

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMANS SPECIAL MEETING  
April 21, 2020**

**Meeting** The Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held via Zoom on Tuesday, April 21, 2020. Ms. Hanson, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Selectmen Present** Tracey Hanson, Ronald Millovitsch, Mark Oulton

**Town Officials** None

**Citizens Present** None

**Citizens Comments**

Debbie Guntner Ms. Guntner sent in a comment via email. She wanted to know where the town stands on setting a budget for fiscal year 20/21, how will the residents be voting on it if the quarantine is still in place, if it was true that the Governor gave the town the authority to set it without a vote from residents and if so would the Selectmen utilize this option.

Tax Status Ms. Hanson stated that OPM (Office of Policy Management) is requiring every town to choose a tax status by April 25, 2020. For residents to be eligible for a chosen tax status, the budget must be passed before June 30, 2020. Ms. Hanson suggested holding the vote for the budget as late as possible in June hoping the quarantine will be lifted and a Town Meeting could be held, but if it is not then then the Selectmen will vote so that residents will be able to utilize the tax status chosen. There is still a budget process to follow that will allow residents to comment. A public hearing will be held, and Ms. Hanson will have more information to present at the next Selectmen's meeting.

There are two options for the Tax Status, and the Board of Selectman has to choose one option or both options. The first is the tax deferment option which will allow residents to pay their taxes up to October 1, 2020 without a penalty or interest. On October 2, 2020 if a resident has not paid, then the interest will be calculated back to July 1, 2020. This deferment does not include taxes that are in escrow. Banks will still be required to pay on time. The second option is a low interest rate on delinquent taxes at an interest rate of 3% per annum versus the normal 18%. Ms. Hanson stated she felt the tax deferment was the best option for residents. This option would be available to anyone without the need to fill out an application. According to the Tax Collector most of the Towns are choosing the tax deferment option.

Motion A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to choose the Tax Deferment option. Motion Approved.

Tax Resolution Ms. Hanson read the Tax Resolution to the Selectmen.

A motion was made R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to accept the resolution as recommended by the Tax Collector. Motion Approved.

**Suggestions for Next Meeting –Budget 20/21**

**Adjournment**

**Motion** A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:14 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