

# **WALES BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

## **MEETING MINUTES 3/22/2016**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bruce Cadieux, Will Jarvis, Gary Burdick, Roy Lainson, Lynn Hood, JoAnne Higgins, Peter Haley, Mike Whalen, Justin Mathiau, Nancy Baer, Howard Whyte, Leon Givner, Carolyn Boehne, Danelle LaFlower, Eugene Boehne, Kathy Mulready, Peter Higgins, Linda Weston, Linda Johnson, Krystin Puckett, Karen Beaulieu, Sheila Chabot, Susan Hubbell

1. Chairman Vannais called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

1. Dick Silva to the CIPC.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. 5 Main Street Committee:
  - Keith Hood, representing the 5 Main Street Committee, read a letter of response from the Committee regarding the BOS's decision to dissolve the Committee (done at the BOS meeting on 3/8/2016).
  - Ed Boyce made the motion to reinstate the 5 Main Street Committee. There was no second, and the motion did not pass. It was noted that because the Decision to dissolve the Committee was done in violation of the Open Meeting Law, it was not valid.
  - Mike Milanese stated that the Committee had completed its mission and was no longer needed. Keith Hood disagreed, and stated his reasons for disagreeing. Jeff Vannais explained why he felt that the 5 Main Street Committee should be dissolved, emphasizing that he believed a geo-technical survey should have been requested by the committee. Justin Mathiau discussed the information that he presented to the BOS. Gary Burdick stated that if the house is sold, the State driveway regulation for any other usage cannot be met. Additionally, he stated that contrary to rumors, the Veterans do want a Veterans' Park. Discussion on 5 Main Street continued until 9:00 pm, with additional input from: Nancy Baer, JoAnne Higgins, Roy Lainson, Mike Milanese, Susan Hubbell, Peter Higgins, Will Jarvis, Justin Mathiau, Leon Givner, and Howard Whyte. (Please refer to DVD of taped session for specifics.)
  - Ed Boyce again made the motion to reconsider dissolving the 5 Main Street Committee. Jeff Vannais seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion. Jeff Vannais offered the compromise that the Committee

be “pared down and comprised of people who possess the necessary information. No action was taken.

- Keith Hood presented 2 Citizens’ Petitions for inclusion on the Town Warrant: 1) To retain the property at 5 Main Street for the purpose of studying the feasibility of utilizing the property for Town purposes, and 2) To raze the house located on the 5 Main Street property.
- Mike Milanese made the motion to dissolve the 5 Main Street Committee. The motion was seconded by Jeff Vannais. The motion passed by a vote of 2 – 1, with Ed Boyce voting in the negative.
- Mike Milanese made the motion, seconded by Ed Boyce, to accept the minutes of March 8, 2016 as written. The motion passed unanimously.
- Ed Boyce made the motion, seconded by Jeff Vannais, to postpone discussion of the Superior Contract until Amy Bishop is available. The motion passed unanimously.
- Mike Milanese made the motion, seconded by Ed Boyce, to accept the new Brimfield Ambulance contract, indicating that it was more expensive than the previous contract. The motion passed unanimously.
- The BOS discussed the problem of the failure of the lights at the ALES Senior Center to turn on at night. Mike Milanese will look into this.
- Ed Boyce made the motion, seconded by Jeff Vannais, to appoint Dick Silva to the Capital Improvement Planning Commission. The motion passed unanimously.
- A request was received from Bruce Cadieux to use \$14,865 in Chapter 90 funds for repairs on various roads. Ed Boyce made the motion, seconded by Jeff Vannais, to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.
- Ed Boyce made the motion, seconded by Jeff Vannais, to empower Jeff Vannais to take any action necessary regarding the Bay State Roads Complete Street List. The motion passed unanimously.
- Jeff Vannais indicated that he met with Tony Torres regarding the supposed discrepancies in the Union Contract. Both the old and new contracts were reviewed, and all discrepancies were corrected. Tony will rewrite the entire contract and submit it to the BOS for review.
- Public Service Announcements: 1) On April 9, from 11:00 – 12:00, the Tri-Town Rabies Clinic will be held at the Brimfield Fire Hall. The cost will be \$15, and dog licenses can be purchased at this time. 2) On May 21, from 1:00 – 3:00, the Town of Wales will hold a Rabies Clinic at the Fire Hall. The cost will be \$11/animal. And 3) The Wales Town Caucus will be held on April 20, 2016, at 7:00 at the Wales Elementary School. Individuals who wish to run for office can also get their name on the ballot by completing Nomination Papers and returning them to the Town Clerk by April 25.

- The motion was made by Jeff Vannais to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a Highway Department personnel issue. A roll call vote was taken with everyone responding in favor. The BOS adjourned into Executive Session without intention of reconvening in Open Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hubbell (for Amy Bishop)