

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Voluntown Public Housing Authority Public Hearing
February 27, 2018

A Public Hearing was held at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Small Cities Grant Program for the Voluntown Housing Authority.

Citizens Present Judith Allik

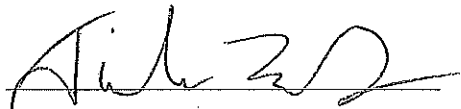
Public Hearing Ms. Hanson read a statement regarding the intention for a third round of funding for a
PHA Small Cities grant for \$700,000.00 for the rehabilitation of 20 housing units at
 Greenwood Manor. See Attached statement.

Citizens Comments None

Adjournment

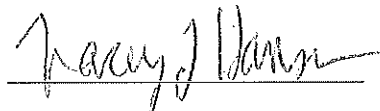
Motion A motion was made by (Ronald Millovitsch/Mark Oulton) to adjourn the meeting. The
 meeting adjourned at 6:37p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:



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

Approved for distribution by:



Tracey L. Hanson, First Selectman

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Prepared Statement

The subject of this Public Hearing is the Town of Voluntown's application to the state Department of Housing for a Small Cities grant for \$700,000 for Phase III of rehabilitation of 20 housing units at Greenwood Manor, 239 Main Street, a property owned and operated by the Voluntown Housing Authority. This Public Hearing's purpose is three-fold: 1) to discuss the income re-use plan; 2) to report on the status of the 2016 and 2017 grants; and 3) to receive comments on the 2018 Small Cities application. With regard to the three purposes stated above, please note:

- 1) No program income has been earned. Program income earned in future, if any, will be used for the same purpose originally applied for.
- 2) The 2016 grant is complete. 20 bathrooms were upgraded and 2 ADA units made fully accessible. The 2017 grant is underway with D/E/F services group of Griswold awarded low bid. The 2017 project will include bumping out up to 9 units to include a separate bedroom. The project's civil engineer, John Faulise, has been assigned to work with the Town Planning and Zoning Commission regarding these bump outs. Barring unforeseen circumstances, the project should be complete by August.
- 3) The purpose of the 2018 application, for \$700,000, Phase 3, is to finish interiors and to provide exterior improvements to parking area (the fire marshal would like turn-around ability), pedestrian walkways, and improvements to the community building. This phase—phase 3—undertaken in the third, 2018 application, will complete the VHA renovation project. Accomplishments of the three phases taken together include making VHA more marketable with higher rent capacity and preparing VHA to be sustainable as decent, safe, and marketable housing for the next generation of use.

I would like now to take any questions regarding the three areas above. If I am unable to answer any of your questions tonight, I will have our consultant reach out to you after.

Thank you.

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Regular Meeting The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at the Voluntown Town Hall. Ms. Hanson, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. following the Public Hearing.

Selectmen Present Tracey Hanson, Ronald Millovitsch, Mark Oulton

Town Officials Ira Kettle, Ron Wheeler

Citizens Present None

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 February 13, 2018. Motion Approved.

Citizens Comments None

Correspondence & Announcements

Heather Somers Senator Heather Somers and State Representative Kevin Skulczyck will be holding a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, March 1, 2018 from 6:00pm-7:00pm at the Voluntown Town Hall

Tammy Paradis Ms. Paradis sent a email regarding trash accumulating on the side of the road on Lillibridge Avenue. There is also a guard rail that needs replacing.

Rep. Kevin Skulczyck Representative Skulczyck will be holding a round table meeting regarding school safety and security with the Superintendents in his district along with the First Selectman of each town, the Connecticut State Police and the Plainfield Police Department on Monday March 5, 2018 at 10:00am at the Griswold Middle School Superintendents meeting.

Ryan Hargraves Mr. Hargraves sent a letter to the Selectmen stating that he had been denied his rights to vote at the recent Town Meeting held on February 21, 2018.

CCM The General Assembly is holding public hearing on March 2, 2018 at 12pm for the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. CCM is having its next Legislative Committee Meeting on Tuesday March 6, 2018 at 9am to 11am at the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel in Rocky Hill.

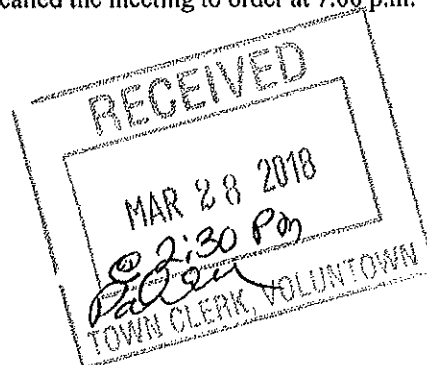
Hyde Harmon A letter was received from Mr. Harmon asking if there was a way to vote by proxy for those who are unable to attend Town Meetings.

Public Safety Committee The Public Safety Committee is having a hearing regarding the State Police Firearms Training Facility on Tuesday, March 6th, 2018 from 11am to 5pm at the Legislature Building in Hartford.

Referendum The Town is having a Referendum on Tuesday, March 6th, 2018 at the Town Hall from 12pm to 8pm pertaining to the purchase of a new Fire Truck.

