

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
January 22, 2019**

<b>Regular Meeting</b>	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.
<b>Selectmen Present</b>	Tracey Hanson, Ronald Millovitsch, Mark Oulton
<b>Town Officials</b>	
<b>Citizens Present</b>	Kim Hume, Jack Wesa
<b>Approval of Minutes Motion</b>	A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 8, 2019. Motion Approved.
<b>Citizens Comments</b>	
<b>Kim Hume</b>	Ms. Hume spoke to the selectmen about the condition of the road on Gallup Road.
<b>Correspondence &amp; Announcements</b>	
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.
<b>Board and Committee Reports</b>	
<b>Finance</b>	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.
<b>Old Business</b>	

**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 Jalkanen and Mary May.. Motion Approved.

**Farmer’s Market** 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