

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMANS REGULAR MEETING
May 10, 2022

Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held in person and livestreamed via YouTube on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Ms. Hanson, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
Selectmen Present	Tracey Hanson, Mark “Skipp” Oulton, Robert Jim Thevenet
Town Officials	None
Citizens Present	Bob Lambert
Citizens Comments	
Bob Lambert	Mr. Lambert spoke to the selectmen about running conduit under 169 to 170 Bennet Road to the garage on the opposite side to add power and asked what he needed to fill out.
Motion	A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to add executive session for the potential acquisition of an interest in real estate. Motion Approved.
Approval of Minutes	A motion was made by R. Thevenet/M. Oulton to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 26, 2022 and to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on May 4, 2022. Motion Approved.
Correspondence	None
Board and Committee Reports	None
Financial Report	Ms. Zelinsky submitted the current profit and loss for FY 2021-2022 to the Selectmen for review.
Old Business Updates	
ARPA	No updates at this time.
Ordinances	Ms. Hanson is working on updating the driveway permit and the special events ordinances. Ms. Hanson would like to repeal the referendum ordinance so that the Town can have referendums on other days Besides a Tuesday.
Wylie School House	Ms. Hanson updated the status on the Wylie School House. The electrician is still waiting on parts to update the electricity at the schoolhouse.
Library Roof	Ms. Hanson is working with the town attorney on the contract for the Library Roof.
Grants	Ms. Hanson is working with the DOT on the matching grant for Senior transportation. She is hoping to have this completed by the end of May.
Drawdowns	The State received the requests for a draw down on Beach Pond and Beach dale on April 25 th , 2022. The State is updating their drawdown policy.
New Business	
Budget FY 22-23 CIP FY 22-23	The Town is waiting for the budget from the BOE. The BOE will have their final meeting for the budget on May 12, 2022. This is the last opportunity for the Selectmen to make any changes to the current proposal. No recommendations were made for changes. If the school does not make any changes, then the mil rate is projected to decrease by .31 mils.
Annual Town Meeting	The call will not be ready until the BOE has their meeting on May 12, 2022. Therefore, the Selectmen would have to schedule a special meeting on Monday May 16, 2022 at 12pm to approve the call for the

meeting. The Selectmen will also schedule a special meeting on June 7th at 6pm since they are cancelling the meeting on June 14th due to 8th grade graduation.

- Broadband** Ms. Hanson, Ms. Zelinsky and Mr. Guskowski, the Town Planner, attended a meeting along with the First Selectman in Hampton regarding the next steps on how to start broadband in the Town. Right now, the State is gathering information on households' broadband speeds and gaps in service. There will be a survey posted to gather broadband information from residents.
- Meeting House RFP** Ms. Hanson gave the Selectmen an RFP to review for the Meeting House. This RFP is the first go through and needs to be updated. The Selectmen discussed submitting the RFP to sell the building only rather than moving the building. Ms. Hanson will review the current RFP with the Town Planner and have the updated version available for the next meeting.
- Forge Hill Bridge** Ms. Hanson signed the preliminary Application for the Federal DOT Local Bridge Program. The Bridge is projected to cost approximately 2.6 million. The Town would be responsible for approximately 2,088,000. The State pays for 100% of the design phase and the Federal will pay for 80% of the cost of the bridge. The Town will be responsible for approximately \$450,000. Mr. Thevenet suggested that the bridge have a walkway. The State has just started the design phase.
- 457b Retirement Plan** Mr. Thevenet will brief the Selectmen on the changes made to the Equitable plan that was signed at a prior meeting.
- Affordable Housing Plan** The Selectmen received a draft of the Affordable Housing Plan as submitted by the Planner that was presented at the informational meeting. Ms. Hanson will email out the draft for discussion or adoption at the next meeting.
- Executive Session** A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to move into executive session at 6:39 pm to discuss the potential acquisition of real estate. Motion approved.
- The Selectmen came out of executive session at 6:50 pm. No votes were taken at this time.

Suggestions for Next Meeting -Affordable Housing, 457B Retirement Plan, Meeting House RFP

Adjournment

Motion A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

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

Tracey Hanson, First Selectman