

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Special Meeting held on November 21, 2013

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| Special Meeting | A Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, November 21, 2013, at the Voluntown Town Hall. Mr. Sirpenski, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. |
| Selectmen Present | Robert A. Sirpenski, Ronald J. Millovitsch, Tracey L. Hanson |
| Town Officials | Wendy Vachon, Executive Director, of the Voluntown Housing Authority |
| Citizens Present | Nick Katkevich, Adam Hall, David Blanchette, Richard Ricard, Ty Cool, Audience of Citizens |
| Approval of Minutes | |
| Motion | A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch, Robert Sirpenski) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 15, 2013 as submitted. Unanimously voted. |
| Citizens Comments | |
| Nick Katkevich Adam Hall | Mr. Katkevich and Mr. Hall spoke of the importance of Fossil Fuel divestment and presented a draft of a Resolution urging MetLife, who provides the Town's Simple Ira Plan, to divest from Publicly traded fossil fuel companies. Mr. Katkevich and Mr. Hall also presented a list of companies, colleges and other groups who have committed to this divestment. After discussion, Mr. Sirpenski stated that they would review the information and thanked both speakers. Mr. Sirpenski also noted that the Town makes use of solar energy and is open to going "Green" when possible. |
| Richard Ricard Ty Cool David Blanchette | <p>Mr. Ricard addressed the BOS regarding his concerns about the status of the Old Methodist Church. Mr. Ricard lives on the abutting property and feels the property poses a hazard in its present condition. Mr. Ricard urged the BOS to take the building down and an informal show of hands in the audience showed fourteen attendees in agreement.</p> <p>Mr. Cool noted that Mr. Ricard had made good points, but that recent studies of the building showed it was salvageable and once torn down it cannot be replaced. Mr. Cool would like to see the Town and adjoining property owner's work together to make the building safe.</p> <p>Mr. Blanchette, who owns the abutting property made it clear that he does not want contractors or the public on his property as there have been problems with damage in the past. Mr. Blanchette noted that he is willing to work with the Town and would like to see the building moved.</p> <p>Mr. Sirpenski noted that this was a public comment session and not a Public Hearing. The BOS agrees something must be done with the building and the Town has and will continue to work on the problem.</p> |
| Old Business | |
| Employment Agreement FF/EMT's | The Town's attorney forwarded applications for volunteer and per diem employees to the Fire Department for review. |
| Housing Authority Grant | <p>The Housing Authority received three "Requests for Proposals" for the writing and administration of a grant for updates and repairs at Greenwood Manor. The proposals were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">. CME of Woodstock, CT. Lisa Lowe & Associates of Oxford, CT. Wagner & Associates of Waterbury, CT <p>The proposals will be reviewed by the BOS and Wendy Vachon, Executive Director of the Housing Authority, before a decision is made.</p> |
| Methodist Church | Mr. Sirpenski noted that there would be no action taken tonight on the status of the Church and it would likely be decided at a Town Meeting. |

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New Business

Elections - Motion

The BOS discussed the pay scales for election workers and agreed they need to be reviewed.

Pay Scale

A motion was made (Robert Sirpenski/Ronald Millovitsch) to pay workers at the current rates pending evaluation.

Any Other Business

Appointments

Mr. Sirpenski noted that he is working on agreements for appointees and will be reviewing the positions with them in the near future.

Town Audit

Mr. Millovitsch noted that he spoke to Mr. Baude, of Baude & Rolfe, and the Town's audit should be complete before the end of the year.

Adjournment

Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch, Tracey Hanson) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

Roxanne Gray, Admin. Asst. to the BOS

Robert A. Sirpenski, Selectman