

TUESDAY 7PM HEARING@VES. 3/15/16

## Voluntown Finally Gets Several Breaks With The State Police Training Facility

---

**The most important and needed advantage will be Voluntown's public safety improvement with the constant and numerous State Trooper traffic through and in our Town.** Should we need help, it will be readily at hand. So too their presence alone will deter the criminally minded to avoid this entire area. This notion may well deter those criminally minded from out of State, recognizing that Voluntown directly borders RI and currently we have no in Town police protection.

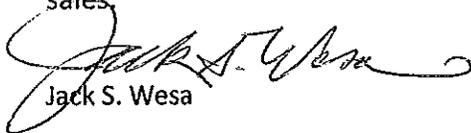
**Most people will hardly hear the anything as they will be out of Town at their place of employment during the day. ` The normal operating hours for the range is Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** Every three years we are required to conduct low light shooting which is conducted immediately after sunset. This typically concludes by 9:00 pm. There is very minimal usage of the range on the weekends' - CSP.

**Considering the over 20,000 Voluntown State owned acres,** the facility and shooting ranges certainly can be so constructed in or adjacent the forest to **have minimum impact on most citizens.**

**Potential for more local business** from the Troopers, and local contracted services for building and grounds maintenance.

**The proposed 55,000 SF Buildings facility will generate real tax relief for taxpayers.** Using the current MLS sales data of \*\$123.41/sold SF x55,000 SF=\$6,787,550 appraised value. Then applying assessment 0.7 factor we have \$4,751,285 of taxable property. Applying our current mill rate of 26.6 mills an annual revenue of PILOT (payment-in-lieu-of-tax) \$126,384 may be realized. This is the equivalent of 0.63 mills (\$126.384/\$200,000/mil). 0.63 mills represents 2.4% of our mill rate (0.63 mills/26.6 mills). Thus Voluntown tax payers will realize a 2.4% decrease in their taxes every year. A first in the never ending increase in our taxes. Remember our 10% tax increase last year?

\*MLS Data for Voluntown residential Real Estate Sales over the last 6 months-no commercial sales



Jack S. Wesa

Selectman & EDC Chair

3-14-16