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  
None

Citizens Comments  
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