

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Regular Meeting held on June 18, 2013

Regular Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, at the Voluntown Town Hall. Mr. Millovitsch, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
Selectmen Present	Ronald J. Millovitsch, Robert A. Sirpenski, Willis G. Maynard
Town Officials	Maria Morell, Tax Collector; Catherine Rubin, Acting Librarian
Citizens Present	Mason Donnel
Approval of Minutes	
Motion	A motion was made (Willis Maynard, Robert Sirpenski) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 4, 2013 as submitted. Unanimously voted.
Citizens Comments	
Mason Donnel	Mr. Donnel expressed his concerns about the hiring practices of the Board of Education and asked what input, if any, the Board of Selectmen had in their decisions. Mr. Millovitsch and Mr. Sirpenski explained that they are elected officials and answer to the State Board of Education not the Selectmen. Mr. Donnel stated that while the hiring process was legal, he felt it should be more open and was frustrating to anyone looking for answers. The BOS noted that they will convey his concerns to the Board of Education.
Catherine Rubin Acting Librarian	Ms. Rubin approached the BOS regarding grants being offered by the State of Connecticut for library construction. Ms. Rubin noted that she is willing to do the necessary paperwork if the BOS could supply some of the information they need. The BOS thanked her for all the work she has done and agreed to help in any they can.
Maria Morrell Tax Collector	Ms. Morrell informed the BOS that the tax bills may go out late due to a problem in the Assessor's Office.
Old Business	
Employment Agreement FF/EMT's	The Fire Department has forwarded several recommendations to the Town Attorney and this item will be reviewed when a reply is received.
New Business	
Council of Governments	Mr. Millovitsch noted that he will be attending a NECCOG (Northeast Conn. Council of Governments) meeting to determine whether the Town should switch to their region. Currently, the Town belongs to SECCOG (Southeast Conn. Council of Governments) which includes the towns to the Groton, New London and other shoreline towns. The Town has its Animal Control Services through NECCOG and it may be of benefit to change all services to their region.
Any Other Business	
Uniforms	The uniform contract for the Public Works Department is up for renewal. Contract negotiations are underway and the BOS will look into a short term extension until they are complete.
Sidewalk forms	Mr. Cady offered to sell the sidewalk forms used for the Streetscape Project to the Town. After discussion it was decided not to purchase the forms.
Driveway Permit Motion	A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch, Willis Maynard) to approve a driveway permit for 174 North Shore Road. Unanimously voted.
Mural	A discussion took place regarding the mural located at the Town Hall. A request was received from the Elementary School to remove the shrubbery from in front of the mural. After discussion, the BOS agreed that they would prefer to have the mural moved to the school as that area is now becoming cluttered.
Recreation Comm. Motion	A motion was made (Robert Sirpenski, Willis Maynard) to appoint Marc Pelletier to the Recreation Commission. Unanimously voted.

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Tax Refunds
Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch, Robert Sirpenski) to approve tax refunds as presented by the Tax Collector. Unanimously voted.

17 DEP Trail Road

The BOS received a letter from Morell & O'Hearn, Attorneys at Law, in reference to a home located at 17 DEP Trail. The homeowner has requested that the Town obtain an easement from the State for his use of the road. The matter will be forwarded to the Town Attorney.

STEAP Grant

The BOS reviewed a letter from the Office of Policy and Management granting a one-year extension to the STEAP Grant for the Public Works Facility/Bus Parking area.

Adjournment

Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch, Robert Sirpenski) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

Roxanne Gray, Admin. Asst. to the BOS

Ronald Millovitsch, Selectman