

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMANS REGULAR MEETING
May 31, 2022

Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held in person and livestreamed via YouTube on Tuesday, May 31, 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 R. Thevenet/M. Oulton to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 10, 2022. Motion Approved.
Correspondence	
Reason to Ride	Ms. Hanson received a copy of the permit from the State of CT for the Reason to Ride Bike Run on June 12, 2022.
Preschool Signups	Pr+veschool signups start from June 1 st to June 30 th for residents at the Voluntown Elementary School.
Covid Testing	The Covid Testing at Dodd Stadium is now closed and will be moved to the Rose City Senior Center in Norwich.
Broadband Survey	The State has put out a survey to find out about gaps in Broadband. The Survey will be posted on our website and Facebook page.
DOT	The State will be repaving 49 from 165 to 14A and will be putting rumble strips in.
DESP	The town of Voluntown will designate American Ambulance as their Coordinated Medical Emergency Direction Designation to receive the credit from the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.
Memorial Day Parade	The Memorial Day parade went well. Special Thanks to Fire Chief Joseph Grenier for stepping in to plan the parade. Also, a special thank you to Karen Britt for jumping in and helping out that day as well.
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	Ms. Hanson is still waiting on the Fire Department to make a decision on what they would like to use the ARPA funds for. Ms. Hanson received approval for the school to be on the state radio network and can now move forward with ordering the radios.
Ordinances	The Referendum Ordinance was repealed at the Annual Town Meeting. Ms. Hanson is still working on the Driveway Ordinance. The driveway ordinance should include an encroachment permit, a logging section and a cut across permit on a town road.
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	The Library Roof project has been awarded and will start sometime in May.

- Grants Ms. Hanson has submitted the DOT matching grant for Senior transportation. This will cover the Dial a Ride program which will start on July 1st. The Plainfield Recreation Summer Camp received a grant to cover the cost of the transportation for kids from Voluntown to attend.
- Drawdowns The State received the requests for a draw down on Beach Pond and Beach Dale on April 25th, 2022. The State is updating their drawdown policy. They cannot do both ponds at once. Ms. Hanson asked that Beach Dale be done first. They are still looking into the amount of the drawdown. They suggested residents put in berms to fix their retaining walls.
- Title Six Ms. Hanson is still working on the Title Six paperwork.
- Forge Hill Bridge Ms. Hanson discussed the Steap Grant that the Town has for the Forge Hill Bridge project.
- Formation of Municipal ISP Commission Mr. Oulton is working on the Formation of the Commission. He is in the process of working on how to form the commission
- 457b Equitable Mr. Thevenet gave an update on the current 457b plan.
- Budget 22-23 There will be a special meeting right after the Town Referendum to approve the mil rate on June 7th at the Town Hall at 8pm.

New Business

- Affordable Housing Plan A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to approve the Affordable Housing Plan that has been put together by the Affordable Housing Committee and the Town Planner. Motion Approved.
- Meeting House RFP A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to move forward with the RFP for the Methodist Meeting House. Motion Approved.
- Bennet Road Ext Request A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to approve the permit for Bennet Road Extension. Motion Approved.
- Brown Road Driveway A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to approve the final driveway permit for 82 Brown Road and to return the bond. Motion Approved.
- Procurement Policy Ms. Hanson and the Ms. Zelinsky are working on procurement policy for the Town that will match the requirements needed to comply with Federal Grants.
- Tax Refunds A motion was made by R. Thevenet/M. Oulton to approve the tax refunds to Patricia Adams as submitted by the Tax Collector. Motion Approved.

Executive Session A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to move into executive session at 6:56 pm for personnel and to add Ira Kettle. Motion approved.

The Selectmen came out of executive session at 7:12 pm. No votes were taken at this time.

Suggestions for Next Meeting - None

Adjournment

Motion A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

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

Tracey Hanson, First Selectman