

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMANS REGULAR MEETING
July 26, 2022

Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held in person and livestreamed via YouTube on Tuesday, July 26, 2022. Ms. Hanson, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
Selectmen Present	Tracey Hanson, Robert Jim Thevenet
Selectmen Absent	Mark ‘Skipp’ Oulton
Town Officials	None
Citizens Present	None
Citizens Comments	None
Approval of Minutes	A motion was made by R. Thevenet/T. Hanson to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 12, 2022. Motion Approved.
Correspondence	None
Animal Control	Ms. Hanson received an anonymous complaint on Wylie School Road regarding barking dogs. Ms. Hanson referred the complaint to NECCOG Animal Control who is responsible for this for the Town of Voluntown. Ms. Hanson stated the best way for residents to handle any complaints is to call NECCOG Animal Control.
Robbins Cemetery	Ms. Hanson received a letter from the Robbins Cemetery Association asking for something in writing from the Town regarding the cemetery plots that belong to the Town in Robbins Cemetery. The Selectmen had discussed giving these plots back to Robbins Cemetery. The Town cannot sell these plots because there is no proof that they were not used. There were no records kept regarding these plots.
Motion	A motion was made by R. Thevenet/T. Hanson to add 457 Eligibility to the agenda under New Business. Motion Approved.
Board and Committee Reports	None
Building Committee	Mr. Burrows spoke to Ms. Hanson regarding creating a building committee. This item will be tabled to the next meeting.
Financial Report	Ms. Zelinsky worked with the BOE to reconcile accounts between the Town and the BOE for the audit that is coming up.
Old Business Updates	
ARPA	No update at this time.
Ordinances	No update at this time.
Wylie School House	The box for the electrical work has finally come in. Millennium Electric will begin working on this on Friday July 29, 2022.
Drawdowns	Ms. Hanson received an email that the gate at Beach Dale needs repairs and they do not believe they will be able to do any draw downs on the pond until the gate is fixed.
Title Six	No update at this time.

Grants Ms. Hanson received the agreement between the Town and the State for the Forge Hill Bridge Project. Ms. Hanson and the Town Planner are working on a STEAP grant. The application is due August 11, 2022.

Formation of Municipal ISP Commission Mr. Oulton is working on the Formation of the Commission. No changes at this time.

Meeting House RFP No one showed up for the optional site visit for the Meeting House. Ms. Hanson is working on what to do with the Meeting House if they do not get any bids. If there are no bids, then the Town will have to proceed with how to demolish the building. An environmental study will need to be done before demolition can occur.

Procurement Policy A draft of the procurement policy was distributed to the Selectmen, the Treasurer and the BOE for suggestions on changes. One thing that must be added is how to dispose of any equipment or vehicles.

New Business

457b Eligibility The Selectmen are working with Equitable to update the plan document. One of the requirements is to update the eligibility requirements for the plan. Ms. Hanson has sent the wording on to the Town Attorney and is waiting to hear back from them.

Tax Refunds A motion was made by R. Thevenet/T. Hanson to approve the tax refunds as written by the Tax Collector to Jeff Blanchard, Annett Erick, Renee Klewin and Sterling Aquatic, LLC. Motion Approved.

Appointments A motion was made by R. Thevenet/T. Hanson to appoint Mary Sullivan and Diana Ingraham to the Elderly Commission. Motion Approved.

Baptist Church-ARPA The Selectmen agreed that the Baptist Church is eligible to receive money from the ARPA funds. The Selectmen will need to review the current ARPA Budget and decide how much to appropriate. Ms. Hanson will table this to the next meeting for approval.

Other Business The Town will receive \$1,163.00 from the National Opioid Settlement to go towards Opioid Prevention for the Town.

Suggestions for Next Meeting – Employee Handbook, Baptist Church ARPA, Building Committee

Adjournment

Motion A motion was made by R. Thevenet/T. Hanson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

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

Tracey Hanson, First Selectman