

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMANS REGULAR MEETING
August 9, 2022

Meeting The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held in person and livestreamed via YouTube on Tuesday, August 9, 2022. Ms. Hanson, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Selectmen Present Tracey Hanson, Robert Jim Thevenet, 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 26, 2022. Motion Approved. Mark Oulton Abstained.

Correspondence None

Board and Committee Reports

Creation of Building Committee A motion was made by R. Thevenet/M. Oulton to create a building committee for the Board of Education. Motion Approved.
A motion was made to appoint Jack Wesa, Ronald Millovitsch, Jim MacBride, Kate Beauparlant and Brian Kiallo to the Building committee with Adam Burrows as the ex-officio member. Motion Approved.

Financial Report The Financial Report was submitted to the Selectmen. Ms. Zelinsky is finalizing the accounts for the FY 21-22 to be submitted to the auditors. The audit by King, King and Associates for the Transfer Station has started. Mr. Madeira attended a training along with Ms. Zelinsky and Ms. Loranger. He has located some funds owed to the BOE and the Town of Voluntown on the State of CT unclaimed Property Division and is working on the necessary paperwork. He is working with Citizens Bank, the Town and the BOE to strengthen the security of the Towns bank accounts.

Old Business Updates

ARPA The Selectmen reviewed the current ARPA allocations. The recreation commission is using their allocation to create plans for constitution field, the old garage and the land where the walking track, gazebo and pavilion are located.
The current ARPA plan includes an allocation for the social worker. The Selectmen agreed that the Town does not need a social worker at this time and decided to reallocate this money for other purposes. They received an application from the Baptist Church to redo their well. The church is used as the Town’s emergency shelter and is the emergency evacuation location for Voluntown Elementary School.
A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to approve the use of funds up to 50,000 to the Baptist Church for the well replacement.

Ordinances No update.

Wylie School House The electrical work for the Wylie School House is almost completed.

Drawdowns No update.

Title Six Ms. Hanson has been working on the Title Six Plan. She is working on a training schedule for new hire orientations.

- Grants Ms. Hanson and the Town Planner are working on the application for the current STEAP grant. They are working on a STEAP grant application to fix the area around the Town Hall and Library. Other renovations areas needed at the Town Hall and would be included in this plan. Ms. Hanson is working on closing out the STEAP grant the Town has for the Forge Hill Bridge.
- Formation of Municipal ISP Commission Mr. Oulton is working on the Formation of the Commission. No changes at this time.
- Meeting House RFP 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 demolition the building. An environmental study will need to be done before demolition can occur. A Town Meeting will need to be scheduled and a special meeting will be needed to approve the call. The Selectmen scheduled a meeting on August 18, 2022.
- Procurement Policy No changes.

New Business

- STEAP Grant Resolution Ms., Hanson read the STEAP grant resolution. A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to approve the resolution as read. Motion Approved.
- STEAP Grant Municipal Renovations Ms. Hanson and the Town Planner are working on an application for Municipal Renovations. The plan includes fixing the sidewalks, the step for the side door, the plumbing issues in the Town Hall, the bathrooms need renovating and mold remediation in the Town Hall.
- Cemetery A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to forfeit all town owned cemetery plots in Robbins Cemetery to the Robbins Cemetery Association. Motion Approved.

Other Business None

Suggestions for Next Meeting –

Adjournment

Motion A motion was made by R. Thevenet/T. Hanson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

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

Tracey Hanson, First Selectman