

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMANS REGULAR MEETING
October 26, 2021

Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held in person and livestreamed via YouTube on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. Ms. Hanson, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Selectmen Present	Tracey Hanson, Ronald Millovitsch, Mark Oulton
Town Officials	Giselle Neri – Tax Collector
Citizens Present	Jim Thevenet
Approval of Minutes	A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 12, 2021. Motion Approved.
Correspondence & Announcements	
FEMA -HENRI	FEMA announced that they are only funding projects that had costs associated with evacuations and sheltering for Henri. Voluntown did not have costs in these areas.
Troop E Montville	The CT State Police Troop E in Montville sent their report for calls made for the month of September. There were 8 criminal investigations, 2 accidents, 1 traffic citation, 4 written warning, 1 burglary, 2 larcenies and 24 non-reportable matters.
CT Water	CT Water is offering additional financial assistance for income eligible customers .
Safe Futures	Safe Futures sent a request for a donation of \$5,000 in funds from the ARPA grant. They work with domestic violence and sexual assault victims.
Old Business -Action	
4 Pequot Trail	<p>Ms. Neri spoke to the Selectmen about 4 Pequot Trail. The town is owed approximately \$60,000 in back taxes and there are no heirs to this property. Ms. Neri has been working with the Town Attorneys to get this piece of property foreclosed on and deeded to Voluntown. Part of the property is in Sterling, and they agreed to deed their piece to Voluntown. There are 3 other small pieces of property that the town owns adjacent to this piece. The Tax Collector would like to combine all 4 properties into one and put it up for auction to help recoup back taxes.</p> <p>A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to combine the lots together and put it up for auction. Motion Approved.</p>
Beavers	The Beavers are back at Bailey Pond damming up the river towards Hazard Pond. The beaver dam appears to be on private property. Ms. Hanson is sending letters to the adjacent property owners to get permission to find where the dam is and unblock it.
New Business -Action	
Homeland Security	<p>Ms. Hanson read the resolution for the Homeland Security Grant.</p> <p>A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to authorize the Homeland Security Grant Resolution. Motion Approved.</p>
Driveway Permit	<p>A driveway permit for 258 Congdon Road was submitted to the Selectmen. Mr. Millovitsch went out to check the site lines and the plans and recommends approving the permit.</p> <p>A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to approve the driveway permit. Motion Approved.</p>
Tax Refunds	A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to approve the tax refunds as submitted by the Tax Collector to the following people: David Cady, Emile and Janice Cote Jr., Gregory Thevenet, Karen and

William Adams, Pamela and Joseph Theroux, Thomas O'Connor and Alan and Maureen Maynard. Motion Approved.

NECCOG ARPA Ms. Hanson received the agreement from NECCOG to assist with the paperwork for the ARPA funds received from the Federal Government. A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to approve the agreement and have NECCOG administer the paperwork for the funds. Motion Approved.

New Business -Discussion

New Hires The Selectmen hired a new Town Treasurer and a new Director of Planning and Community Development. Tyche Group will be the New Director of Planning and Community Development. This is a two-year agreement paid for with the ARPA funds. The new hires will start next week on November 3rd.

Suggestions for Next Meeting –None

Adjournment

Motion A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

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Tracey Hanson, First Selectman

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