

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMANS REGULAR MEETING**  
**May 12, 2020**

<b>Meeting</b>	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held via Zoom on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. 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>	None
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 28, 2020. Motion Approved.
<b>Citizens Comments</b>	None
<b>Correspondence &amp; Announcements</b>	
Troop E Montville	The CT State Police Troop E in Montville sent their report for calls made for the month of March. There were 3 accidents, 1 criminal investigation, 40 non-reportable matters, 15 traffic citations, 6 written warnings and 1 narcotics violation.
<b>Boards &amp; Committee</b>	
Spending Requests	<p>The Recreation Commission is looking into doing Drive-In movies on Constitution Field this summer. They will need to buy a transmitter and the license to show the movies.</p> <p>The Registrar's office has requested a second computer in their office. There is a matching grant from that will match up to \$3,000.</p>
<b>Old Business</b>	
Budget 19/20	<p>There are a few challenges left for this fiscal budget. The first is we have not received the last Mashantucket/Pequot Fund appropriation from the State. With the casinos being closed we do not know if we will receive that money.</p> <p>There was a change order for the Public Works Garage. When they were doing the paving, they found unsuitable fill under the ground which included stumps and rocks that needed removal. The approximate cost will be \$30,000. Ms. Hanson isn't sure what the actual appropriation will be at this point because we are waiting on a few credits as well. The completion date was April 30<sup>th</sup> but this change order requested an additional two weeks. The contract is on the final phase and we will be waiting on the final inspections before the project is completed. The Selectmen will do a virtual tour when the project is finished.</p>
Budget 20/21	<p>The timeline will still be the same. The Governor made it mandatory for the Board of Selectmen to approve the budget. There will be no Town Meeting but there will be a Board of Selectman meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> to pass the budget and set a mil rate. The public hearing will be held via Zoom and livestreamed on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7pm in conjunction with the Board of Education. The Challenge for the Public Hearing will be letting people know they are the next one to speak since the only way to know who they are is by phone number. People can email or call the town hall ahead of time in order to leave their comments on the budget.</p> <p>The Capital projects budget will be updated. One of the concerns for next year is the town must be ready for a possible 20% loss in state revenue which equates to a possible \$400,000-500,000 cut. Because of that Ms. Hanson recommends not using the unassigned fund to cover the increase in tax. If we do not get that money, we will have to use the unassigned fund to cover any losses. The capital projects will include the plow truck, the Voluntown Public Library roof appropriation and money towards the SCBA for the Fire Department. The total Capital projects budget will be \$162,817.00.</p>
Motion	A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to approve the FY 20/21 Budget and Capital Projects Budget as presented to go to the Public Hearing on May 26, 2020. Motion Approved.

- Beach Pond** Ms. Hanson will contact DEEP about Beach Pond and find out what their plans are this year. Ms. Hanson expects the challenges to be worse.
- Finn Beach** Some Towns have restricted their beaches to residents only. The contract we have with the state for Finn Beach states it must be open for to the public and not just Voluntown Residents. Ms. Hanson will discuss with DEEP if we can change that. This will affect the amount of passes we sell and will increase the cost to the Town.
- Public Works Garage** The garage is in the final phase of completion. The contractor will finish up in the next couple of weeks and then the final inspections will be completed. When the Garage is complete the Selectmen will do a virtual tour for residents to watch.

**New Business**

- Remote Work Policy** Most of the Town Hall employees have been working part remotely and part in the office. It has been recommended that the Town create a Remote Work Policy for transparency reasons. Ms. Hanson has seen a few policies posted and will contact the Town Attorney to see if he has one on file.
- Long Term Recovery Committee** The Long Term Recovery Committee is being required by the State which will be a committee to help Towns respond to the pandemic and help residents with any assistance they may need. This committee would have 501(c)3 in order to take in donations. This may be a shared committee with surrounding towns or by the COGs. No specific requirements have been made yet.
- Equitable Optional Plan Retirement Changes** The Town Retirement plan is offering employees three different choices in order to use their current retirement plan to get loans if needed. The Selectmen approved all three options to help any employees as needed.

**Suggestions for Next Meeting –None**

**Adjournment**

- Motion** A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 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