

TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
February 24, 2015

The Special Town Meeting of the Town of Voluntown was held at the Voluntown Elementary School Gymnasium, Voluntown, Connecticut on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. for the following purposes wit:

The meeting was called to order by Robert Sirpenski, First Selectman with the reading of the Notice of Special Town Meeting.

Cheryl A. Sadowski, Town Clerk served as clerk for the meeting.

Call for the moderator by the Clerk. Diana Ingraham made a motion to nominate Robert Sirpenski as moderator, which was seconded by Ronald Millovitsch. Call for vote for moderator. All were in favor of Robert Sirpenski serving as moderator. So carried. Robert Sirpenski will serve as moderator.

1. That the Town of Voluntown appropriate the sum of \$1,104,304 from the capital non-recurring account and the undesignated fund balance for the Voluntown Elementary School Roof Replacement Project for the design, construction, installation and overall cost of the project. The appropriation may be spent on the design and construction costs, including removal of materials, architect fees, schematic drawings and specifications, engineering fees, equipment, materials, and any other expenses related to the project.

Lloyd Vanlanen made a motion to approve Item #1. Bob Panko seconded it. Item #1 was opened for discussion. Robert Sirpenski, First Selectman, stated that by State Statute you are required to appropriate the entire amount. There will be a State reimbursement at 64% of the cost. The cost to the Town will be approximately \$440,000. The Town will take half from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund and the other half from the Undesignated Fund. It will go out to bid and hopefully will come in lower than the appropriated amount. Adam Burrows, Superintendent, stated that the roof is 62,000 square feet and that the project will replace 42,000 square feet. The remaining square footage had been done in 2000. The ED049 form needs to be sent out tomorrow to start the process. A project like this comes from the Town budget, not the school. Mr. Burrows stated the roof has been leaking and has had problems for some time. Mr. Sirpenski was pleased that the Building Committee had chosen Jacunski Humes Architects, LLC for the project, they are top notch and do a good job. There was discussion concerning the State reimbursement rate, going out to bid sometime in April, the time line of the project with the completion scheduled during the summer and the use of the building and grounds during the project. With no further discussion, Jennifer Panko made a motion to close discussion. Ronald Millovitsch seconded it and all were in favor. The moderator called for a vote on Item #1. All were in favor, none opposed. So carried.

2. To authorize the Board of Education to submit an ED049 Form to the School Facilities Unit of the State Department of Education (SDE) for their review and approval to secure State reimbursement of the eligible costs of the roofing project to be completed during the summer of 2015.

Judith Allik made a motion to approve Item #2. Lloyd Vanlanen seconded it. With no discussion, the moderator called for a vote on Item #2. All were in favor, none opposed. So carried.

3. To authorize the Voluntown Board of Education or the School Building Committee and any other officials of the Town as needed to apply to the Commissioner of Education and accept grant funding for the project.

Lloyd Vanlanen made a motion to approve Item #3. Ronald Millovitsch seconded it. With no discussion, the moderator called for a vote on Item #3. All were in favor, none opposed. So carried.

4. To authorize the Board of Selectmen, the Town Treasurer and other proper officials of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and if necessary, to obtain short term funding in anticipation of the receipt grants for the project, not to exceed \$1,104,304.

Judith Allik made a motion to approve Item #4. Jennifer Panko seconded it. With no discussion, the moderator called for a vote on Item #4. All were in favor, none opposed. So carried.

5. That the School Building Committee for the project is vested with the following powers and duties: to approve design and construction expenditures for the project, to recommend to the First Selectman the execution of any contracts with architects, engineers, contractors, and others, in the name and on behalf of the Town to complete the project, and to exercise such other powers as are necessary or appropriate to complete the project. Upon completion of the project, the Building Committee shall make a complete report and accounting to the Board of Selectmen, the Treasurer, and the Board of Education.

Jennifer Panko made a motion to approve Item #5. Melinda Bryan seconded it. One question, if this was in compliance with the State and yes it is. With no further discussion, the moderator called for a vote on Item #5. All were in favor, none opposed. So carried.

Ronald Millovitsch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Panko seconded it and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

Attest:

Cheryl A. Sadowski, Town Clerk