

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMANS REGULAR MEETING
February 8, 2022

Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held in person and livestreamed via YouTube on Tuesday, February 8, 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	Darrell Stevens, Ed Burdick
Citizens Comments	None
Moment of Silence	Ms. Hanson asked for a moment of silence to honor the passing of Paul Whitehead who was a prior Selectman who served from 1989-1997 and Ron Tougas who was the first Chairman of the Elderly Commission.
Motion	A motion was made by R. Thevenet/M. Oulton to add Pond Drawdowns to New Business Discussion and Elderly Commission Appointment to New Business Action and to move up Veterans Coffee House to before Boards and Committee Reports. Motion Approved
Approval of Minutes	A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 25, 2022 and the special meeting held on February 1 st , 2022. Motion Approved.
Correspondence & Announcements	
Resident	Peter and Char Dalton sent a letter complimenting the Public Works Road Crew on the excellent job they did plowing the roads during the blizzard on January 29,2022.
Rep. Lanoue	Representative Lanoue sent a letter requesting that the Environment Committee consider raising a bill to establish clear requirements for funding to combat aquatic invasive species within CT lakes, rivers, and ponds. Representative Lanoue sent a letter requesting that the Environment Committee consider raising a bill to allow any persons authorized to make arrests in their respective states of Massachusetts, New York or Rhode Island to enforce the laws regarding watercraft and to make arrests on any part of waters lying between CT and such states.
Uncas Health NDDH	There will be a Virtual Freedom From Smoking Group Quit Program held on Tuesdays at 5pm starting on February 15 th for 7 weeks via zoom.
Apex	Apex sent their January monthly report summary for the Town Hall.
Broadband Webinar	Mr. Oulton attended a broadband webinar run by CCM regarding funding for municipalities. He is working on a template to start a Broadband Committee for the Town of Voluntown.
COST	Ms. Hanson attended the COST meeting held that morning. The Governor spoke about the Infrastructure Bill and the availability of money for projects.
Veterans Coffee House	Ed Burdick and Darrell Stevens from Griswold spoke to the Selectmen about a new program they are starting up for veterans. It will be a Veterans Coffee House held every Tuesday morning at 8:30am at the Old Town Hall in Griswold. They spoke to the Selectmen about different avenues to get the word out to Veterans in Voluntown.

Old Business

Budget FY22 There are two major challenges for the current budget. The Snow budget is getting close to being spent as well as the Fuel line item. The new garage is using more propane than anticipated.

COVID Update The Governor has set the Statewide mask mandate for schools to expire on February 28, 2022 and it will now be up to the individual schools to decide whether to have a mask mandate in place. The Town currently has a couple of cases of test kits mainly for the use by public safety, any vulnerable population and town employees. There will not be any more distributions at this time to the public mainly because anyone can get free masks kits through their insurance.

New Business -Action

Appointment A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to appoint Kim Stefanick to the Elderly Commission. Motion Approved.

New Business -Discussion

Drawdowns The Selectmen discussed the draw downs needed for Beach Dale and Beach Pond. Ms. Hanson will send a letter requesting a draw down of three feet for Beach Dale and a drawdown for Beach Pond of six feet or anything over three feet would be appreciated.

Capital Projects Plan The Selectmen were given a copy of the current Capital Projects Plan to review and go over at the next Selectmen’s meeting.

Suggestions for Next Meeting –Capital Projects Plan

Adjournment

Motion A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

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

Tracey Hanson, First Selectman