CT Dept of Labor The Connecticut Department of Labor is holding a Heroes4Hire Veterans Career Fair on April 4, 2018 from 11:00-3:00pm at Rentschler Field's Ballroom in East Hartford.

URI Watershed URI Watershed sent in their bill for the training and the equipping of volunteers to perform on-site water quality monitoring.



Old Business -- Discussion

Budget Update Ms. Hanson testified on Friday February 23, 2018 in front of the appropriations committee regarding the PILOT money and how the townspeople of Voluntown are severely affected by the cuts made.

IT Update Ms. Hanson asked Mr. Oulton to create a new email account for the new Tax Collector. Mr. Zvingilas, the building inspector, had emails sent from his address that were not sent by him. Mr. Oulton will look into it to fix the problem.

There are 2 pipes that lead from the Town Hall to the Town Library that hold wires for the internet. These pipes have collapsed and are leaking into the Town Hall and the Library Basements. These pipes need to be sealed off.

Mr. Oulton is looking for quotes for the new computers needed in the Town Clerks office.

Mr. Oulton is working on getting quoted to update the phone system for the Town Hall.

Public Works Equip. The Selectmen have received several lease options for the over the rail mower and loader. The lease options contain a non-appropriation clause which means that the town has the option to return the equipment and end the lease if it is not passed in the budget for each budget term. The Selectmen have received a quote to sell back the post hole pounder to Log Cabin in the amount of \$15,500.

Town Roof Update The Town Roof project will begin in April as long as there are five days in a row above 50 degrees. It should take approximately two weeks to finish.

New Business -- Action Items

Tax Collector Appointment A motion was made (R. Millovitsch/ M. Oulton) to appoint Giselle Neri as the new Tax Collector. Motion Approved.

Farmer's Market Ms. Hanson read a resolution to enter into a contract for with the Department of Agriculture. The Town has been awarded \$7,300 through the 2017 Farm Viability Grant.

A motion was made (R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton) to approve a Farmer's Market Resolution. Motion Approved. A copy of the Resolution is appended to these minutes.

Public Housing Resolution Ms. Hanson read the Public Housing Resolution for the Town of Voluntown to make application for a third \$700,000.00 grant to finish the bump outs and make improvements to the Voluntown Public Housing.

Motion A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Mark Oulton) to approve a Small Cities Program Resolution for the Voluntown Housing Authority. Motion Approved. A copy of the Resolution is appended to these minutes.

New Business -- Discussion

Building Permits The Selectmen discussed the building permit application. Each application needs to be signed by the Selectmen and Inland and Wetlands before approval.

NECCOG NECCOG compiled an Animal Service Fact Sheet.

Great American Cleanup Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup is in its 20th year. Ms. Hanson stated it would be good to have a town wide cleanup to coincide with this event.

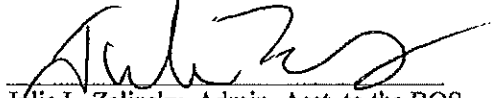
Suggestions for Next Meeting -- None

Adjournment

Motion

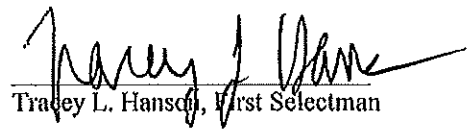
A motion was made by (Ronald Millovitsch/Mark Oulton) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:23p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:



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

Approved for distribution by:



Tracey L. Hansch, First Selectman

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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the best interest of the Town of Voluntown to enter into contracts with the Department of Agriculture.

IN FUTHERANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION, the Honorable Tracey L. Hanson, First Selectman is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts dated February 27, 2018 on behalf of the Town of Voluntown. The Honorable Tracey L. Hanson is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the State of Connecticut in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescission, and revisions thereto.

THE TOWN CLERK IS AUTHORIZED to impress the seal of the Town of Voluntown on any such document, amendment, rescission or revision:

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SELELCTMEN, THIS 27th DAY OF February 2018.

I, Pamela E. Theroux, the Clerk of the Town of Voluntown, do hereby certify this to be a true copy of the resolution duly adopted at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on February 27, 2018 and that it has not been rescinded, amended or altered in any way, and that it remains in full force and effect.

Pamela E. Theroux, Town Clerk

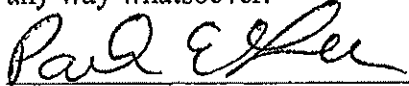
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Date

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION
OF THE TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN

SMALL CITIES PROGRAM

Certified a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Voluntown at a meeting of its Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, February 27th, 2018 and which has not been rescinded or modified in any way whatsoever.



(Pamela Theroux, Town Clerk)

(Date) 2/27/2018

(SEAL)

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93 -3 83, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Voluntown make application to the State for \$ 700,000 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes; and,
2. That the filing of an application by the Town of Voluntown in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 is hereby approved, and that Tracey Hanson, the First Selectman of the Town of Voluntown is hereby authorized and directed to file such Application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Voluntown.