

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMANS REGULAR MEETING  
August 25, 2020**

<b>Meeting</b>	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held via Zoom on Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Ms. Hanson, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 August 11, 2020. Motion Approved.
<b>Citizens Comments</b>	Ms Hanson read two public emails that were submitted past the deadline for the last meeting in regards to Beach Pond. Craig Penardo, 831 Beach Pond Rd, requested that his public record statement submitted at the 8/11/20 Board of Selectmen’s meeting be updated to state that he is does not support the horsepower ordinance. Denise Lambert, 109 Bennett Road, stated she is is not in favore of the horsepower ordinance. She suggested that one of the boat launches be closed, and that a launch and parking fee be charged. Ms. Hanson also read a public comment
<b>Correspondence &amp; Announcements</b>	
UFC Health	UFC Health is holding a pop-up drive-thru food pantry distribution at the Voluntown Town Hall from 9am to 10 am on October 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2020.
CT DEEP	CT DEEP sent a letter stating they will be working on their 10-year Forestry Resource Management Plan for Pachaug. They will be harvesting 25 acres of commercial timber off of Pendleton Hill Road within the next year.
Hell Hollow Road	Mr. Binder of 300 Hell Hollow Rd sent an email to the First Selectmen regarding the turn around that was used for buses and plow trucks that is no longer in use. He would like this piece of property returned. The Selectmen will look into this.
Motion	A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to add Mask Wearing and New Position under New Business. Motion Approved.
<b>Boards &amp; Committee</b>	
<b>Election/Ballots</b>	The Town Clerk gave a synopsis of the problems that occurred with the Primary. Some of the problems include mailing issues in a timely manner, PPE and cleaning supplies were promised by the state but were not received and the practical issues of mailing and receiving 80% of absentee ballots and 80% of poll ballots. Some applications were received 17 days late. The State has made some changes to fix these issues for the November election.
<b>Old Business</b>	
<b>Methodist Meeting</b>	Ms. Hanson did not receive any public comments on the Methodist Meeting House. She spoke with Ty Cool and he gave her a few contacts at CT Trust for guidance on the property.
<b>Beach Pond Drawdown</b>	Ms. Hanson is discussing with the State the possibility of puta deep drawdown for possibly 2021 or 2022 so residents can have the time to get their permits in and contractors ready. The State as of now is not for doing a deep draw down. They do not believe retaining walls are good for the pond. Ms. Hanson stated that these walls already exist and there are safety issues with them not being repaired. Ms. Hanson asked residents to start a petition to show the state how many people are affected by this issue. She also asked residents to send in pictures of the retaining walls that need repairs so she can send them in with her request.

**New Business**

- Snowplow Bid**                    The Board is looking for Snow Plowing and Sand bids. Ms. Hanson read the bid that will be submitted to the paper. The bids will be opened at the Selectmen’s meeting on September 22, 2020. A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to accept the bid as written. Motion Approved.
- Driveway permits**            A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to approve the Driveway permit for Robbins Cemetery. Motion Approved.  
A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to waive the fees for the Robbins Cemetery driveway permit. Motion Approved.
- New Position**                The Town Hall is looking for a new Building Office and Land Use Secretary and General Office Assistant. The current Town Hall Aide has dropped down to 10 hours per week. The new position would be approximately 24 hours per week with some evening hours. The main duties will be working with the building and Land Use department and general secretarial work for the town hall.
- Mask Wearing**                Ms. Hanson was contacted by Uncas Health. There have been several complaints about businesses in town not following the mask wearing protocols. Mr. Millovitsch will drop off the States Guidelines on mask wearing to the businesses in town and issue a verbal warning. The Selectmen will come up with a policy on what to do if it continues to be a problem with penalties up to be closed for noncompliance. The Town must appoint a COVID-19 Compliance Officer who will be responsible for carrying this out. The Selectmen will come up with a procedure and discuss it at the next meeting.

**Suggestions for Next Meeting –COVID-19 Compliance Officer/Policy**

**Adjournment**

**Motion**                        A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:42p.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