five age group and contain a gift of several books on reading to children. Ms. Allik noted that she believes birth information is confidential and would like to have the packets sent from Town Hall without any names or personal information given to anyone. Mr. Sirpenski will look into the legality of the proposal.
Dean Wittwer	Mr. Wittwer spoke about the paving project that took place on Church Street. He noted that people are still driving over the grassy area that previously was part of the road. Mr. Wittwer noted that the streetlight still shines on the area that is now grass and feels that if the direction was changed it might help with the problem. He also noted that one of the drains puddles up and floods his driveway during storms. Mr. Sirpenski will contact CL&P about the light and the contractor about the drain. Mr. Wittwer asked about liability if he mowed the area that is now grass since it abuts his lawn. Mr. Sirpenski noted that property lines had not changed and the area still belongs to the Town.
Correspondence & Announcements Diesel Tank Project	Mr. Sirpenski noted that the project is now out to bid.
Oxford Insurance	A request for a Broker of Record letter was received from Oxford Insurance, one of the Town's carriers. A letter will be sent.
School Solar Project	A request was received from Craig Harrigan, Encon Solar, asking for information about local contractors who worked on the Bus Parking/Town Garage project. The information will be forwarded.
ICE Program	An e-mail was received from the Office of Policy & Management announcing the acceptance of applications for the Inter-Town Capital Equipment Incentive Program Grants (ICE). The program provides partial funding for capital equipment shared between two or more municipalities. Mr. Sirpenski will contact the First Selectman in Sterling.
NECCOG – Stormwater	A copy of a letter from NECCOG to the Water Permitting and Enforcement Division was forwarded to the Town by NECCOG. The letter outlines NECCOG's concerns about proposed modifications to the "General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems". NECCOG's concerns include the cost of compliance (personnel, equipment and outside vendors) which would have a major adverse impact on towns while showing little benefit to the shared goal of protecting water quality.

Conn. DOT
Intersection
Improvements

A letter was received from DOT notifying the Town that they would not pursue design plans for intersection improvements at Route 138 (Beach Pond Rd.), Routes 49 and 165 (Preston City Rd.) and Route 138 and 165 (Beach Pond Rd.) at Route 49 (Ekonk Hill Rd.) and Shetucket Tpke. The State DOT, after review of all data, felt there was not a strong need for the proposed improvements.

Conn. DOT
Paving

A notice of roadway resurfacing during 2015 was received from the State DOT. Paving will take place on Route 201 to Route 138 during the 2015 paving season.

New Business
Resolution
Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Tracey Hanson) to approve the Resolution "Seeking Status as a STEAP Eligible Town" as approved at the Town Meeting held on Sept. 9, 2014. Unanimously voted. A copy of the Resolution is appended to these minutes.

Tax Refunds

None submitted.

Wylie Schoolhouse

Ms. Nieminen noted that the Historical Society plans on having a meeting at the schoolhouse on Sept. 17th and expressed concern about the presence of bats in the attic of the schoolhouse. Mr. Millovitsch will inspect the attic and make sure it is clean for the meeting. Mr. Sirpenski will investigate measures to safely remove the bats. Mr. Sirpenski noted that after speaking to Ms. Nieminen and Mr. Jones about repairs to the schoolhouse he contacted a carpenter who is coming to look at the thresholds.

Adjournment
Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Tracey Hanson) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

Roxanne Gray, Admin. Asst. to the BOS

Robert A. Sirpenski, Selectman