

Note: An informational Town Budget Meeting for Fiscal Year 2014/2015 was held on May 6, 2014 at the Town Hall

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Regular Meeting held on May 13, 2014**

Regular Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at the Voluntown Town Hall. Mr. Sirpenski, Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
Selectmen Present	Robert A. Sirpenski, Ronald J. Millovitsch, Tracey L. Hanson
Town Officials	None
Citizens Present	Ty Cool; Vicky Connors;
Approval of Minutes	
Motion	A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Ronald Millovitsch) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 22, 2014 as submitted. Unanimously voted.
Citizens Comments	
Vicky Connors	Ms. Connors expressed her concern about the possibility of United Health Services buying the "Tamarack" property for use as a residential treatment center. Among her concerns were the impact on Emergency Services, septic, road wear, the local aquifer and her understanding that it would be a voluntary placement with no security in place for up to 250 people on a rotating schedule. Mr. Sirpenski noted that the BOS did not solicit for this company and it was private property being advertised by the owners. The only contact the BOS had was with a Real Estate Agent from Pennsylvania who made an inquiry on behalf of United Health Services. He noted that a company representative and the agent spoke to the Building/Zoning Official and that the current zoning did not meet their requirements. Mr. Sirpenski noted that this is a well-known company with facilities in approximately thirty-six states. However, no details were provided at the time he spoke to them. Mr. Sirpenski noted again, that the BOS did not solicit this company and, in fact, told them the process would have to include Town Meetings as well as zoning changes. The company has not contacted the Planning and Zoning Commission or the BOS regarding any follow-up on this property and may or may not still be interested in it.
Correspondence	
Conn. State Police	Mr. Sirpenski noted that he has the reports from Troop E (Montville) showing the monthly police services provided for the Town during the past year. The reports are on file in the Selectmen's Office. Mr. Sirpenski also noted that there has been a strong police response to speeding in town.
School Loan	Mr. Sirpenski received correspondence from the Bank of New York Mellon regarding the early redemption of the 2002 School Building Loan. The loan may be paid off early without penalty.
Library Addition Archaeological Survey	Ms. Rubin contacted the BOS regarding a request from the State Historic Preservation Office requesting an archaeological reconnaissance of the area for the proposed addition as part of the Dept. of Agriculture grant process. Mr. Sirpenski noted that he wrote to the SHPO asking for a review of this decision based on the fact that the area has been bulldozed and filled after demolition of property on the site of the proposed addition.
EDC – Ag Viability Grant	Mr. Wesa, Chairman of the EDC, forwarded a copy of a grant award notice to the BOS from the Dept. of Agriculture. The grant will be used to promote the Farmer's Market sponsored each year by the EDC.
Ty Cool Meetinghouse	Mr. Cool contacted the BOS regarding his perceived lack of progress on the Meetinghouse. Mr. Sirpenski noted that his concerns would be addressed under "Old Business" on the agenda.
Jack Wesa Tri-Centennial	Mr. Wesa contacted the BOS regarding the Town's Tri-Centennial which will take place in approximately seven years. This item is on the agenda and will be addressed under "Old Business".

Assessor	Mr. Sirpenski received a letter of resignation from the Town's Assessor, Mildred Peringer. Ms. Peringer's last day of work will be June 30, 2014. Mr. Sirpenski will request to have this item added to the agenda.
Recreation Comm. BB Court	A request was received from the Recreation Commission for additional funds for the Basketball Court Project. Mr. Sirpenski noted that the request has been added to the Meeting Call for the Town Budget.
Meetinghouse - Asbestos	A quote in the amount of \$2,500 was received from Wiese Construction Inc. for the removal of asbestos siding from the Meetinghouse.
Aquidneck Building Movers & Riggers	Aquidneck Building notified the BOS that they are working on a quote for moving the Meetinghouse and Wylie Schoolhouse.

Old Business

Methodist Church (Meetinghouse)	Mr. Sirpenski noted that he has contacted Cirrus Engineering, but to date has not received a report on the repairs. He is still in the process of getting prices on various outcomes for the building and noted that he would like the Meetinghouse as well as the Wylie School House moved to the area of the Town Hall and set up with climate control as well as septic. Both buildings would then be able to be viewed and used for meetings and other activities. Mr. Sirpenski noted that ultimately it will be up to the Town on how to proceed.
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New Business

Town – Tri-centennial	Mr. Sirpenski noted that he spoke to representatives from Ashford at the NEECOG meeting about their celebration which takes place this year and suggested the EDC contact Ashford as well as Preston who celebrated their tri-centennial last year. He noted that he is not discouraging the formation of a committee but would rather see preliminary work done before an official committee is formed.
Town Web Site	Ms. Hanson has been working on a new website for the Town, which became crucial after a recent notice from the current host that they will not be working with municipalities after June. After researching several companies, Ms. Hanson felt "99Main Street" which is located in Norwich would be a good fit. She will bring all the information regarding costs to the BOS for a decision. Mr. Sirpenski thanked her for the research she has done on this project.
Town Meeting Call Motion	A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Ronald Millovitsch) to approve a Town Meeting Call for the Annual Town Budget Meeting on May 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary School. Unanimously voted. A copy of the Meeting Call is appended to these minutes.
Revaluation	The Town received one bid for revaluation services from Vision Government Solutions. Mr. Sirpenski noted that he spoke to NECOG as they sponsor a regional revaluation program. Mr. Filchak, Executive Director of NECOG, recommended going with Vision for this mid-term revaluation as we will need to seek authorization from the Office of Policy and Management to reset the statutory revaluation date. This item will be addressed at the next BOS meeting.
Library - Radon	The results from a radon test kit recommended further testing for the Library. Mr. Sirpenski noted that a follow-up will be done on the Library as well as the Town Hall.
Amended Agenda Motion	A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Tracey Hanson) to add the resignation of the Assessor to the agenda. Unanimously voted.
Resignation - Assessor	The BOS accepted the resignation of Mildred Peringer, Assessor, effective June 30, 2014. After discussion, it was agreed to advertise for a certified part-time Assessor.

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Adjournment

Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch, Tracey Hanson) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

Roxanne Gray, Admin. Asst. to the BOS

Robert A. Sirpenski, Selectman