

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Regular Meeting held on February 11, 2014**

<b>Regular Meeting</b>	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at the Voluntown Town Hall. Mr. Sirpenski, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
<b>Selectmen Present</b>	Robert A. Sirpenski, Ronald J. Millovitsch, Tracey L. Hanson
<b>Town Officials</b>	None
<b>Citizens Present</b>	Vicky Schwery; Taylor Plante; Jenna Schwery; Steve Smith; Audience of Citizens
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	
Motion	A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch, Tracey Hanson) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 28, 2014 as submitted. Unanimously voted.
<b>Citizens Comments</b>	
Girl Scout Project	Ms. Schwery introduced herself as the Cadet Troop leader and noted that Taylor and Jenna, members of the troop, were working on a "Silver Award Project" the second highest award in scouting. Taylor and Jenna reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and spoke about a town "clean up" day they would like to host, they plan to include churches, the school and other scouts. Ms. Hanson noted that she knows of several groups that would be interested in this project and that Earth Day in April might be a good time. Mr. Millovitsch noted that the area around Sunny's Market, the school and Greenwood Manor would be areas that could be addressed. The BOS agreed to provide garbage bags and pickup of the collected debris.
Steve Smith Sidewalks	Mr. Smith, the owner of Mikes Bait & Tackle, spoke about the sidewalks in the area of his business. He noted that the sidewalk project included a portion of his land and part of the easement agreement was that the Town would keep the area clear for parking. Mr. Sirpenski will look into the agreement and thanked him for bringing the matter to his attention.
<b>Correspondence</b>	
Brown & Brown	Mr. Sirpenski presented a notice from Brown & Brown regarding the Affordable Care Act, specifically the Employer Mandate as it affects the Town.
Town Revaluation	The Town is due for Revaluation beginning in 2015. Ms. Peringer, Assessor, forwarded an estimated cost for the project in the amount of \$37,000.
Town Audit	Mr. Sirpenski noted that Baude & Rolfe, PC, completed the annual Town audit. As part of the GASB #54 standards from the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) the auditor recommended that Special Revenue accounts be kept to a minimum. Mr. Sirpenski stressed that all Boards and Commissions must show anticipated income, including grants, as well as expenses in their budgets.
17 DEP Trail	Mr. Sirpenski reviewed a letter from the Town Attorney addressed to Attorney O'Hearn, who represents the property owner at 17 DEP Trail. The letter suggested Attorney O'Hearn speak with DEEP directly regarding what the State needs from the Town regarding access to this property. The Town would then take the matter under consideration.
Constitution Field Stairs	Mr. Sirpenski reviewed an e-mail from Superintendent, Adam Burrows, affirming that the new stairs on Constitution Field would be a town project for public access.
DOT Sign Project Motion	The State is replacing posts on state-owned mounted signs with flashers. Voluntown has two such signs in the area of the school. The DOT requested that Towns sign an agreement that a public meeting/hearing is not necessary for this project. A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch, Tracey Hanson) to approve signing off on this project. Unanimously voted.
Recreation Comm.	Mr. Sirpenski noted that he reviewed the proposals from Boundaries for the stair and pavilion projects on Constitution Field and e-mailed Mr. Magario, Commission Chairman, about additional quotes for the projects. He also sent him a copy of the process the Commission needs to follow to

ask for an additional appropriation. Mr. Sirpenski noted he is waiting for a response before proceeding.

Tax Refunds  
Motion

Ms. Morell, Tax Collector, requested two refunds for overpayment of taxes to Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service, one for \$1,224.02 and the other for \$2,246.28. A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch, Tracey Hanson) to approve the refunds. Unanimously voted.

**Old Business**

Methodist Church

Mr. Sirpenski stated that approximately 97% of the "make safe" repairs on the church have been completed. The additional repairs are pending approval of access to the neighboring property.

Election Workers  
Pay Scale

Pay scales have been obtained from neighboring towns and Mr. Sirpenski will present a suggested pay scale to the Registrars and BOS for review and comment.

Resolution (RPIP)

The Regional Performance Incentive Program Resolution cannot be approved until the change to NECCOG has been completed.

Library Addition

Mr. Sirpenski noted that he met with Catherine Rubin, Acting Librarian, to review and work on the USDA Grant proposal. He stated that the Town Council will need to advise them on several sections of the grant.

NECCOG  
Town Meeting Call  
Motion

The next step in the process of switching from SECCOG to NECCOG is approval at a Town Meeting. Mr. Sirpenski reviewed a Town Meeting Call for February 19, 2014 to authorize this change. A motion was made (Tracey Hanson, Ronald Millovitsch) to approve the Town Meeting Call. Unanimously voted. A copy of the Meeting Call is appended to these minutes.

Recreation Comm.

As noted above, the BOS needs additional information before proceeding. Mr. Sirpenski also noted that all Boards/Commission must post and file agendas and minutes as part of the FOI (Freedom of Information) requirements.

**New Business**

Transfer Station  
Motion

A motion was made (Tracey Hanson, Ronald Millovitsch) to appoint Deborah Fletcher as an Alternate Member of the Transfer Station Commission. Unanimously voted.

**Adjournment**

Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch, Tracey Hanson) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Unanimously voted.

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