

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING
August 28, 2018**

Regular Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday August 28, 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 Pledge of Allegiance	Darius Fellows, James Eppinger
Approval of Minutes Motion	A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on August 7, 2018. Motion Approved.
Citizens Comments	
Darius Fellows	Mr. Fellows spoke to the Selectmen about problems he is having with NECCOG Animal Services for a complaint he made on a neighbor's dogs. Ms. Hanson stated she would call NECCOG to address the issue.
James Eppinger	Mr. Eppinger asked to have his private sign returned to him which he was given. He discussed the issues he has been having on Denison Hill Road with the Selectmen.
Motion	A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/Mark Oulton to add a driveway permit and snow plowing and sand bids to new business. Motion approved.
Board/Committee Reports – None	
Correspondence & Announcements	
NECCOG	NECCOG Animal Control sent their report for the month of July.
Audit Report V/S Transfer Station	Ms. Hanson received the completed audit report for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 for the Voluntown/Sterling Transfer Station.
Yankee Institute	The Yankee Institute for Public Policy published the "Warning Signs: Assessing Municipal Fiscal Health in Connecticut". Voluntown ranked # 30 out of the 169 towns in Connecticut for Fiscal Health with a score of 81 out of 100.
CIRMA	CIRMA is providing several trainings on "Sexual Harassment for Supervisors & Staff" and "Preventing Violence in the Workplace & Workplace Harassment and Bullying".
DEEP	Mike Payton sent a response to Ms. Hanson's email stating the improvements they have implemented this summer based on concerns from residents of the Beach Pond area.
Oil tank Committee	Wendy Gauthier has submitted her resignation to the Oil Tank Replacement Committee as of August 27, 2018.
Town of Exeter	The Town of Exeter has rescheduled their Public Hearing pertaining to the Residential/Small Scale Solar Photovoltaic Facility for September 4, 2018 at 7:00pm.
State of CT	The Montville Police sent their monthly report regarding calls for service for the month of July.

LOCIP LOCIP released their report regarding LOCIP funds that were approved for specific projects.

Shovel Ceremony The Shovel ceremony for the Voluntown Public Works garage was postponed to September 10, 2018 at 3:30pm.

Old Business – Discussion

IT Update The new phone system was installed at the Town Hall on the week of August 20, 2018. There are still a few kinks to work out. A new cable needs to be run in the meeting room to use the new conference room phone. Mr. Oulton is still working on getting the credit card system for online payments for the Town Clerk and the Building Inspector.

New Business

School Readiness Liaison Motion A motion was made R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to appoint Alycia Trakas as the School Readiness Liaison to the State of Connecticut for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion Approved.

Air Quality Testing The town had Mystic Air Quality Consultants, Inc come in and do an air quality test because the Town employees are suffering from headaches and allergies. The report found significantly higher than normal levels of mold counts compared to the test sample from the outside in the Admin Office sample and higher than normal amounts in the Meeting Room. A trace amount of Stachybotrys known as toxic mold was found in the Town Clerks office. It was recommended that the Town have all affected substrates and materials cleaned by a professional company including the air ducts and install a dehumidifier in the basement. Long term the town needs to fix existing areas of water leaks/storm damage and ventilation.

Oil Tank Call Ms. Hanson read the call for the Special Town Meeting to be held on September 5, 2018 at the Voluntown Elementary School at 7:00pm. Item 1 will be adjourned to a referendum on September 18, 2018 at the Town Hall from 12pm -8pm. See attached.

Motion A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to accept the Special Town Meeting Call as read. Motion Approved.

Sweeper Bid The Elgin street sweeper that the town owns no longer functions. The Selectmen have decided to put the sweeper up for sale for parts only. Sealed bids will be accepted and opened on September 25, 2018.

Raffle Ordinance In January the State passed an act that turned over the application process for raffles and bazaars from the state to the towns. The town does not have fees or an application process in place yet. The Selectmen reviewed the fees and an application form. The Board decided to follow the fees that other towns are charging. A notice will be created and sent to all nonprofits in Voluntown. Anyone who has a raffle will have to come to the Board for approval. The Town has an ordinance that says we will follow state statutes for raffles and bazaars and the town does not need to pass a new one.

Forge Hill Bridge We received the Forge Hill Bridge inspection report from the State. It is rated as fair but has been declining and will need to be fixed soon. Ms. Hanson went to a meeting that discussed federal and state funding available to help fix bridges. The Federal government has grants that will pay up to 80% and the State has grants that are matching funds. The bridge qualifies for state and federal funding. The Selectmen talked about looking for estimates to find out how much it will cost and then we can consider applying for funding.

Driveway Permit A driveway permit was submitted for Robert and Frances Sirpenski, 279 Brown Rd. Ms. Hanson will approve the application after Mr. Millovitsch goes out to look at it the following day.

Snow Plow/Sand Bids The Board is looking for Snow Plowing and Sand bids. Ms. Hanson read the bid that will be submitted to the paper. The bids will be opened at the Selectmen's meeting on September 25, 2018.

Suggestions for Next Meeting – – The Selectmen discussed cancelling and rescheduling the next Selectmen's Meeting on September 11, 2018 due to Open House at the Voluntown Elementary School.

Adjournment

Motion A motion was made by (Ronald Millovitsch/Mark Oulton) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:12p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

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

Tracey L. Hanson, First Selectman