

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMANS REGULAR MEETING
January 12, 2021**

Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held via Zoom on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. Ms. Hanson, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Selectmen Present	Tracey Hanson, Ronald Millovitsch, Mark Oulton
Town Officials	None
Approval of Minutes	A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 22, 2020. Motion Approved.
Citizens Comments	None
Correspondence & Announcements	
First Selectman Sterling	The First Selectmen in Sterling, Russel Gray passed away today. Ms. Hanson would like to extend her condolences to the family.
David Minor	Ms. Hanson received a resignation letter from David Minor for the Inland Wetlands Commission effective January 21, 2021. Mr. Minor has served on the Board for 42 years. The Selectmen would like to thank him for his service to the Town.
Main Street	Ms. Hanson received a thank you card to the Public Works department for the removal and cleanup of dead trees near the property of the Rice family on Main Street.
COVID Spike	Ms. Hanson issued a letter to the Town in response to the COVID spike. The Town has 21 cases this past week alone. All Boards and Committee Meetings will be remote until cases decline. Town Hall offices will remain closed to the public.
CT DECD	Ms., Hanson received a notice from the DECD that there are funds available for the Paycheck Protection Program for Small Business and nonprofits.
Boards & Committee	None
Old Business	
COVID-19 Update	Voluntown is in the Code Red Alert level for this week. There are currently 21 cases in Voluntown. The State is in phase 1A for the vaccine rollout which is health care workers and nursing homes. 1B should begin the following week for those ages 75 and over. They are still working out the details for how those over 75 can register for the vaccine if they do not have access to a computer. Residents can call 211 for information on locations.
PW Closeout	The Public Works project is complete. There was an overage due to unsuitable fill found and for issues in drilling for water. This resulted in an increase in expenses for the project. The Town will need to make an appropriation in the amount of \$23,246.95. This will go to the next Town meeting for approval. A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to move the approval for the payment of \$23,246.95 to the Public Hearing in February. Motion Approved.
Ordinances	The First Selectmen and the Fire Department are still working on the Public Safety Volunteer Reimbursement Ordinance. The Town Clerk and the Beach Pond No Wake Zone ordinances are complete. A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to move the Town Clerk Ordinance to a Public Hearing. Motion Approved.

A Motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to move the Beach Pond No Wake Zone Ordinance to a Public Hearing. Motion Approved.

Town Meeting Dates The Selectmen discussed the Dates for the Public Hearing and Town Meeting. The Public Hearing will be held on February 9th, 2021 at 6pm. The Town Meeting will be February 18th, 2021 at 7pm and will adjourn to a drive through vote on Saturday February 20, 2021 at 10am. The Selectmen discussed options on where to hold the drive through vote. The Two locations discussed are the Town Hall and the Public Works garage. Weather will not be an issue if it is held at the Town Garage.

New Business

COVID Vaccination Ms. Hanson discussed the plan for vaccinations for COVID-19 that was issued by the State. The school will register the school employees, the Town will register the Town Hall employees and the Fire department will be registered by the Health Department. There is a system called VAMS that will be used to register people for the vaccination.

Public Works Plowing The BOE has not contracted with anyone to plow the school parking lot for the season. It was brought to Ms. Hanson's attention that the school would like the Public Works department to do the plowing. Currently the Town has only three employees and one contractor to plow all the roads, the Transfer Station, the bus turn arounds, the emergency access areas, the Town Hall, Library, the sidewalks, the Fuel pumps, the State Boat launch, and the Town Garage. After discussion the Selectmen decided it would not be possible to take Public Works off of the roads to plow the school. It would not be physically possible for 3 workers to get this all done in a timely manner for the school to start the day after a storm.

Tax Refunds A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to approve the tax refunds for the following people: AL D Construction, Mark Leitkowski, Leretta LLC, Malek Landscaping, Peter Mioduszewski, Nissan Infiniti and Jon Sabrowski. Motion Approved.

Suggestions for Next Meeting –

Adjournment

Motion A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

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

Tracey Hanson, First Selectman