

Wales Board of Selectmen Minutes

May 3, 2016
Wales Town Hall
3 Hollow Road
Wales, MA 01081

Present: Jeff Vannais, Mike Milanese, Ed Boyce, Amy Bishop

Open 7:15

Boyce stated he would like to wait to start the meeting until the cameras are turned back on for the public. Vannais declined to entertain the suggestion

*** Minutes**

MOTION: To approve the April 19, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Motion made by Vannais, seconded by Milanese.

Discussion: None

VOTE: ALL in favor

*** Open Meeting Law Violation**

Town Clerk, Leis Phinney notified the Board that they did in fact have to respond to the Attorney General's office in regards to the three Open Meeting Law Violations that were filed against them.

MOTION: To have Vannais submit a letter to the Attorney General's office on behalf of the Board. Motion made by Milanese, no second. **MOTION FAILED**

Boyce stated he would suggest the each member submits their own responses and also they submit a response on behalf of the entire board. Vannais suggested they need to ask for an extension since the fourteen day deadline has gone by.

MOTION: To have the Executive Secretary contact the Attorney General's Office to ask for a fourteen day reprieve to craft responses to the open meeting law violation. Motion made by Vannais, seconded by Milanese

Discussion: None

VOTE: TWO in favor, Boyce ABSTAINED

*** Union Contract**

Vannais stated the latest contract the Union has provided the Board appears to be even worse than the previous one. Business Agent Tony Torres suggested the Board signs the contract and they work on a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to attach to the back of the contract.

MOTION: To sign the document and work on the MOA at a later date and ask to reopen negotiations to clarify grey areas in the contract. Motion made by Vannais, seconded by Milanese.

Discussion: Boyce urged the Board not to sign the contract because the language is so unclear, there are too many questions and the Union may not be willing to re-open the negotiations.

MOTION and SECOND WITHDRAWN

MOTION: To authorize Vannais to contact Town Counsel on questions regarding the contract. Motion made by Boyce, seconded by Vannais.

Discussion: None

VOTE: ALL in favor

*** Board of Health Vacancy**

Sue Cadieux informed the Board of Selectmen and the Town Clerk she was resigning as a member of the Board of Health.

MOTION: To post the vacancy for the Board of Health. Motion made by Boyce, seconded by Vannais.

Discussion: The Board thanked Sue Cadieux for her service to the town.

VOTE: ALL in favor

*** Town Hall Stairs**

A piece of the front stairs of the Town Hall broke off making the stairs unsafe. Milanese stated they would need to get quotes to replace and/or repair the stairs. Milanese stated they need to be careful if they replace the stairs, because

they may need to put in a ramp for ADA purposes. Vannais stated while they are looking into repairing the front steps, they should include the parking area for the town hall as well.

MOTION: To ask Bruce Cadieux, Road Commissioner, to design a repair for the parking area and the front stairs. Motion made by Vannais, seconded by Milanese.

Discussion: Boyce stated the US Attorney is under the impression the parking lot would be repaired this summer, since the Board stated they would need to wait for FY17 funds.

MOTION: To allow Milanese to spend up to \$500 out of Norcross to repair the front stairs. Motion made by Boyce, seconded by Milanese.

Discussion: Boyce stated he does not want to wait two additional weeks to get the stairs repaired because he is concerned about only have one entrance/exit to the building. Milanese stated Norcross is there for the Board to spend and **WITHDREW the SECOND to the MOTION**. The repair will be more than \$500.

MOTION: To request \$5,000 out of Reserve to repair the front stairs of the Town Hall. Motion made by Milanese, seconded by Vannais.

Discussion: None

VOTE: ALL in favor

✳ Procurement

The Accountant informed the Board that the Procurement line item has once again been overdrawn.

MOTION: To request \$2,500 out of Reserve for the Procurement line item. Motion made by Boyce, seconded by Vannais.

Discussion: Boyce stated the \$2,000 will not cover the remainder for the fiscal year, but in another month or so they will have a better idea of what they need to last through the end of the fiscal year.

VOTE: ALL in favor

✳ PVPC Invoice

MOTION: To pay the PVPC invoice for \$6,828.80. Motion made by Milanese. Vannais **SECONDED** with a friendly **AMENDMENT to the MOTION** to change the amount to \$6,829.80.

Discussion: The cover sheet was one dollar off the actual sum of all the activities that were listed in the attached pages.

VOTE: ALL in favor

Additional Discussions:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:15. Motion made by Boyce, seconded by Vannais.

Discussion: None

VOTE: ALL in favor