VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN’S MEETING
June 12, 2018

Regular Meeting
The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday June 12, 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
Rachel Ricard, Laureen Blanchette

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Motion
A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on May 30, 2018. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to add appointments to the Tri-Centennial Committee and the Voluntown Housing Authority under New Business Action Items. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to amend item “First Read Oil Tank Replacement Contract” to Oil Tank Update. Motion Approved.

Citizens Comments
None

Correspondence & Announcements

DOT
An email was sent by Dan McBride stating that the permits for paving Gardner Rd and Sand Hill Rd will be ready in approximately two weeks.

OPM
An email was sent by OPM stating there are grants available up to $2,000.00 for Neglected Cemeteries.

DAS
Ms. Hanson received a letter from the Department of Administrative Services stating her request for a scoping meeting regarding the State Police Training Facility was denied and that Voluntown residents are invited to attend the meeting in Griswold.

Jeff Beckham
Mr. Beckham invited Ms. Hanson to attend the sound testing for the proposed State Police Training Facility to be held on June 13, 2018 from 9am to 2pm at the Lee Rd site. Ms. Hanson will be there for the testing.

CRT
The Community Renewal Team sent a letter regarding the Community Benefit Report for 2017 for the Town of Voluntown.

Driveway Permit
Ms. Hanson received a letter requesting an extension to a driveway permit for 179 Congdon Rd. This matter will be addressed under Old Business, Action Items.

CT Water
CT Water sent out their monthly newsletter.

Eversource
CL&P and Yankee Gas dba Eversource Energy will be participating in the 2018 CT Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative Exercise on Wednesday June 20th, 2018.

Bureau of Eng. Const.
The Bureau of Engineering and Constructing sent information regarding the Road signs being placed on Town Roads.
Eversource
Eversource sent a poster to the Town regarding the best way to safely plant trees in the right place without causing power outages.

CTACSC
Under state law the Town has the right to appoint one member from the Town to the Cable Television Advisory Council. As of right now the position is vacant.

Thames River
The Thames River Basin Partnership sent a list of meetings to be held regarding the Thames River Watershed.

CSP
The Connecticut State Police put together a binder listing the crime statistics for the Town of Voluntown since 2013. The binder is available for viewing in the Town Clerks office.

Brooklyn
The Town of Brooklyn and agreed to help Voluntown with the drainage cleanup. Ms. Hanson will speak to Killingly also since they helped us out before.

Old Business – Discussion

Meetinghouse Update
Ms. Hanson is still waiting on the lawyer before proceeding with the bid process with CT Trust.

Fracking Ordinance
CCM advised to hold off on passing a fracking ordinance until they can review the wording.

IT Update
Mr. Oulton is working on getting a quote for four new desktops, virtual servers, Windows 10 update and the new phone system. He is expecting a quote on Thursday, June 14, 2018.

Mr. Oulton is looking into getting egov.com for accepting credit cards in the Town Hall. He is waiting for a few figures to determine the amount of transactions the Town Hall does on a yearly basis before the company can determine fees. Once he has the numbers we should be ready to move forward. Total cost for the town should be less than $500.00.

Old Business – Action Items

Driveway Permit Ext.
A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to extend the driveway permit for 179 Congdon Road by one year from August 29, 2018 to August 29, 2019. Motion approved.

New Business – Action Items

Tax Refunds
A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch/Mark Oulton) to approve tax refunds to the following: Donald Hill, Mary May, Donna Scuncio, Glenn Thompson, Laura Daylor, Daniel Reed, Jill Sleppy and Misty Arnold. Motion Approved.

Appointments
A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to appoint Theodore Levesque to the Voluntown Housing Authority. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to appoint James MacBride to the Tricentennial Planning Committee. Motion Approved.

New Business – Discussion

Referendum/Ordinance
The Selectmen discussed bringing budgets or ordinances to referendums. The lawyer stated we need to follow state statutes which says we have to follow the Town Meeting form of Government. We cannot do an ordinance to move ordinances directly to a referendum. Right now the Town can go to Referendum if the Board agrees to adjourn a Town Meeting to a referendum or by petition from residents. They discussed having the Town Budgets moved to an adjourned town meeting to a referendum if the mil rate increases by 3 or 4%.

Oil Tank Update
The Board of Education has signed the consulting contract to create the bid for the oil tank project. The Town will hold a Public hearing and a Town meeting on dates to be determined.
Capital Projects Plan  The Board is working on their Capital Projects Plan. They have requested each Board to submit any capital projects they may need in the next six years.

Suggestions for Next Meeting – Special Events Ordinance

Adjournment

Motion  A motion was made by (Ronald Millovitsch/Mark Oulton) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:  

Julie L. Zelinsky, Admin. Asst to the BOS

Approved for distribution by:  

Tracey L. Hanson, First Selectman