VOLUNTOWN SELECTMANS SPECIAL MEETING
April 27, 2021

Meeting
The Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was a hybrid meeting held in person and via Zoom on Tuesday, April 27, 2021. Ms. Hanson, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Selectmen Present
Tracey Hanson, Ronald Millovitsch, Mark Oulton

Town Officials
None

Citizens Present
None

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on April 6, 2021. Motion Approved.

Citizens Comments
None

Correspondence & Announcements

Troop E Montville
The CT State Police Troop E in Montville sent their report for calls made for the month of March. There was 1 accident, 5 criminal investigations, 1 larceny, 1 narcotics violation and 35 non-reportable matters.

DESP
The town of Voluntown will designate American Ambulance as their Coordinated Medical Emergency Direction Designation to receive the credit from the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

Bennet Circle
Ms. Hanson received an email from a resident on Bennet Circle about the road conditions. Ms. Hanson responded that it’s a larger project than just paving, and the Selectmen are looking for volunteers to be on the committee to manage the project.

CCM
The CT Council of municipalities issued a statement regarding “Mayors against Antisemitism”

COST
Cost sent an email regarding the executive order that “Extends Use of Remote and Hybrid Municipal Meetings”. This Executive Order 11 extends the duration of the orders regarding remote and hybrid meetings until May 20, 2021.

Vaccination Clinics
There will be several vaccination clinics coming up on April 28th from 11-5 in Griswold and May 5-6 at Saint Mary’s Church in Norwich.

Memorial Day
The Memorial Day Parade will take place on May 31, 2021 starting at Robbins Cemetery at 2p.m.

Tricentennial
Voluntown’s Tricentennial Event will take place on May 22-23, 2021.

Boy Scouts
Voluntown’s Boy Scout Mother’s Day Plant Sale will take place on Saturday May 8, 2021 at the Voluntown Baptist Church from 9am to 12pm.

Boards & Committee
None

Old Business

Remote Hybrid Meetings
All executive orders pertaining to Remote/Hybrid meetings are set to expire on May 20, 2021. There is a bill coming up that may make these executive orders permanent. The Selectmen will table any updates to the policy until after the bill is voted on.
New Business - Action

**Fair Housing Resolution** Ms. Hanson Read the Fair Housing Resolution.
A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to approve the Fair Housing Resolution. Motion Approved.

**Appointment** A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to appoint Susan Choquette as the Fair Housing Officer for the Town of Voluntown. Motion Approved.

**Proclamation** A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to approve the National Day of Prayer Proclamation. Motion Approved.

**Tax Suspense List** A motion was made to accept the Tax Suspense List as recommended by the Tax Collector. Motion Approved.

**Tax Refunds** A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to approve the tax refunds for Al Daigneault, Therese Smith, Corrine Proulx-Coughlin and Sharon Trask Revocable Trust. Motion Approved.

New Business - Discussion

**Beach Policy** The Selectmen reviewed the Beach Policy from 2020. They agreed to keep the prices the same as last year. Permits will be $25.00 for Voluntown residents, $75.00 for non-residents, day passes for Voluntown residents will be $15.00 per day and non-residents will be $30.00.

**Budget Workshop** The Appropriations committee voted on their budget to be sent to the legislature. This budget changes the Governor's proposal by reinstating the cuts to ECS. This budget would see a cut to ECS funding by $87,995.00. With the changes to the new PILOT program Voluntown will be in Tier 1 and will receive an increase of $84,532. There will also be a decrease in Adult Education funding. Most of the increases to the Selectmen budgets were due to contractual increase, workers’ compensation, Public Works, and Public Safety. The Selectmen discussed dates for the Public Hearing and set tentative dates of May 18th, 2021 for the public hearing and May 25, 2021 for the Annual Town Meeting.

Suggestions for Next Meeting –

Adjournment

**Motion** A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Millovitsch to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by: Approved for distribution by:

Julie L. Zelinsky, Admin. Asst. to the BOS Tracey Hanson, First Selectman