

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMANS REGULAR MEETING
January 11, 2022

Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held in person and livestreamed via YouTube on Tuesday, January 11, 2022. 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	None
Citizens Comments	
Approval of Minutes	A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 14, 2021. Motion Approved.
Motion	A motion was made by Mark Oulton/R. Thevenet to add Executive Session to the agenda to discuss potential acquiescence of an interest in land. Motion Approved.
Correspondence & Announcements	
CT Siting Council	The CT Siting Council received a request from New Cingular Wireless (AT&T) for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing facility on Gallup Road.
SACCEC	The Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern CT sent a request for a donation from the Municipality.
Old Business	
Snow Policy	The Public Works department created a new Snow and Ice Policy Control Policy. This policy included recommendations from a class at UCONN they attended. The Selectmen reviewed the policy. A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to approve the Town of Voluntown Snow and Ice Control Policy. Motion Approved.
Methodist Meeting House	The Town is working on a grant application for the DECD CT Communities Challenge Grant Program that includes funds to move the Meeting House from its current location to town owned property by the Town Hall or Library. In the meantime, the Meeting House roof needs to be covered.
New Business -Action	
Sale of Vehicles	There are vehicles that the town is no longer using- a backhoe, school van, and senior van. The Selectmen discussed getting rid of them by a sealed bid auction. They discussed whether or not the vehicles should have a minimum to bid. This discussion was tabled to the next meeting so the value of the backhoe could be determined.
Parking Ban Ordinance	The Selectmen discussed a parking ban ordinance that would include fines. A motion was made by R. Thevenet/M. Oulton to move forward with the Parking Ban Ordinance. Motion Approved.
CT Community Challenge Grant Resolution	Ms. Hanson discussed the CT Communities Challenge Grant. Two Resolutions are needed to apply. Ms. Hanson read both resolutions. A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to approve the first resolution as read. Motion Approved. A motion was made by R. Thevenet/M. Oulton to approve the second resolution as read. Motion Approved.
Driveway Permit	The Public inspected the new driveway located at 86 Brown Rd.

A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to approve the driveway permit as submitted. Motion Approved.

New Business -Discussion

Forge Hill Bridge There was an accident on Forge Hill Bridge where a tractor trailer got stuck and damaged the bridge. The DOT was quickly able to assess the bridge for damage. Ms. Hanson received a quote to fix the guardrails on the bridge as recommended in the DOT Incident Inspection Report. The DOT Incident Report also recommends that the bridge can be opened, but must be opened as a one vehicle bridge with stop signs, and other appropriate signs installed.

Test Kit and Mask
Distribution The Town held a Test Kit and Mask Distribution on Monday January 10, 2022. There were 150 kits distributed in an hour and a half to the residents of Voluntown.

Executive Session The Selectmen went into Executive session to discuss potential acquiescence of an interest in land. A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to move into executive session at 6:42. Motion Approved. The Selectmen came out of executive session at 6:55 pm. No action was taken at this time.

Suggestions for Next Meeting –Sale of Vehicles

Adjournment

Motion A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

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

Tracey Hanson, First Selectman