

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMANS REGULAR MEETING
October 25, 2022

Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held in person and livestreamed via YouTube on Tuesday, October 25, 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/M. Oulton to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 11, 2022. Motion Approved.
Correspondence	
Trunk or Treat	Trunk or Treat will take place rain or shine on Monday October 31, 2022 in the VES parking lot from 6pm-7pm.
Chicken Barbeque	The Voluntown Fire Department is hosting a chicken barbeque on November 5, 2022 from 4pm-6pm. All proceeds will go towards the Voluntown Community Fund to help residents in need. Volunteers are needed.
UCFS	Alcohol Counseling Services are available through telehealth through UCFS.
Jewett City Savings	The Voluntown Library has received a \$500.00 grant through Jewett City Savings.
Board and Committee Reports	
Public works	No report.
Financial Report	Ms. Zelinsky submitted the financial report. The installation of computers for the Town Hall were completed and quarterly reports to the Department of Labor were submitted. Mr. Madeira is working with Citizens to complete security options for the Town’s bank accounts.
Old Business Updates	
ARPA	No update.
Ordinances	No update.
Drawdowns	Ms. Hanson stated that repairs to the Beachdale dam should be completed, and the state will start drawing down Beachdale pond.
Forge Hill Bridge	Ms. Hanson met with Congressman Joseph Courtney to discuss the Forge Hill Bridge Project.
Progress with Grants	No Updates
Formation of Municipal ISP Commission	Mr. Oulton is working on the Formation of the Commission. The Selectmen discussed the formation of the Municipal ISP Committee. It will be a committee and not a commission.

A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to establish the Broadband Municipal ISP Committee. Motion Approved.

Meeting House The appropriation for the Methodist Meeting House was unanimously approved at the Town Meeting. The project will be awarded to Wiese Construction.

Gate Street Project Ms. Hanson has signed the contract with Barton & Loguidice. Ms. Hanson is still waiting on committee appointments from various commissions.

Municipal Improv. Project/STEAP Ms. Hanson met with the representative from DECD to go over requirements for the STEAP grant.

Fire Station Improv. Design There was a mandatory walk through for the Fire Station Improvements Design Project. Approximately ten companies attended. The bids are due November 3, 2022.

New Business

STEAP GRANT Resolution Ms. Hanson read the STEAP grant resolution. A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to approve the STEAP resolution. Motion approved.

Tax Refunds A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to approve the tax refunds as submitted by the Tax Collector to Alan Lisee, Brandon Marien, Timothy Fisher, Vault Trust and Acar Leasing LTD. Motion Approved.

Snow Plow Bids The Selectmen discussed the Snow Plow bids received on October 17th, 2022. A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to accept the bid from AM Sealers. Motion Approved.

Executive Session A motion was made by M. Oulton/R. Thevenet to move into executive session at 6:31pm with the addition of Julie Zelinsky and Pam Theroux to discuss Employee Contract/Benefit Review-Negotiations. Motion Approved.

The Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 7:42pm. No votes were taken.

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 7:43 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

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

Tracey Hanson, First Selectman