

WALES BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES 2/23/2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Vannais (chair), Ed Boyce, Mike Milanese

OTHERS PRESENT: Justin Mathiau, Bill Anair, Howard Whyte, Keith HoodKeith Hood; Members of Wales Fire Department

1. Chairman Vannais called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Before conducting business, the BOS expressed condolences to the friends and family of June league. Additionally, the Board expressed gratitude to our public safety personnel.

APPOINTMENTS:

2. John Croke was the only applicant for the position of Wales Fire Chief. After an informal interview by the BOS, Vannais made the motion, seconded by Boyce, to appoint John Croke as the Chief of the Wales Fire Department. The motion passed unanimously.
3. The BOS presented Bill Anair with a badge reading "Bill Anair, Retired Police Commissioner, Town of Wales," and thanked him for all that he has done for the Town.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. Vannais indicated that he has not completed the Risk Assessment, but it will be ready by the 3/8/16 meeting.
5. Milanese will contact the propane company with questions regarding the proposed contract.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. Keith Hood, representing the 5 Main Street Committee, stated that the Committee intends to submit a warrant article to demolish the house on the property. The Committee will meet on March 1 to draft this article, and the Status Report will be posted on the Town Website.
7. Road Commissioner, Bruce Cadieux, stated that Wales was preapproved for a \$3.5 million dollar TIP grant for Monson Road. He indicated that PVPC would like to become involved in this, but he believes that PVPC would largely duplicate the work of the engineering firm. Bruce recommended creating a subcommittee of Wales residents rather than spend the money for PVPC involvement. Vannais will contact the DOT to determine what, if any, role PVPC would play in this endeavor. Bruce also indicated that if the Town intends to accept this grant, it will need to allocate approximately 10% of the grant amount for engineering costs. Boyce made the motion, second by Vannais, to empower Vannais to respond at his discretion regarding these matters. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Boyce made the motion, seconded by Vannais, to pay both PVPC invoices. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Boyce made the motion, seconded by Vannais, to sign the PVPC Town Ownership Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Boyce made the motion, seconded by Vannais, to approve the PVPC Discharge of Liens. The motion passed unanimously.
11. Boyce made the motion, seconded by Vannais, to approve the request from Wales Elementary School to utilize a portion of the MacFarland Fund for a field trip to Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary. The motion passed unanimously.
12. Boyce made the motion, seconded by Vannais, to sign the Warrant for the Presidential primary. The motion passed unanimously.
13. After a brief discussion, the BOS decided to refer the request from the Conservation Commission to the Finance Committee for their opinion.
14. Boyce made the motion, seconded by Vannais, for Vannais to get in contact with the Highway Department to discuss the discrepancies in the proposed Highway Department Contract. The motion passed unanimously.
15. Justin Mathiau provided additional information on the 5 Main Street property, and submitted a petition for a warrant article to sell the house and approximately 3 adjoining acres. Hood invited Mathiau to attend the next 5, Main Street Committee meeting, but Mathiau respectfully declined. The BOS thanked Justin for his efforts.
16. Vannais announced that Alan Bishop has been retained by the Wales Board of Assessors to inspect every property in Wales.
17. Vannais announced that the Wales School Committee will hold a Public Hearing on the School Budget on March 16 at 6:30 at the WES.
18. Vannais made the motion, seconded by Boyce, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Hubbell (for Amy Bishop)