

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**April 10, 2018**

**Regular Meeting** The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at the Voluntown Town Hall. Ms. Hanson, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Selectmen Present** Tracey Hanson, Ronald Millovitsch, Mark Oulton

**Town Officials** None

**Citizens Present** Meagan Wicks, Bruce Maynard

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** A motion was made by (Ronald Millovitsch/Mark Oulton) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 27, 2018. Motion Approved.

**Citizens Comments**  
**Megan Wicks/Bruce Maynard**  
**Bruce Maynard** Ms. Wicks asked the selectmen to check out the drainage near her home on 181 Congdon Road. The water is getting choked at the pipes. Mr. Millovitsch stated this would need to be addressed with the Inland & Wetlands Officer. Mr. Maynard asked if they could get an extension on the driveway permit. They can't get the driveway finished until the drainage is fixed.

**Correspondence & Announcements**  
**Meagan Wicks** Ms. Wicks submitted a letter stating the issues they are having with the drainage on Congdon Road.

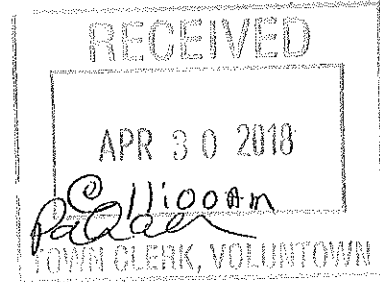
**Greg Farmer** Mr. Farmer, from the CT Trust for Historic Preservation, stated in an email correspondence that the mold treatment to be done at the Methodist Church doesn't need any special equipment and he would provide the information on the treatment. Ms. Hanson inquired about the bell that was broken at Wylie School Road. He suggested that the bell be moved to a secure location until repaired

**BOE** Ms. Ingraham, the Chairman of the Board of Ed, sent a letter to Senator Heather Somers and Representative Kevin Skulczyck about the cuts to the Education Cost Sharing and how this is affecting our town and requesting that the legislature restore the funding.

**Town Clock Garden** The Garden with the clock tower was damaged by a tractor trailer truck. A few citizens provided information about the damage and pictures of the truck that hit the garden.

**Old Business – Discussion**

**Town Garage Update** The bid for the Public Works Garage will be in the paper on April 11<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup>. The bid packet is quite large so it will be provided to bidders online rather than in print format. The mandatory pre-bid walkthrough will be at the site on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am and the bid opening will be on May 9, 2018 at 10am. The project must be started by June 30, 2018 in order to not lose the Steap Grant of \$500,000. The entire amount of money for the garage must be fully appropriated before the project can be awarded. The Town is locked into the plans that were already created because of the lawsuit. Costs have also increased because of new laws to prevailing wages. After the bids are opened the Town will know how much we need to appropriate to finish the garage. The Town can apply for a second Steap Grant but the Grant might not open until the end of the year. We may not have to use the money that is appropriated if we receive the second Steap Grant. Because this is a supplemental appropriation over 100,000, the Town has to go to referendum to appropriate the funding. The date for the Town meeting will be May 15, 2018 and the Referendum will be May 22, 2018.



IT/Phone System

Mr. Oulton met with Apex and he is waiting for the quote for them to host the NewVision System for us and they will help with the phone system as well.

Mr. Oulton is looking into egov.com which is a provider for financial services which could give the Town the ability to pay for taxes and dog licenses online and for the Town to accept credit cards. There will be user fees. He is waiting to hear back from them to set up a meeting.

**Old Business – Action Items**

Social Media Policy

Once the policy is approved it will be sent to all Boards and Commissions and each person must sign an acknowledgement that they received it and understand the policy. Ms. Hanson will hold workshops for anyone who has questions about the policy.

A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Mark Oulton) to approve the Town Social Media Policy. Motion Approved with Ronald Millovitsch recusing himself from the vote.

**New Business – Action Items**

Budget Proposal 18/19

The budget format has changed a little in order to streamline the budget and to make changes at the request of the new Auditor.

Ms. Hanson suggested we repeal The Snow Removal Ordinance which states we need to fund it at 100,000 each year and that it's a rollover fund. The Town Roads Fund should be repealed as well. At the suggestion of the auditor these items should be listed in the General Fund budget and not be used as rollover funds. Mr. Millovitsch stated he thought there was an amendment to the Snow Removal Fund which funds it at \$125,000. Ms. Hanson suggested these could be added to the call with the Public Works Garage Town Meeting.

Ms. Hanson has suggested a new ordinance which would set the undesignated fund at a certain percentage and that any excess could be used to fund projects or could be used to reduce the amount of tax increase for the following year.

Ms. Hanson stated that we would tentatively have the Annual Town Meeting on May 29, 2019. At that meeting she would like to add the Town Clerk Ordinance and the Fracking Ordinance.

The Town has cemetery accounts that have not been used. These funds could be used for work done on the cemeteries. The Auditor suggested we set these funds up as a Capital Nonrecurring fund for the use of cemetery work only and once it's used up they would be closed. There is also another account that could be used for the poor. A policy would need to be created for use of this fund. Ms. Hanson suggested this be used for social services.

**New Business – Discussion**

Tax Abatement

Ms. Hanson is working on an ordinance that would help Dairy Farms in the Town. This ordinance would help Dairy Farms with a Tax abatement on buildings. If this ordinance is approved it would only lower the town taxes by approximately \$7,000.

**Suggestions for Next Meeting – None**

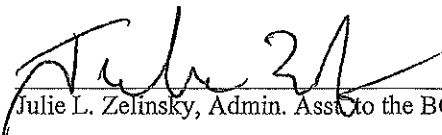
**Adjournment**

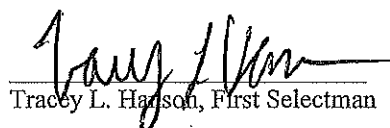
Motion

A motion was made by (Ronald Millovitsch/Mark Oulton) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:42p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

  
Julie L. Zelinsky, Admin. Ass't to the BOS

  
Tracey L. Hanson, First Selectman