

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
March 12, 2019**

<b>Regular Meeting</b>	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday March 12, 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>	Sharon Viadella, Jen Panko, Jack Wesa, Lester Davis
<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 February 26, 2019 with one change to add the word "be" under the line item Ralph Lafrazza. Motion Approved.
<b>Citizens Comments</b>	
<b>Sharon Viadella</b>	Ms. Viadella asked if the Town of Voluntown would like to donate to the Statue that is being placed at The CCC Camp in Pachaug State Forest. Ms. Hanson stated the Town has already sent in a donation.
<b>Motion</b>	A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/Mark Oulton to move The Wylie School House Renovations Committee next on the agenda. Motion Approved.
<b>WSHRC</b>	Ms. Panko submitted a report to the Selectmen detailing the work that has been performed on the School House and the work that still needs to be done. They have requested an additional \$4,800 for the next fiscal budget to help with the repairs. The Voluntown Historical Society has donated \$5,000.00 to the project and they have been approved for a matching grant from the Last Green Valley. The Committee has a vacancy if anyone would like to help out with this project.
<b>Correspondence &amp; Announcements</b>	
<b>W/P Wild and Scenic</b>	On Tuesday March 12, 2019 President Trump signed the major public lands, conservation bill which makes the "Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers" official.
<b>Tracey Heston</b>	Ms. Heston sent a complimentary email to the Selectman stating "...the crew at the Transfer Station is outstanding...".
<b>National Day of Prayer</b>	Ms. Hanson received a flyer stating the National Day of Prayer will be held on May 2, 2019 at the Voluntown Gazebo at 5:15pm. In case of rain it will be held at the Voluntown Baptist Church.
<b>CT Mission of Mercy</b>	The CT Mission of Mercy is holding a dental clinic at the Windham Middle School on April 13-14, 2019. The doors open at 8:00 a.m. No appointments necessary. It is on a first come first serve basis.
<b>Griswold Pride</b>	Griswold Pride is sponsoring a day for people to turn in their used, expired or unwanted medicines for a safe disposal on Tuesday March 19, 2019 at several locations.
<b>Neighborhood Assistance</b>	The CT Department of Revenue Services sent out the Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program which provides funding for Municipal and tax-exempt organizations by providing a corporation business tax credit for businesses who make cash contributions to these entities.
<b>DEEP</b>	The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection sent a letter of Conditional Approval for a new mountain bike trail in the Green Falls section of Pachaug State Forest.

- Friends of the Library      The Friends of the Voluntown Library Newsletter is looking for help with the graphics collected for the ads that pay for the printing and for soliciting for the ads. These are volunteer positions. If interested contact Diana Ingraham at [jingraham1@comcast.net](mailto:jingraham1@comcast.net) or Anne Olsen at 860-376-2370.
- Local 926                      Local 926 in Brooklyn, NY is in the process of trying to get buildings to Light IT UP Green for Muscular Dystrophy. They are asking all buildings/landmarks/bridges to light it up lime green on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- State Treasurer              The CT State Treasurer sent an email regarding a Public Finance Outlook Conference on Friday April 5, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dunkin' Donuts Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor YG Club.
- CCM                              CCM is advertising a free U.S. Supreme Court Midterm Webinar on March 20, 2019. Contact Ron Thomas at [rthomas@ccm-ct.org](mailto:rthomas@ccm-ct.org) for more information.
- Three Rivers                 Three Rivers Community College is holding their annual Veterans Resource Fair "Vets Connect" on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Three Rivers Community College Multi-Purpose Room and Cafeteria.
- Troop E Montville            Troop E in Montville sent their report for the Month of February. There were three accidents, three criminal investigations one written warning and 35 non-reportable matters for Voluntown.
- VHS                              The Voluntown Historical Society presented to the Town two checks totally \$5,000.00 to be used for the Wylie School House Lead remediation project.

### **Board and Committee Reports**

- Financial Report 18/19      The Selectmen reviewed the budget to date for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The snow removal expenses are within budget. The Public Works truck repairs is high. One of the plow trucks is getting older and needs to be replaced.

### **Old Business**

- Budget 2019/2020            The Selectmen met with several commissions to review any increases for next year's budget. As of right now the ECS funding is going to be cut by \$316,019 and the LoCIP funding will be cut approximately \$4,000.00. The State Budget has not been voted on yet so there is a chance this will change.
- Town Hall Air Quality        The Selectmen discussed different options to solve the mold issues in the Town Hall. Armstrong Chimney will be coming in the spring to finish patching up the leaks in the chimney. This should fix most of the leaks in the Town Hall. The last issue is repointing the bricks. The Selectmen discussed alternate heating options.

### **New Business -Discussion**

- Emergency Management Plan** – The Emergency Management Plan was completed by the Fire Department and given to Ms. Hanson to sign. A copy of the plan will be placed in the Vault in the Town Clerks Office.

### **New Business - Action**

- Appointment of Auditor    A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to Appoint Sandra Wellwood LLC to audit the Financial Statements for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Motion Approved.
- Cemetery Funds              The Town has a few trust funds to be used on the cemeteries in Town. The Selectmen agreed to give the Robbins Cemetery \$2,000.00 from these funds for maintenance. The principal amount will be kept to be used on upkeep for specified cemetery plots.

A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to consolidate and move the funds to the general checking account to be used for the Robbins Cemetery. Motion Approved.

Financial Policy

The Selectmen finished reviewing the Financial Policy. Ms. Hanson sent it to the Town Lawyer for review and he approved it with a few minor changes.

A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to approve the Financial Policy. Motion Approved.

**Suggestions for Next Meeting – None**

**Adjournment**

**Motion**

A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 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