

TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
August 4, 2014

The Special Town Meeting of the Town of Voluntown was held at the Voluntown Town Hall, 115 Main Street, Voluntown, Connecticut on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. for the following purposes to wit:

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

Beth Taylor, Assistant Town Clerk served as clerk for the meeting.

Call for the moderator by the Clerk. Louis Gardella made a motion to nominate Bob Sirpenski as moderator, which was seconded by Lloyd VanLanen. There were no other nominations. Ron Millovitsch made a motion to close nominations, which was seconded by Tracey Hanson. All were in favor of Bob Sirpenski serving as moderator. So carried. Robert Sirpenski will serve as moderator.

- Item #1: To authorize the First Selectman to negotiate and, subject to the approval as to final terms, of the Board of Selectmen, execute the site lease agreement with CEFIA Holdings LLC and the power purchase agreement with CT Solar Lease for the purpose of obtaining solar energy for the Voluntown Elementary School. The initial term of the lease is for a period of 20 years at a fixed price. The site lease is a portion of the Town owned land that is approximately one (1) acre in size to the rear of the school.

Lloyd VanLanen made a motion to accept item #1. Louis Gardella seconded it. Item #1 was opened for discussion. Bob Sirpenski explained that the project will save the town from \$30,000 to \$50,000 per year. It will be a photovoltaic system which will be designed and engineered by Encon Solar of Stratford. It would be around 186 feet long and just as wide. Such a design is estimated to generate as much as 250 kilowatt hours per year. There will be no up front costs for the school and no maintenance on their part. It would be up to the company to repair and replace anything that went wrong. Also, a purchase agreement such as this will allow Voluntown to take advantage of tax incentives that otherwise they would not be entitled to. After 20 years the school can remove the panels or continue with a buy-out. The project will be financed by Connecticut's Clean Energy Finance & Investment Authority and the CT Solar Lease program. Louis Gardella made a motion to close discussion. Lloyd VanLanen seconded the motion and all were in favor. Call for the vote by the moderator. All were in favor, none opposed. So carried.

Ron Millovitsch made a motion to close the meeting. Tracey Hanson seconded it and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Attest:

Beth Taylor, Assistant Town Clerk