

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMANS REGULAR MEETING  
October 13, 2020**

<b>Meeting</b>	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held via Zoom on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. 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>	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 22, 2020. Motion Approved.
<b>Citizens Comments</b>	None
<b>Correspondence &amp; Announcements</b>	
Secretary of State	Secretary of State Denise Merrill from the Secretary of the State's Office helped launch a new education program called Trust info 2020 to help educate people on trusted sources for accurate election information.
COVID Testing	There will be a drive through COVID-19 testing on of October 15 <sup>th</sup> at the Preston Senior Center from 1pm to 4pm and on October 18, 2020 at the Griswold Health Center from 9am to 12pm.
UCFS Healthcare	There was a drive through Food Pantry Distribution held at the Town of Voluntown on October 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2020. There served 56 cars which helped 165 people in our community.
<b>Boards &amp; Committee Audited FY 19/20</b>	The FY 19/20 Audited Financial Statements were completed by the auditor.
Motion	A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to approve the Audited Financial Statements for FY 19/20. Motion Approved.
<b>Old Business</b>	
<b>COVID-19 Compliance</b>	The First Selectman received a complaint against Sunnys for people not wearing masks. Ms. Hanson referred the complaint to Uncas Health. The Town had three confirmed positive cases in the last week and the school had 2 confirmed cases. The Town and all neighboring Towns are seeing a surge in cases. Ms. Hanson received guidelines from Uncas Health for the protocol for exposure for Municipal Employees.
<b>Motion</b>	A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to approve the Protocol for COVID Exposure for Municipal Employees. Motion Approved.
Dairy Farm Abatement	A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to approve the Dairy Farm Abate for Sunnyside Farm and Gallup Farm. Motion Approved
Public Meetings	There was an incident at a meeting where people were not wearing masks which caused someone to leave the meeting because the Covid protocol was not followed. Ms. Hanson stated it must be made cleared to all commissions that if a meeting is held in person the Boards must follow the guidelines. Ms. Hanson read the Guidelines for Public Meetings.
Motion	A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to approve the Zoom Meeting YouTube/Livestream Policy for Board and Commission Meetings and the Guidelines for Public Meetings. Motion Approved.

**New Business**

**Drought**

Ms. Hanson attended a Zoom meeting with the CT Department of Health, Uncas Health, OPM, Region 4 Emergency Management Director and DPH. The concerns are with people whose wells are going dry and to make sure people are not drinking water that is not safe. Ms. Hanson asks people to let the Town know if they need help. The Town did a survey and 142 people responded with 16 people who had dry wells and 30 people with low wells. The Firehouse has drinking water available that can be handed out to anyone who needs it. The Firehouse will be open from 9am to 4pm during the week for pickup. The Town has moved up to level three out of five on the state's guidelines on droughts. Low water also is a problem because the town has no fire hydrants and depends on the ponds for water. It makes access for the trucks to fill up difficult.

School Readiness Liaison A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to appoint Amy Suffaleta as the School Readiness Liaison. Motion Approved.

Driveway permit A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to approve the driveway permit for 103 North Shore Road. Motion Approved.

Elderly Commission Appt A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to appoint Lorraine Magario and Vivian Roode to the Elderly Commission. Motion Approved.

Tree Removal There is a dead tree right on the border of the town property. Mr. Millovitsch asked the Tree Warden to look at the tree and decide whether its on Town Property or the neighbor's property. If it is on Town property, then it needs to be taken down.

Executive Session A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to go into executive session to discuss a job title change and to add Julie Zelinsky to the executive session at 6:41 p.m. Motion Approved

The Selectmen came out of executive session at 6:55 p.m.

A motion was made by T. Hanson/M. Oulton to change the Administrative Assistant title to part time Finance Director/part time Executive Assistant with no salary change. Motion Approved

**Suggestions for Next Meeting –None**

**Adjournment**

**Motion** A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 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