

NOTICE OF  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING –MARCH 3, 2020  
TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN

Special Town Meeting of the Town will be held at the Voluntown Elementary School, 195 Main Street, Voluntown, Connecticut on **Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** on the following items:

1. To consider and act on the following proposed Ordinances:
  - (a) **Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance**
  - (b) **Ordinance Establishing for the Regulation of Bingo Games**
  - (c) **Ordinance Establishing an Elderly Commission**

The meeting was called to order by Tracey Hanson, First Selectman with the reading of the Notice of Special Town Meeting.

Pamela Theroux, Town Clerk served as clerk for the meeting.

Call for the moderator by the Clerk. Julie Zelinsky made a motion to nominate Tracey Hanson as moderator, which was seconded by Diana Ingraham. There were no other nominations. Call for the vote. All were in favor of Tracey Hanson serving as moderator. Tracey Hanson will serve as moderator.

1. To consider and act on the following proposed Ordinances:
  - (a) **Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance**

Thomas Mercier made a motion to approve item 1, the motion was seconded by Ronald Millovitsch. Item 1 was opened for discussion. Tracey Hanson stated the changes that were being made to this ordinance and referred to the attached letter from FEMA. Judith Allik made a motion to close discussion and Ronald Millovitsch seconded the motion. All were in favor. Tracey Hanson called for a vote on item #1, all were in favor.

Item #1 Passed

- (b) **Ordinance Establishing for the Regulation of Bingo Games**

Diana Ingraham made a motion to approve item 2, the motion was seconded by Matthew Hanson. Item 2 was opened for discussion. Judith Allik stated that she was concerned that minors would be able to participate and that this is gambling. She read statutes from neighboring states. She would like to see the ordinance changed so that no one under the age of eighteen could participate. She proposed amending section 6 of the proposed ordinance as follows:

**“Section 6. Minors**

No holder of a permit under this Ordinance, by itself or by its agents or servants, shall permit any person under 18 years of age, unless accompanied by his or her parents or guardians, to enter or be in any hall, room or place in which such permit holder is operating or promoting bingo games. No person under the age of 18 shall be permitted to assist in the conduct, management or promotion of such games.”

No second was received on the amendment so discussion was returned to the original ordinance. With no further discussion Ronald Millovitsch made a motion to close discussion and Matthew Hanson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Tracey Hanson called for a vote on item #2, 15 for and 1 opposed.

Item #2 Passed

**(c) Ordinance Establishing an Elderly Commission**

Julie Zelinsky made a motion to approve item 3, the motion was seconded by Diana Ingraham. Item 3 was opened for discussion. Tracey Hanson explained that the current elderly commission was originally formed with a resolution and was not functioning properly. The town needs an ordinance to address this going forward to ensure that it is staffed properly, and our increasingly aging population is taken care of. Ronald Millovitsch made a motion to close discussion and Mark “Skipp” Oulton seconded the motion. All were in favor. Tracey Hanson called for a vote on item #3, All were in favor.

Item #3 Passed

Mark “Skipp” Oulton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ronald Millovitsch seconded the motion. All were in favor. The town meeting adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Pamela E. Theroux  
Voluntown Town Clerk