

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMANS REGULAR MEETING  
August 11, 2020**

<b>Meeting</b>	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held via Zoom on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Ms. Hanson, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 July 28, 2020. Motion Approved.
<b>Citizens Comments</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Correspondence &amp; Announcements</b>	
Emailed Correspondence	Ms. Hanson received email correspondence from the following regarding the Beach Pond proposed Horsepower Ordinance and the Beach Pond Drawdown: Ken Weseman, Susan Bennet, Chris Bennet, Brian Tegmeier, Kip Bellevance, Susan Hebert, Todd Lambert, Tammy Daigneault, Steve Dias, Mike Trask, Terry Williams, Dawn Rich, Bob Leighton, Jackie Dietrich, David Dietrich, Denise Merchant, Kevin Mullen, Ron Olsen, George Lucas, Dave Rich, Thomas Ward, Angela and Chris Chabot, Judy Dafoulas, Kelly Mullen, Beth Oskrowski, William Cunningham, Bob Sansone, Craig Penardo, Jef Dunphy, Robert Lamberton, Tim Hollister and Elaine and Goerge Gandolfi. David Lamothe sent an email pertaining to paving on Wylie School Road. See attached for emails.
CT AG	The CT Agricultural Experiment Station sent a press release regarding the first positive case of EEE virus in Stonington.
EOC	Ms. Hanson ordered that the Emergency Operations Center for the Town of Voluntown be activated on August 4, 2020 to deal with Tropical Storm Isaias.
CT Drought	NECCOG sent Ms. Hanson the CT Drought Preparedness and Response Plan and requested that she appoint someone to be the designated point of contact for the Town of Voluntown. Ms. Hanson appointed Patricia Adams to be Voluntown's point of contact.
<b>Boards &amp; Committee</b>	
<b>Election/Ballots</b>	The Town Clerk report pertaining to the election/ballot will be tabled to the next meeting.
<b>Old Business</b>	
<b>Methodist Meeting</b>	The Selectmen discussed different options on what to do with the Methodist Meeting House. They have been unable to move forward with the RFP from CT Trust. The Selectmen have been unsuccessful in getting an easement from the property next door to allow access to the outside of the building. The meeting house will also need repairs done soon since the last time make safe repairs were done was in 2018. One option the Selectmen discussed was putting the property up for auction as is. The Selectmen decided to leave it for the next meeting to allow for public comments.
<b>Bennet Road</b>	The Selectmen are looking for volunteers to be on the Bennet Circle/Bennet Road/ Bennet Extension Committee to fix the drainage and possibly add water.

**New Business**

- BP HP Ordinance** Ms. Hanson had a meeting with Senator Heather Somers and DEEP about the CT Boat launch to discuss the lack of enforcement. DEEP suggested the Town pass a horsepower Ordinance to help with enforcement on the pond and DEM said they would pass it as well. Ms. Hanson stated that it is clearly not popular with the residents of the Town after receiving approximately 50 emails with the majority against it. Ms. Hanson is against passing the horsepower ordinance as well since they are not doing any enforcement now why would adding the ordinance make any difference. The point of adding the horsepower ordinance to this meeting is to have on record that the Towns people and the Selectman are against this ordinance. The Selectmen will not be pursuing any further action on this.
- Red Cross Fund** The Town has an old account that has been on the books since at least 1950 that was started when towns had to oversee the welfare system. This fund is no longer active. There is approximately \$1,600.00 left in the fund. A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to donate the money to the Fire Department Community Fund. Motion Approved.
- Forge Hill Bridge** Ms. Hanson received a report from the State downgrading the rating on the Forge Hill Bridge. The bridge is approximately 100 years old and no major repairs have been done to it. The State said that the next Bridge inspection is in 2022 and would mostly likely be rated in poor condition. If the Town does not start actively working towards getting the bridge repaired, then most likely it would be closed before then. IT is an extremely expensive project. The Selectmen suggested applying for the next STEAP grant to start the design phase of the project which would give them approximately \$128,000.00.
- Elderly Commission** A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to appoint Joan Barrus, Nora Oulton and Ron Tougas to the Elderly Commission. Motion Approved.
- Driveway permits** A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to approve the Driveway permit for 180 James Road. Motion Approved.  
A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to approve the Driveway permit extension for one year for 279 Brown Road. Motion Approved.
- STEAP OPT-IN** A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to OPT-IN to the STEAP grant program for the next four years for the Town of Voluntown. Motion Approved.

**Suggestions for Next Meeting –Methodist Meeting House.**

**Adjournment**

**Motion** A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:00p.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