

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMANS REGULAR MEETING  
January 26, 2021**

<b>Meeting</b>	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held via Zoom on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. 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 M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 12, 2021. Motion Approved.
<b>Citizens Comments</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Correspondence &amp; Announcements</b>	
Governor Lamont	The Governor extended all executive orders until April 9, 2021.
CT Bar Assn	The CT Bar Association is holding a Land Use Law Webinar on Saturday March 6, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registrar is \$40.00 to receive the link.
Grant	There are grant opportunities to upgrade equipment from diesel to electric in order to reduce emissions. Ms. Hanson will work with the Public Works department to see if there is anything we could apply for. The grant would pay up to 45% of the cost of the equipment.
UCFS	The UCFS is holding drive through food pantries at its Norwich location only for the winter. The dates will be posted on the Town website. Voluntown has hosted two drive through food pantries in the fall and will do so again in the spring.
<b>Boards &amp; Committee</b>	
<b>Vacancies</b>	The Town currently has vacancies on several Boards including the Economic Development Commission, the Voluntown/Sterling Transfer Station, Inland and Wetlands Commission and Planning and Zoning Commission. All vacancies are listed on the Town website and in the newsletter that is sent out monthly. Anyone interested can send an email to <a href="mailto:τζελισκνϑ@voluntown.gov">τζελισκνϑ@voluntown.gov</a> .
<b>Old Business</b>	
COVID-19 Update	Currently the State is giving vaccines to those who are 75 and older or in phase 1a. The state expects to open it up to those 65 and older the following week. Teachers and essential workers will be the next in line for the vaccine. The town currently has 44 cases which is down from 48 cases from the prior two-week rolling period. All the information is posted to the Town website under the tab listed as COVID.
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Ordinances	The First Selectmen and the Fire Department are still working on the Public Safety Volunteer Reimbursement Ordinance. Ms. Hanson is waiting on input from the Town labor lawyer. The Selectmen will need to hold a special meeting next week to approve the ordinance and the call for the Public Hearing.
Town Meeting Dates	The Selectmen discussed the dates for the Public Hearing and Town Meeting. The Public Hearing will be held on February 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 at 6pm. The Town Meeting will be February 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 at 7pm and will adjourn to a drive through vote on Saturday February 20, 2021 at 10am. The Selectmen discussed options on where to hold the drive through vote. The Two locations discussed are the Town Hall and the Public Works garage. Weather will not be an issue if it is held at the Town Garage.

**New Business**

**BOE 5 Year Plan** Ms. Hanson received the Board of Education Five-year Facilities Plan from Mr. Burrows.

**Affordable Housing Plan** The Town must complete an Affordable Housing Plan by 2022. There are several bills introduced in this legislative session that pertains to Affordable Housing in the State.

**Executive Session** A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to move into Executive Session at 6:34 pm to discuss employee reviews. Mr. Millovitsch requested Julie Zelinsky enter executive session as well.

The Board moved out of executive session at 7:08pm. No action was taken at this time

**Suggestions for Next Meeting –**

**Adjournment**

**Motion** A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 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