

Wales Board of Selectmen Minutes

January 12, 2016
Wales Town Hall
3 Hollow Road
Wales, MA 01081

Present: Jeff Vannais, Mike Milanese, Ed Boyce, Amy Bishop
Open 7:05

*** David Worth – COA**

Mr. Worth was in attendance to speak to the Board about purchasing some type of shelter for the Senior Center van. He looked into an A-Frame horizontal style carport option and came up with dimensions that he felt would be appropriate to house the van. His goal is to keep the cost under \$3,500. They would like to install the carport near the shed at the Senior Center. He would like to have some of the funds to come out of the Wales Town Fund which currently has approximately \$3,523. The Board was supportive of the carport, but would like to be sure of all the dimensions before moving forward with the purchase.

*** Chris Dunphy – PVPC**

Mr. Dunphy was present to update the Board that the FY13 was successful and is wrapping up. The project came in under budget and the additional funds were allocated to housing rehab. The FY15 grant is going to three different things, the housing rehab projects, the food bank and domestic violence prevention. The housing rehab is currently able to assist approximately 15 households, the food pantry has served up to 50 households and he has not gotten a recent update from Domestic Violence but intends to speak with them soon.

Mr. Dunphy also added there is an additional \$70,000 of program income that is generated when property is sold that has a lien on it from PVPC for housing rehab. This money is available for a variety CDBG activity, including housing rehab projects, a food pantry administrator. Vannais stated he would like to see the money go to the housing rehab projects since there is always a waiting list. Boyce stated he would like to keep some of the money in the account for emergencies that arise within the housing rehab projects, Milanese agreed. Dunphy stated they Board didn't have to make a decision about how to use the money right then, it could be discussed further.

MOTION: To sign the PVPC Town Owner Agreements. Motion made by Vannais, seconded by Boyce.

Discussion: None

VOTE: ALL in favor

MOTION: To since the two PVPC Invoices, one for FY13 and one for FY15. Motion made by Boyce, seconded by Vannais.

Discussion: None

VOTE: ALL in favor

*** Minutes**

MOTION: To accept the February 9, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Motion made by Vannais, seconded by Boyce.

Discussion: None

VOTE: ALL in favor

MOTION: To accept the February 23, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Motion made by Vannais, seconded by Boyce

Discussion: None

VOTE: ALL in favor

*** Heather Ackerman – Senior Center Director**

Ackerman was present to discuss several things with the board. The first item was the Board of Health had done their inspection and had found a few things that need to be addressed. The sink legs cannot be on blocks, and it will cost approximately \$146 to purchase proper sized legs from Gillette. The cabinets in the kitchen must have doors as well. Milanese stated he would get someone to look at the cabinet doors and the legs for the sink could be paid for out of building maintenance.

Secondly she informed the Board the cook position was not able to be funded through any grants, so she is to the point she needs to request an additional \$3,880 from the Finance Committee.

MOTION: To authorize Heather Ackerman to make a Reserve Request from the Finance Committee for \$3,880. Motion made by Boyce, seconded by Milanese.

Discussion: It was asked why Finance did not fund the entire position originally and Ackerman stated it was in hopes that they would be able to get some type of funding through a grant, which they were not able to do. It was also asked if this will be the only budget increase for the Senior Center and Ackerman stated she may ask for money for van drivers.

VOTE: ALL in favor

Lastly she asked the Board if she could get Caller ID on the Senior Center phones since there have been instances people will call there first to validate that they need to call an ambulance but don't leave their name or phone number.

MOTION: To get caller ID for the Senior Center telephones. Motion made by Vannais, seconded by Boyce.

Discussion: Ackerman added the cost would be \$5.99 a month

VOTE: ALL in favor

✧ Fire Department Training

The Fire Chief asked the Board to sign a release form for the department to take part in training in North Brookfield.

MOTION: To sign the hold harmless agreement to allow the Fire Department to train North Brookfield. Motion made by Vannais, seconded by Boyce

Discussion: This approval is pending the town insurance cover the department during this training.

VOTE: ALL in favor

✧ Diesel Fuel Monitoring

MOTION: To accept Roy Lianson from the Finance Committees letter for the ability to monitor the use of diesel fuel at the highway department. Motion made by Vannais, seconded by Milanese

Discussion: Milanese stated he is in favor of the monitoring system but does not like the idea of cameras. Vannais believes cameras help keep honest people honest.

MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to obtain fuel monitoring system, and to further review and re-install cameras.

Discussion: None

Vote on second MOTION: ALL in favor

✧ Bay State Roads Complete Street List

Bruce Cadieux, Road Commission, is asking the Board to write a letter of commitment to participate in the Bay State Roads Complete Street List.

MOTION: To write a letter of commitment to participate in the Bay State Road Program. Motion made by Milanese, seconded by Vannais.

Discussion: Vannais added Cadieux needs a letter just to go to the information sessions for the program.

VOTE: ALL in favor

✧ Animal Inspector

MOTION: To re-appoint Rachel Taylor as Animal Inspector. Motion made by Vannais, seconded by Milanese.

Discussion: None

VOTE: ALL in favor

✧ Justin Mathieu

Mathieu told the Board that he is submitting a revised map with this warrant article that is clearer. He also was confirming he never stated the land on 5 Main Street is unbuildable, because you can build anywhere if you have permits. He just doesn't think that property is ideal for the town.

MOTION: To dissolve the 5 Main Street Committee. Motion made by Milanese, seconded by Vannais.

Discussion: Milanese stated the committee has become the tear down 5 Main Street Committee and has not done what they have been asked to do. Vannais agreed and stated that they have not done what they were asked many times. Boyce stated he would like to defer the conversation to the next meeting.

MOTION: To table the discussion until the next meeting and give the 5 Main Street Committee time to respond. Motion made by Boyce. No second

VOTE on the first MOTION: Two in favor, Boyce opposed

Additional Discussions:

Superior Propane Contract

Budget Hearing

Old Town Hall Faucet

Highway lights

School Water

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:34. Motion made by Boyce, seconded by Vannais.

Discussion: None

VOTE: ALL in favor