

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMANS REGULAR MEETING
November 23, 2021

Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held in person and livestreamed via YouTube on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. Ms. Hanson, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Selectmen Present	Tracey Hanson, Mark “Skipp” Oulton, Robert Jim Thevenet
Town Officials	None
Citizens Present	Ron Millovitsch
Motion	A motion was made by Mark Oulton/Ron Millovitsch to add to the agenda Opioid Settlement under New Business and Beach Pond Meeting under Old Business. Motion Approved.
Citizens Comments	None
Approval of Minutes	A motion was made by M. Oulton/T. Hanson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 9, 2021. Motion Approved. One abstention.
Correspondence & Announcements	
Citation	Ms. Hanson presented Mr. Millovitsch with a citation from the General Assembly introduced by Senator Heather Somers and Representative Brian Lanoue for his twenty-three years of service to the Town.
NL Homeless	The New London Homeless Hospitality Center sent a letter stating they are here to help our community and that they have a new walk-in center in New London that serves residents needing assistance before they become homeless.
Ms. Hanson	Ms. Hanson wrote a memorandum of record at the request of Captain David Roderick who did a flyover of the school the prior week giving him flight authorization.
Old Business	
Traffic and Speed	Ms. Hanson received a letter from Mr. Burrows, school superintendent, regarding the crosswalk and speeding in front of the school on Route 138. Ms. Hanson sent a request to the state for permission to attached town owned speed reader signs to DOT speed limit signs on Route 138. These signs are located on both sides of the school. At the request of representative Lanoue, Troop E State Police plan on increasing speed patrol at the start and end of the school day starting November 24th.
COVID Guidelines	Uncas Health sent the current suggestions regarding the covid guidelines to Ms. Hanson. A motion was made by R. Thevenet/M. Oulton to adopt these guidelines as covid guidelines for employees at the Town Hall. Motion Approved.
Beach Pond	Ms. Hanson along with Senator Heather Somers has added a few guests for the Beach Pond meeting to be held on December 1 st , 2021. The guests include Mason Trumble, the DEEP Deputy Commissioner, Captain Vincent Mazzotta from ENCONN, Peter Francis Boating Division Director, Tom Girard from the Pachaug Pond Weed Control Association and Representative Brian Lanoue. Ms., Hanson has invited RI DEM as well but has not heard back from them. The Selectmen discussed weather to have the meeting in person or as a hybrid meeting. It was decided that the meeting will be held in person at the Voluntown Firehouse at 6pm and will be livestreamed on YouTube.

New Business -Action

- Schedule of Meetings** The Selectmen decided to keep the schedule of meetings the same as last year which would be the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6pm in Town Hall Meeting Room.
- Volunteer Position** The Selectmen discussed adding a Town Hall Volunteer position. Mr. Millovitsch would like to volunteer for this to take care of certain tasks such as lowering/raising Town Flags and maintaining the town sign. A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to appoint Ron Millovitsch as the Town Hall Volunteer. Motion Approved.
- Appointments** A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to appoint as Treasurer, Anthony Mадiera and as Town Clerk Pam Theroux starting their terms on November 3, 2021 and to serve indefinitely. Motion Approved.
- A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to appoint as Tax Collector Giselle Neri, Tax Assessor Chandler Rose, Assistant Tax Assessor Cathy Sarvas and Building Inspector Peter Zvingilas to begin their terms on November 16th, 2021 and to serve indefinitely. Motion Approved.
- Opioid Settlement** There is an Opioid Settlement that the municipalities could sign up for to receive funds that could possibly help for addiction education purposes. The Town has until January 2nd to opt in. A motion was made by R. Thevenet/M. Oulton to sign on to the Opioid Settlement. Motion Approved.

New Business -Discussion

New Board-Vision and Goals

Ms. Hanson would like to continue working on the many projects that she has started including the project with the planner to help develop Main Street and move the Meeting House, Beach Pond, projects with the Recreation Commission, Forge Hill Bridge, Bennet Circle/Bennet Road Drainage, the Seniors Van and the Elderly Commission. Mr. Oulton would like to continue as the IT person for the Town and to look into starting a Municipal ISP. He would also like to volunteer as the backup for Public Works and Emergency Management. Mr. Thevenet would like to see a resolution on the Meeting House, help with Beach Pond, address the state logging and fire breaks and to look into the cell phone service issues in town.

Suggestions for Next Meeting –None

Adjournment

Motion A motion was made by R. Millovitsch/M. Oulton to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

Julie L. Zelinsky, Admin. Asst. to the BOS

Tracey Hanson, First Selectman