

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMANS REGULAR MEETING
January 25, 2022

Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held in person and livestreamed via YouTube on Tuesday, January 25, 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	None
Approval of Minutes	A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 11, 2022. Motion Approved.
Correspondence & Announcements	
DESPP	DESPP sent a letter stating that funding has been authorized from the state budget to award grant money to any distressed municipality with a volunteer fire department for the purpose of covering costs related to Firefighter 1 certification and to recruit training for volunteer firefighters at regional fire schools. The total allotted for the grant is \$70,000.00 that would be split between the distressed municipalities.
Affordable Housing Committee	The first Affordable Housing Committee will be held on Tuesday February 1 st , 2022 at 6pm at the Town Hall Meeting Room
CCM	CCM is holding a newly elected webinar series.
Eversource	Eversource sent the Town their Tree Trimming report for the last five years including maps on where there plan to be next.
UCONN	The Public Works crew completed a series of 6 sessions at the UCONN Institute of Public Assistance Center.
Crystal Rose	Crystal Rose sent a letter regarding speed on Church Street and noise from tractor trailers. She requested info regarding a noise ordinance.
Old Business	
DOT School Zone	Ms. Hanson had a meeting with DOT Chris Lockhart about the school zone signage in front of the school. The Selectmen discussed different options. The approximate cost to add new signs will be \$10,000.00.
COVID Update	Backus is expanding their outdoor testing site. Appointments will be needed. There was discussion regarding the next mask and test kit distribution. The Selectmen will make accommodations for people with disabilities.
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 the minimum bid amounts for the vehicles. The bids will be due on February 22, 2022.
Driveway Permit	The Selectmen reviewed the driveway permit for 128 Brown Road. The public works requested a pipe be installed under the driveway. Inland Wetlands agreed with the Public Works. There is a town drain close to where the driveway will be and they were concerned about flooding issues. The Selectmen tabled the vote on the permit.

New Business -Discussion

- Emergency Outages Ms. Hanson Received a letter from Eversource regarding possible outages in New England due to power shortages. They will have a webinar to discuss the issues regarding power shortages.
- Budget 22-23 The timeline and worksheets were distributed to all Boards and Commissions to start working on next years budget. Ms. Hanson suggested the Selectmen review the Capital Projects Plan at the next meeting. So far the budget only includes the standard cost of living increase for employees and an increase in propane costs. Ms. Hanson also suggested having the new Lieutenant Al Gosselin come to a Selectmen’s meeting to discuss the resident Trooper Program.
- ARPA Update Treasury held a webinar discussing the Final Rule for the ARPA funds. One of the new changes is that recipients can take a standard amount under the Revenue Loss category. The Standard amount is 10 million dollars. Recipients can then choose to use this money for any General Government Services. The reporting under this category would be more streamlined as well.

Suggestions for Next Meeting –Capital Projects Plan, Resident Trooper Program

Adjournment

Motion A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.
Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

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

Tracey Hanson, First Selectman