

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING
January 8, 2019**

Regular Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday January 8, 2019 at the Voluntown Town Hall. Ms. Hanson, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Selectmen Present	Tracey Hanson, Ronald Millovitsch, Mark Oulton
Town Officials	
Citizens Present	Debra Guntner, Joe Miller, Scott Davidson
Approval of Minutes Motion	A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 18, 2018. Motion Approved.
Citizens Comments	
Debra Guntner	Ms. Guntner spoke to the Selectmen about a letter she received from the Assessor's office. Ms. Hanson explained it was a letter asking for more information on trailers. Ms. Guntner also spoke to the Selectman about the minimum assessment value for personal property.
Joe Miller	Mr. Miller asked if it was the Town pumping water across Congdon Road. The Selectmen explained that it was not the town, but a private citizen and they received a cease and desist order to stop. Mr. Miller asked when the new Public Works garage would be started. Ms. Hanson explained that it would start in the spring and has a completion date of September 6, 2019.
Correspondence & Announcements	
Patriots Day	Ms. Hanson received an email from the Patriot's Day Ambassador announcing that on July 10, 2017, Patriots day became an official unpaid holiday in the State of Connecticut which will be held on the 3 rd Monday in April.
Denison Hill	Ms. Hanson received two emails from Mr. Eppinger regarding ongoing issues on Denison Hill.
King Information System	King Information Systems sent an email stating they will start on January 23 rd , 2018 on the organization project for the Town Hall.
Apex	Apex will be at the Town Hall on Tuesday January 15, 2019 for its monthly maintenance.
D/E/F	Ms. Hanson received the change order from D/E/F listing the completion date of the Public Works Garage for September 6, 2019.
Uncas Health	Uncas Health District provides local public health services to the Town of Voluntown. They sent a letter stating their request for the next budget year.
Uncas Health	Uncas Health is holding a "Freedom From Smoking Group Quit Program" on Wednesdays starting January 9 th from 4:00pm-5:30pm at the Northeast District Department of Health.
Safe Futures	Safe Futures sent a budget request to the Selectmen for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.
GNACC	The Great Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce is holding their Annual meeting reception on January 17, 2019 from 5:30-7:30pm at the Holiday Inn in Norwich.

Conserve CT The Eastern Connecticut Conservation District sent a budget request for Voluntown’s support for the fiscal year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$300.00

Adam Burrows Mr. Burrow sent a letter to Ms. Hanson thanking her for an excellent 2018 along with the results from the SBAC testing done on the school. Voluntown has ranked 1st or 2nd in the last four years in its District Reference Group.

DPH The Department of Public Health sent a letter to Towns that have test positive for the West Nile Virus suggesting they consider “larvicidng” to prevent mosquito-borne diseases.

Old Business

Employee Handbook The Selectmen reviewed and updated the second half of the Employee Handbook.

New Business -Discussion

Heat/Diesel Bid The Selectmen reviewed the bid for the heating and diesel fuel bid. They discussed putting it out to bid now since the price of oil has dropped.

Tax Collector Ordinance The Selectmen reviewed the ordinances pertaining to tax collecting. Two ordinances need changing. The first is to amend the ordinance to allow payments to be accepted by credit and debit cards and by e-checks. The ordinance on the DMV needs to be repealed since it is no longer valid.

Tax Bill Ordinance The Selectmen proposed a new ordinance be created to waive tax bills in the amount of \$10.00 or less since it costs the Town more to create and process the bills than they collect. The Selectmen will hold a Special Town Meeting on February 26th for the new ordinances to be voted on.

Employee Application The Selectmen reviewed the New Employee Application. This application needs to be updated because of the new law that went into effect in January that sates employers can no longer ask what salary an employee received on its prior employment.
A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to approve the new application. Motion Approved.

Suggestions for Next Meeting –

Adjournment

Motion A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

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

Tracey Hanson, First Selectman