

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMANS REGULAR MEETING  
September 22, 2020**

<b>Meeting</b>	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held via Zoom on Tuesday, September 22, 2020. Ms. Hanson, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
<b>Selectmen Present</b>	Tracey Hanson, Ronald Millovitsch, Absent: Mark Oulton
<b>Town Officials</b>	None
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/T. Hanson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 8, 2020 with two changes under Beach Pond. There were 2 typos, change ‘an’ to ‘of’ and ‘de’ to ‘be’. Motion Approved.
<b>Citizens Comments</b>	None
<b>Correspondence &amp; Announcements</b>	
Troop E Montville	The CT State Police Troop E in Montville sent their report for calls made for the month of August. There were 3 criminal investigations, 3 accidents and 55 non-reportable matters.
TVCCA	TVCCA is working with The United Way, ALICE Relief Fund to provide direct support in the form of a \$200 gift card to households that have been impacted by COVID-19 in Sprague, Lisbon, Griswold, Voluntown, Preston, North Stonington, Ledyard and Montville.
Trunk or Treat	The Voluntown Recreation Commission will have a drive through Trunk or Treat on October 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2020 at the Pachaug State Forest Campground from 6pm-7pm.
Tricentennial	The Board of Selectmen received the resignation of Rachel Ricard from the Tricentennial Committee.
<b>Boards &amp; Committee</b>	None
<b>Motion</b>	A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/T. Hanson to add Tricentennial Funds Request to the agenda under New Business. Motion Approved.
<b>Old Business</b>	
<b>COVID-19 Appt/Policy</b>	The Selectmen decided not to appoint anyone to this position. There is a new duty added to issue tickets to people not complying with the COVID restrictions and the Town has no way to issue and collect fines of this type. The State Police are the ones who have the authority to issue tickets and collect fines. The COVID-19 policy will be carried to the next meeting.
<b>No Wake Zone</b>	The Selectmen did not receive any correspondence from residents. Ms. Hanson is for having a no wake zone ordinance in the area near the Boat Launch to the dam. There is an area that is already designated a no wake zone. This would allow an area on the Pond to be designated to swimmers and kayakers only. Ms. Hanson will work with DEEP to come up with an ordinance.
<b>Quiet Zone</b>	The Selectmen did not receive any correspondence from residents about a Quiet Zone ordinance which would prohibit jet skis and motor boats from being on the pond at certain hours. Ms. Hanson suggested tabling this issue until there is a request from residents to move forward with this.
<b>Beach Pond Draw Down</b>	Ms. Hanson did not put in a request for a draw down this year for two reasons. The first is there is a drought this year and the pond is already low. The second is the residents requested time to get contactors

and permits together before the draw down so they could be ready to fix their retaining walls. Ms. Hanson is working with DEEP to approve a deep draw down of possibly 4-5 feet within the next 2 years.

**Special Event Policy** Ms. Hanson has been working with the Town Attorney and the Fire Marshal to come up with a special events policy and permit application. The Attorney suggested having an ordinance that references a policy so that it is easier to update in future years. This ordinance is not meant to stop events from happening but to keep the roadways and residents safe during a large event.

**B&C Meeting Policy** This meeting policy is for holding meetings during COVID-19. State statutes defines meetings as in person and does not set a limit on how many people can attend a meeting and it does not give any guidance for having hybrid meetings. The Town will need a policy on how Boards and Commissions can safely hold hybrid meetings during the time of COVID-19. Some of the challenges include the lack of meeting space with enough room for COVID compliance, and the lack of technology needed to make meetings FOIA and COVID compliant.

**Meeting Room Usage** Ms. Hanson received a notice from the State saying that they could not tell Towns that they could not hold meetings, only that they must hold them in such a way as to comply with the COVID Restrictions. It was decided under consult with the Fire Marshal. that the Town Hall meeting room can only safely fit ten people taking into consideration COVID restrictions and space taken up by items in the room. Another option would be to use the Ekonk Community Grange Hall on Route 49. Their meeting room capacity is 25 people but would require a fee for heating costs in the winter. Mr. Millovitsch stated he would check a few other places. Ms. Hanson stated they would wait to get Mr. Oulton’s thought before making a final decision.

**New Business**

**Dairy Farm Abatement** Ms. Hanson received the Dairy Farm Abatement form from Gallup Farms. There was a question about whether the sawmill should be included in the abatement. It was decided to wait until the next meeting to approve all the Dairy Farm abatement forms at one time.

**Snowplow Bids** A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/T. Hanson to approve the snowplow bid from AM Sealers for Denison Hill. Motion Approved.  
A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/T. Hanson to approve the sand bid from Doris Desjardens. Motion Approved.

**Hiring Procedure** The Selectmen discussed the hiring procedure for the new position of the Building and Land Use Secretary and General Office Assistant.

**Tricentennial Request** A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/T. Hanson to approve the request to pay Impact design in the amount of \$1,450.00 for calendars to be made for the Tricentennial. Motion Approved.

**Suggestions for Next Meeting –COVID-Policy, Meeting Room Policy**

**Adjournment**

**Motion** A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/T. Hanson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:43p.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