

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 23, 2018

Meeting	A Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at the Voluntown Town Hall. Tracey Hanson, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Selectmen Present	Tracey Hanson, Ronald Millovitsch, Mark Oulton
Town Officials	Joseph Grenier, Cliff Schwery, Emile LePage Jr, John Gileau
Citizens Present	Wendy Gauthier, Ralph Lafrazza
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 January 9, 2018. Motion Approved.
Citizens Comments	
Wendy Gauthier	Ms. Gauthier asked about the newest job posting on the website. Ms. Hanson responded that the town is looking for a grant consultant to manage the third phase of the Voluntown Housing Authority project.
Ralph Lafrazza	Mr. Lafrazza stated that the water levels on Beach Pond are high due to the recent rains and he has not been able to work on his docks despite the drawdown. He still has six feet of water. He stated that the chairs in the meeting room should be replaced. Mr. Oulton is looking into a place that sells second hand office equipment.
Correspondence & Announcements	
Senator Murphy	There is a transportation Summit being held with Senator Chris Murphy on Friday January 26, 2018 at the University of Bridgeport at 10:30am. Ms. Hanson will attend the meeting.
Asplunde	Asplunde sent in a list of trees to the Town that will potentially be removed along Route 49/Ekonk Hill. They are scheduled to begin on January 10, 2018 and be completed by January 10, 2019. Work will begin after they have received a permit from the state and with permission from the landowners.
CT State Police	The CT State Police sent in their report listing 4 accidents, 8 criminal investigations, 1 burglary, 1 larceny and 37 non reportable matters for the Town of Voluntown.
CDBG	The CDBG held an application workshop on January 22, 2018 from 8:30 to 12:30pm at the Lyceum in Hartford. All eligible communities applying for 2018 Small Cities funding must attend. Ms. Hanson attended this workshop on behalf of the Town of Voluntown.
Lloyd VanLanen	Mr. VanLanen sent in a letter of resignation as the Recreation Commission Chair as of February 7 th , 2018.
SEC-TV	SEC-TV sent in a letter offering its services to the town and schools. They have a television studio located near Route 1 in Groton and editing facilities that be can be used free of charge.
ST of CT	The State of CT sent a letter stating that Wells Fargo Bank and Santander Bank have received a Community Reinvestment Act ratings of "Needs to Improve". Under CT General Statutes Section 36a-33, "no bank with such a rating may receive deposits."
Town Roof Project	Mr. Bender from CLA Engineers, Inc. has scheduled a pre-construction review and agreement signing with D/E/F and Ms. Hanson on February 12, 2018 at 9am at the Town Hall.

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A Resident Ms. Hanson received a letter from a resident who enclosed some information about services that the people of the Town may be able to use. Ms. Hanson has looked into some of these services and will add this to the agenda for the next Selectman's meeting.

Motion A motion was made by (R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton) to move the discussion for Fire Department – Roof and Fire Truck next on the agenda. Motion approved.

Fire Dept. Mr. Grenier stated that the shingles on the Firehouse need to be replaced. It will cost approximately \$65,000.00. This should be the maximum amount that it will cost. The Fire Department has hired Fred Marsek and Associates, an architectural firm, to review the roof and come up with an estimate and create a bid package. There is water damage and leaks in the hall.

The second item is a replacement of the 1992 Fire Truck. They have decided to go with a program truck. They have three bids that say the truck will cost anywhere from \$417,000 to \$460,000 plus \$10,000 for equipment. The Town has \$224,000 in the Fire Equipment Fund that could be used towards the Fire Truck. Mr. Grenier felt they would be able to get the truck for approximately \$430,000. Town would need to come up with \$220,000 to pay for the truck and \$65,000 for the Firehouse roof. Ms. Hanson stated that there is money in the unassigned fund to pay for these expenses. The Firemen urged Ms. Hanson to move on this quickly since the quotes are only good for 60 days. Ms. Hanson will look into having a Special Town Meeting to ask the voters for approval. The second option is looking into a loan to pay for it but this option would increase the budget where using money from the unassigned fund would not.

Old Business – Action Items None

Old Business – Discussion

2018-2019 Budget Ms. Hanson has sent out a budget packet and timeline to all Boards and Commissions. She has asked all Commissions to try to keep their budgets at a zero increase. Ms. Hanson stated she would hold a budget workshop tentatively on March 6, 2018. The Commissions could come in on this date and plead their case if they feel they need an increase. MS. Hanson stated that we were not sure what is going on with the State and whether or not they would have new hold backs like they did for the 2017-2018 budget.

Meeting Room Ms. Hanson is working on creating a policy for the usage of the meeting room. She will get it to the Selectman before the next meeting.

Interview Process Ms. Hanson discussed the process in which the interviews would take place for the Tax Assessor and the Tax Collector positions. The end date to collect applications is February 1, 2018. Ms. Hanson is hoping to have the scoring process done by February 8th and then they could start the interview process.

New Business – Action Items

Oil Tank Replacement Building Committee A motion was made by Ronald Millovitsch/Mark Oulton to create the Oil Tank Replacement Building Committee. Motion Approved.

Ms. Hanson asked Mr. Millovitsch if he would like to serve on the committee. Mr. Millovitsch stated he is on too many boards right now. He asked Ms. Gauthier if she would be interested in being on the committee. Ms. Gauthier said she would.

Appointees A motion was made (R. Millovitsch/ M. Oulton) to appoint the following members to the Committee. Motion Approved.

Diana Ingraham, Paul Ricard, Jim MacBride, Jack Wesa and Wendy Gauthier.
Adam Burrows – Non voting member.

New Business – Discussion

IT Update

No update at this time. Mr. Millovitsch stated he is not in favor of having cameras filming the Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Oulton Stated it is just an option to look into.

Mr. Oulton would like to look into having a credit card system so the tax collector and the town clerk could accept credit cards. Mr. Oulton is also looking into updating the Website. There is a glitch in the system that sends old emails any time a change is made.

Comm. Conversations

Ms. Hanson would like to hold a Community Conversations Roundtable tentatively on March 5, 2018 at the Voluntown Elementary School Library. Mr. Burrows is hoping to use this as a platform for the schools Strategic Plan. They have held these meetings in the past where all non-profit groups, town officials, church officials, Boards and Commissions and anyone else interested could discuss future plans or projects for the town.

Suggestions for Next Meeting - None

Adjournment

Motion

A motion was made by (Ronald Millovitsch/Mark Oulton) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:53p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

Julie L. Zelinsky, Admin. Asst. to the BOS

Tracey L. Hanson, First Selectman