

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING
November 13, 2018**

Regular Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday November 13, 2018 at the Voluntown Town Hall. Ms. Hanson, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m.
Selectmen Present	Tracey Hanson, Ronald Millovitsch, Mark Oulton
Town Officials	None
Citizens Present	Robert DeLuca, Sharon Viadella
Motion	A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to move Public Works Garage Update to the top of the agenda. Motion approved.
PW Garage Update	Mr. DeLuca from CLA engineering gave an update on the Public Works garage. D/E/F wants to wait until the spring to begin pouring the concrete for the foundation. There is a greater chance of problems if the concrete is poured in colder weather. The bulk of the garage should be finished by the beginning of September. The frame of the building will be housed by the building company for the winter. Mr. DeLuca checked with the State and this will not affect the grant the Town received. There will be no increase in costs to the Town if we wait until Spring. The Selectmen agreed with the changes. Mr. Deluca will draw up a change order form to reflect the new timeline.
Approval of Minutes Motion	None
Citizens Comments	
Sharon Viadella	Ms. Viadella asked if there was any news on the State Police Training Facility.
Correspondence & Announcements	
Troop E Montville	Troop E in Montville sent their report detailing the number of calls for Service in the Town of Voluntown during the month of October. There were 2 accidents, 3 criminal investigations, 1 Larceny, 33 non-reportable matters, 2 traffic citations and 1 written warning.
Registrar of Voters	Ms. Hanson received a letter from Deborah Fletcher, Registrar, regarding political signs at the Transfer Station. A no political sign policy was put in place by the Transfer Station Commission. She asks that the Selectmen inform the workers of the transfer station to remove any signs that are on Transfer Station property.
Outage Map	Eversource sent an email stating they have updated their outage map. The new map has substantially more information for users.
Dept. Of Education	The Department of Education issued the Estimates of State Aid to Municipalities. The Estimate so far is the same as estimated in the original budget however there may be changes to the prior year Special Education Excess Cost. These preliminary numbers will be updated in February and the Final number will be published in April.
Bob Panko	Mr Panko from the Friends of Pachaug Forest obtained 658 signatures on election day regarding opposition to the State Police Training Facility.
James Eppinger	Mr. Eppinger sent an email to Ms. Hanson regarding vehicles entering the state forest on Denison Hill Road and asked for a meeting with the Selectmen, DEEP and the CT State Police.

- Eversource Ms. Finnegan from Eversource stated the street light that has been out on Main Street since the end of June should be fixed by Saturday, November 17, 2018 weather permitting.
- Cub Scouts Mr. Oulton stated that the Voluntown Cub Scouts Pack 74 will be holding their annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday December 2, 2018 at 1:30 pm at the Town Gazebo.

Board/Committee Reports – None

Old Business

- Credit Card System Mr. Oulton stated the Town will move ahead with using GovPayNet for the Building Inspectors Office and the Town Clerks office. He will get in touch with them to get the project going. There should be minimal cost to the town. Mr. Oulton is looking into Invoice Cloud for the online tax system which will allow people to pay their taxes online only with a credit card or an echeck. Invoice Cloud will give a presentation to the Town on November 27, 2018

New Business -Discussion

- Employee Handbook The Selectmen have been issued the updated Employee Handbook. Ms. Hanson asked the Selectmen to begin reviewing the handbook. They will cover up to page 15 at the next selectmen's meeting.

New Business -Action

- Board Appointments The Selectmen, with regret, accepted the resignation to the Economic Development Commission from Janet Cool.
- Motion A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to appoint Tracey Hanson for a 2-year term, Neftali Soto for a 2-year term and Mark Simmons to a 5-year term for the Economic Development Commission. Motion Approved.
- Dairy Farm Abatement The Selectmen reviewed two applications for the Dairy Farm abatement.
- Motion. A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to approve the applications based on the recommendations from the Tax Assessor for a 50% abatement. Motion Approved.

Suggestions for Next Meeting – Employee Handbook

Adjournment

- Motion** A motion was made by (R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

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

Tracey L. Hanson, First Selectman