

Revised 5/28/19

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
April 09, 2019**

<b>Regular Meeting</b>	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday April 09, 2019 at the Voluntown Town Hall. 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>	
<b>Citizens Present</b>	Craig Penardo, Rachel Ricard
<b>Approval of Minutes Motion</b>	A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 26, 2019. Motion Approved.
<b>Citizens Comments</b> Craig Penardo	<b>None</b> Mr. Penardo spoke to the Selectmen about the problems they have been having on Beach Pond. They are struggling to get a meeting together with RI DEM and CT DEEP. Their main concerns are about the safety on Beach Pond and the Environmental hazards from trash left from visitors to both boat launches.
<b>Boards &amp; Commissions</b>	
Library BOT	Rachel Ricard asked the Board for an increase in the library budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. After discussion the Selectmen stated that it is going to be a really difficult year for budget purposes and asked the library to keep the budget the same as last year.
Correction	The Library Board of Trustees requested the increase in the library budget. Revised at 5/28/2019 Selectmen's meeting.
Financial Report	The Selectmen reviewed the current fiscal year's budget report.
Budget 19-20	The Selectmen are still working on this year's budget for 2019-2020. They are waiting on the final numbers from the State before finalizing the budget. Public works needs to increase because a new snow plow is needed and for upkeep of the new Town Garage. The budget will also include the Re-evaluation for 2020. The Selectmen reviewed the capital budget as well. They are still waiting to here from a few Commissions on their Capital Projects.
<b>Correspondence &amp; Announcements</b>	
Shredit	Ms. Hanson received a quote to shred all the boxes the King Information's Systems compiled.
Troop E -Montville	Troop E in Montville sent a report listing the calls for Voluntown for the Month of March. There were 2 accidents, 7 criminal investigations, 1 burglary, 42 non-reportable matters and 1 written warning.
State of CT	The State of CT sent a letter stating that the existing telecommunications tower located at 497 Ekonk Hill Rd will be modified.
Mike Carey	Ms. Hanson received a memorandum from Mike Carey stating that "the US Department of Justice has closed its investigation of whether policies and practices of CT towns for voting at referenda violated the Americans with Disabilities Act".

- Community Mini Grant Ms. Hanson sent a letter of recommendation for the Voluntown Substance Abuse Prevention Council to be a recipient of a State Opioid Response Mini Grant.
- Office of Tourism CT Office of Tourism is holding a Conference on Tourism on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 8 am to 5 pm at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford.
- CCM CCM is holding a training on Streamlining the Land-Use Regulatory Process on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at The Stonington Police Department.
- DEA Takeback There will be A DEA TakeBack for people to dispose of unwanted or expired medications at the Griswold Town Hall on Saturday April 27, 2019 from 10 am to 1:30 pm.
- HB 7404 Ms. Hanson sent in Testimony in favor of HB 7404, AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES.
- Dial a Ride Ms., Hanson received an email from SECCOG that Voluntown can no longer be part of their Dial a Ride program.
- Rock the Rent There is a new Soccer team in Hartford and any municipality that puts up a post on Social media Could possibly receive 100 free tickets to a game. Ms. Hanson put a post on Facebook.
- Ms., Hanson Ms. Hanson made an announcement that she has switched political parties and is now a member of The Republican Party.

### **Old Business**

- Town Hall Maintenance The Selectmen discussed issues pertaining to the Town Hall. The Town hall needs the brick sealed to prevent leaks in the Town Hall. They discussed the quote for maintaining the parking lot which was higher than expected. The side door needs replacing and the door in the Assistants office to the Selectmen needs replacing.

### **New Business -Discussion**

- Paving The Selectmen are looking at what roads to pave next year. As long as the Town receives the Town Aid money from the State then they will pave Laurel Drive and Wilson Road. Basset Mill is possible depending on how much will be left after those two roads are finished.
- Tax Assessor The current Tax Assessor has submitted her resignation to the Selectmen. The Selectmen wish her well in her future employment.

### **New Business - Action**

- Appt. to the Housing A motion was made R. Millovitsch/ M. Oulton to appoint Debra Chiasson to the Elderly Housing Commission for a five-year term. Motion Approved.

### **Suggestions for Next Meeting – Executive Session for Employee Contracts**

#### **Adjournment**

- Motion** A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 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