

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMANS REGULAR MEETING  
November 24, 2020**

<b>Meeting</b>	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held via Zoom on Tuesday, November 24, 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>	Tricentennial Committee – Beth Taylor, Cheryl Sadowski, Vicki Schwery
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 27, 2020. Motion Approved.
<b>Citizens Comments</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Correspondence &amp; Announcements</b>	
Public notice	Secretary of the State Denise Merrill randomly chose 38 voting precincts from the November 2020 general election to have their machine totals audited. Voluntown was one of the 38 precincts chosen. The Post-Election audit will take place on November 30, 2020 at 9am at the Voluntown Town Hall meeting room.
Santa at the Firehouse	Santa will be visiting the Voluntown Firehouse for a drive through event on December 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 from 4:30 – 7:30pm. Residents will need to sign up for a timeslot at <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/santa-at-voluntown-fire-department-tickets-130345836907?fbclid=IwAR0oiJ_wAjNEAmmNvSzvDq9PMMCEvA-58ycEXxR-5MqOLM1OwMYIkXqXZ7s">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/santa-at-voluntown-fire-department-tickets-130345836907?fbclid=IwAR0oiJ_wAjNEAmmNvSzvDq9PMMCEvA-58ycEXxR-5MqOLM1OwMYIkXqXZ7s</a> .
Recreation Commission	The Voluntown Recreation Commission is hosting a Holiday of Lights contest. Entries must be received by December 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2020. Judging will be done by spectators and will take place from December 12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> . The winners will be announced on December 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2020. Please send your name, address and phone number to <a href="mailto:Recreation@voluntown.gov">Recreation@voluntown.gov</a> .
Pack 74	Pack 74 Cub scouts will host their annual tree lighting on December 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2020. This event will be livestreamed on the Town's YouTube page. There are plans in place in case the Town is placed in Red Alert status due to COVID-19 for families to decorate at separate times.
<b>Boards &amp; Committee</b>	
<b>Tricentennial Committee</b>	The Tricentennial Committee discussed their plans for the Tricentennial Celebration for the weekend of May 21-23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2021. Some of the challenges are paying for the fireworks and traffic control. The Selectmen told them to come up with the approximate amount they would need to fund the event and they would discuss an additional appropriation.
ROV-Salaries	This discussion was tabled until the new term for the registrars that starts in January.
<b>Old Business</b>	
COVID-19 Update	The Town is not in red status as of now. Less than 5 people testing positive for the Coronavirus keeps the Town in the grey. The current amount of cases is 7 so the Town is expected to enter either orange or red status.
Drought	The drought conditions has improved for the Town of Voluntown and has gone down a level due to the recent rainstorms.

**New Business**

- Driveway Permit            A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to approve the driveway for the Robbins Cemetery. Motion Approved.
- Schedule of Meetings        The selectmen discussed keeping the meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 6pm. A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to approve the schedule of meetings. Motion Approved.
- Steap Grant Resolution      Ms. Hanson read the Steap Grant Resolution. A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to approve the STEAP Grant Resolution as written. Motion Approved.
- Clear Gov Proposal          Clear Gov presented a proposal to provide the town with a tool in helping prepare the annual budget and the capital projects plan. This proposal would help the Town with transparency in the budgeting and capital improvement process by posting all the information on the its own webpage. Mr. Oulton asked how we would get access to the information that is posted on the page if the Town decided to use a new provider. Mr. Oulton will discuss this with Clear Gov and the Selectmen will discuss this again at the next Selectmen’s meeting.
- Zoom Policy                  Ms. Hanson made an amendment to the current Zoom policy to all Boards and Commission to post the link to the Zoom meeting on the Towns webpage to provide access for residents rather than livestreaming on YouTube. Ms. Hanson will add a section regarding recording from Zoom to the policy and table the approval vote until the next meeting.

**Suggestions for Next Meeting –Zoom Policy, Clear Gov**

**Adjournment**

**Motion**                      A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 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