

**VOLUNTOWN SELECTMANS REGULAR MEETING  
December 14, 2021**

<b>Meeting</b>	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held in person and livestreamed via YouTube on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. Ms. Hanson, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
<b>Selectmen Present</b>	Tracey Hanson, Mark “Skipp” Oulton, Robert Jim Thevenet
<b>Town Officials</b>	None
<b>Citizens Present</b>	Maryanne Nieminen
<b>Citizens Comments</b>	
Maryanne Nieminen	Ms. Nieminen expressed her concerns with regard to the position of the Town Clerk no longer being an elected position. She asked that the Selectmen to bring back the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and the Treasurer positions as elected positions.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 23, 2021. Motion Approved.
Motion	A motion was made by Mark Oulton/R. Thevenet to add to the agenda Open Space Fund and Emergency Grant Resolution under New Business Action. Motion Approved.
<b>Correspondence &amp; Announcements</b>	
CCM	CCM is holding workshops for newly elected officials In January 2022.
Friends of Pachaug State Forest	The Friends of Pachaug State Forest are celebrating the Winter Solstice on December 21, 2021 from 10am to 11:30am at the Chapman area of the Pachaug State Forest.
Mohegan Sun	There will be a covid vaccination clinic held at Mohegan Sun every Wednesday from 10am to 4pm at the Seasons Buffet.
Uncas Health	Ms. Hanson received an updated list of State supported testing sites for COVID from Uncas Health and will post this on the Town website and bulletin board.
Wylie School House	Millennium Electric will begin the electrical work for the Wylie School House in January 2022.
Dept of Revenue Service	The CT Dept of Revenue Services sent a letter to businesses who are eligible to participate in a CT Tax Amnesty Program. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2022.
Safe Futures	Safe Futures sent a request for a \$400 donation from the Town.
NTIA	The National Telecommunications and Information Administration has announced a schedule for sessions regarding the five new broadband grant programs authorized by the Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act. Mr. Oulton will be attending the first session.
<b>Old Business</b>	
Radios	The Town will be using ARPA funds for the new communications radio for Public Works, Public Safety and the BOE. Ms. Hanson is working on a letter to be sent to the CT Land Mobile Network. They requested a letter of memorandum that lists the reasons why we would like to include the school transportation in the radio network.

Beach Pond Meeting      The residents who attended the Beach Pond Meeting decided to look into creating a Beach Pond Association. The meeting will take place on January 6, 2022.

**New Business -Action**

Section 5310 Grant      The Town was awarded a 5310 grant to buy a wheelchair accessible vehicle. The Town will need to create a Seniors Transportation policy. The one difficulty is the Towns who received the grant the prior year are still waiting to receive their vehicles.

Municipal ISP  
Commission      Mr. Oulton is working to increase broadband in the Town. Ms., Hanson suggested creating an exploratory committee to start rather than a commission. Mr. Oulton will reach out to a few people to start the committee and he will form a template for the committee.

Tax Refunds      A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to approve the tax refunds for Mae McBride and Toyota Lease Trust as submitted by the Tax Collector. Motion Approved.

Snow Policy      The Public Works has attended classes at UCONN and have come up with a new Snowplow Policy based on the recommendations from this class. Ms. Hanson asked the Selectmen to review the policy and they would add it to the agenda for the next meeting.

Grant Resolution      Ms. Hanson read the Grant Resolution for the EMPG Grant. A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to approve the grant as submitted. Motion Approved.

Open Space Fund      The Town received funds from a subdivision approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission that must be used for Open Space. The Town will create an Open Space Fund. These funds can be used to buy new land for open space for recreation or agricultural use or to maintain and preserve land already owned by the Town for open space per Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-25.

**New Business -Discussion**

Angel Tree      The Town received an amazing amount of support from residents for the Angel Tree that was sponsored by the Salvation Army. All the tickets on the tree were taken. The residents went above and beyond to help residents in town who were in need. The Selectmen would like to thank all who donated.

**Suggestions for Next Meeting –None**

**Adjournment**

**Motion**      A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 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