VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN’S MEETING
January 22, 2019

Regular Meeting
The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday January 22, 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
Kim Hume, Jack Wesa

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 8, 2019. Motion Approved.

Citizens Comments
Kim Hume
Ms. Hume spoke to the selectmen about the condition of the road on Gallup Road.

Correspondence & Announcements

Griswold Pride
Griswold Pride in conjunction with the CT State Police will hold a training course “CT Drug Threats Training” on March 6, 2019 at the Griswold Town Hall from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

CCM
CCM along with Webster Bank has proposed an initiative to extend no-interest loans to Federal Workers and have encouraged municipalities to delay collecting property taxes from affected employees. Governor Lamont is working with the Legislature to approve a bill to help those affected by the Federal Government shutdown.

VFD
The Voluntown Fire department is having a take-out only chicken barbeque fundraiser on February 16, 2019. The money raised from this event will go to a fund to assist residents of Voluntown when tragedy occurs.

CT Water
Connecticut Water pledged to help work with its customers who are on furlough due to the Federal Government Shutdown to maintain their water service until their paychecks resume.

Troop E
Troop E in Montville sent their Police Report for the month of November. There were 5 criminal investigations, 1 accident, 1 larceny, 1 DUI and 31 nonreportable matters.

DEEP
DEEP will hold a Public Informational Meeting on the Pachaug Forest Proscribed Burns at the Pachaug Town Hall in Griswold on February 11, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Board and Committee Reports

Finance
The Selectmen reviewed the budget expenses for the Town. A few concerns that have come up are paying for the mold cleaning, the new stainless-steel liner for the chimney and the unemployment for Public Works. The Selectmen discussed going out to bid for the next Re-Evaluation that needs to be done in 2020. Planning and Zoning is working on the Plan of Conservation.

Old Business
Employee Handbook

The Selectmen finished reviewing the Employee handbook. Next meeting, they will approve the final draft.

New Business -Discussion

SustainableCT

Ms. Hanson discussed working towards getting Voluntown Certified as a SustainableCT Town. This program will not cost the Town anything and could help us qualify for certain grants.

Economic Development

Ms. Hanson attended a training class about Economic Development. The training focused on how to go about attracting the right type of business and services for your town.

Community Meeting

Ms. Hanson would like to hold another “Community Conversations” Meeting in April to help find out what residents, groups and businesses are looking for from the Town. This meeting will help with the Plan of Conservation.

NEECOG

Ms. Hanson discussed with the Selectmen about joining NECCOG’s Regional Engineering Services.

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to approve tax refunds to the following: Eileen and Alton Button, Dennis Johnson, James Murphy, Leslie and Ann Jalkaneen and Mary May. Motion Approved.

Farmer’s Market

Ms. Hanson read a resolution to enter into a contract for with the Department of Agriculture. The Town has been awarded $8,231.00 through the 2018 Farm Viability Grant.

A motion was made (R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton) to approve a Farmer’s Market Resolution. Motion Approved. A copy of the Resolution is appended to these minutes.

Suggestions for Next Meeting –

Adjournment

Motion

A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Approved for distribution by:

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

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Tracey Hanson, First Selectman