

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING
March 26, 2019**

Regular Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday March 26, 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	Valoree Longo, John Longo
Approval of Minutes	
Motion	A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 12, 2019. Motion Approved.
Motion	A motion was made to add a Driveway Permit to the agenda under New Business-Action and to move Mud Run – Road Use after approval of minutes. Motion approved.
Mud Run – Road Use	Ms. Longo discussed with the Selectmen a possible Mud Run Race run by Charity Challenge tentatively set for July 20, 2019. They asked the Town what would be needed to hold the event. The race would start at Tamarack, swim to Finn Beach, run to the Boat Launch and return to the Tamarack. They discussed the issues with traffic and possible road closures.
Citizens Comments	None
Correspondence & Announcements	
Norwich Probate	Norwich Probate Court sent Voluntown the projected share of expenses for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.
Jenna Schwery	Jenna Schwery sent an invitation to the Selectmen to attend her Gold Award Ceremony.
Hospice	The Center for Hospice Care sent a Newsletter listing the upcoming “Expressive Arts” workshops for all ages for the Month of April.
Hospice	The Center for Hospice Care sent a letter stating that they will now be part of Hartford HealthCare at Home.
W/P Wild and Scenic	The Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Council is having a Celebration to congratulate all those who supported the “Wild And Scenic” designation on April 8, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the Wood River Access in the Arcadia Management Area.
Reason to Ride	A Reason to Ride sent a permit to be signed by the First Selectman for their 21 st Annual Flag Day Bike Run on Sunday June 9, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. starting at The Plainfield VFW.
DEEP	DEEP sent a copy of the license for the replacement and substructure maintenance on DEEP Bridge #E118.
Old Business	
Budget 19-20	Ms. Hanson sent in written testimony opposing SB 431. This bill would offer a \$50,000.00 homestead exemption to all homeowners in CT resulting in a large reduction in the Voluntown grand list. Also, this bill would add a one mil property tax to all homeowners paid to the State, a repeal of the car tax for Municipalities and replacing it with a car tax paid to the state. The State would use this money to fully fund the PILOT program. However, Voluntown has never received

the full amount of PILOT money due to the Town. All of these changes would result in a huge loss to the Grand list that would have to be made up by an increase to the Town Mill Rate.

The Selectmen discussed options on how to pay for the new Snow Plow needed. They could lease a plow truck which would add to the Town Budget or ask at a Town Meeting for money from the Undesignated fund.

Ms. Hanson previously sent out a message to all Boards and Commissions to send in their Capital Projects. She sent out another message with a deadline of May 1, 2019.

The Selectmen need to add a line item for the Re-evaluation which is due in 2020. Ms. Hanson discussed with NECCOG about getting added to their regionalized services.

- Special Event Ordinance Ms. Hanson handed out a rough draft of the Special Events Policy to the Selectmen and asked them to review. The Selectmen discussed doing this as a Policy rather than an Ordinance. There are issues with some of the ordinances in Planning and Zoning that need to be looked into and it's easier to update a policy. Ms. Hanson sat down with the Fire Department to review it with them and is also sending it the Building Inspector and Planning and Zoning. The important thing needed is to define when a permit is needed for a Special Event.
- Public Works Garage DEF is scheduled to start work on the Public Works Garage on April 1, 2019. The pre-fabricated building is set to be delivered on April 1, 2019. There will be a meeting with CLA Engineers on April 2nd to go over the schedule.
- General Code Update Ms. Hanson signed the contract for General Code to start working on organizing and codifying the Town ordinances and Planning and Zoning regulations as well. They will go through and let us know of any outdated or conflicting ordinances so that any changes can be done at one time. Ms. Theroux spoke to the Chairman of Planning and Zoning and he is on board with the project. The money to pay for this will come from the Town Clerks grant.

New Business -Discussion

- Road Salt Proposal The current contract for Road salt is up June 30, 2019. We received a new proposal from DRVN. The salt is less than our original contract. They agreed to continue with DRVN. There is only one other company that sells salt. The contract is until June 30, 2020 with the option to extend until 2021.
- WSHRC – Ms. Hanson called JXN which is the company that gave us a quote to do the lead remediation on the Wylie School House. We are waiting to hear back from him about the amount and when he could start the project.
- Earth Month April is Earth Month. Ms. Hanson would like to encourage residents to host a cleanup event any day in April. The Selectmen's office will provide trash bags and will dispose of the trash. We are looking for people or businesses who would like to pick a section of Town and organize a cleanup event.

New Business - Action

- Prayer Day Ms. Hanson read the National Day of Prayer Proclamation. A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to accept the Proclamation as written. Motion Approved.
- Tax Refunds A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/T. Hanson to approve tax refunds to the following: Linda Edwards, John Henderson, JP Morgan Chase Bank, Kenneth MacPhail and Carrie Michon. Motion Approved.
- WP Wild and Scenic A motion was made by T. Hanson/R. Millovitsch to appoint Mark "Skipp" Oulton as the Voluntown Representative to the Wood Pawcatuck Wild And Scenic Rivers Stewardship Council. Motion Approved.

Driveway Permit A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/ M. Oulton to approve the driveway permit for Courtney Magario. 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 6:55 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

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

Tracey Hanson, First Selectman