

TOWN OF WALES, MA
SELECT BOARD MEETING

Office of the Select Board, 1st Floor
3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA

Meeting of Monday, December 30, 2019
Regular Session

Members Present: William Matchett III,; John Grasso; Michael Valanzola called in (see *)

Others Present: Pamela Leduc, Executive Secretary

OPEN & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Matchett called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. leading the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bridge Inspection Report - Bruce Cadieux, Road Commissioner

Mr. Cadieux attended to discuss the Bridge Inspection Report. He indicated the Holland Road bridge, with 100% grant funding, is scheduled for repairs in the spring of 2022 and the other bridges listed on the report pose no immediate risk. Weight limits are not posted on local bridges.

- Brimfield Ambulance Service (private)

Fire Chief Croke and Police Chief Dessert attended the meeting to discuss the ambulance services being provided to the residents of Wales. Chief Coke expressed his concern that the town is not receiving adequate services, including ALS (advanced life support) services. The current provider is coded as an ALS ambulance, but at times with current staffing, the service doesn't have ALS coverage. The dispatchers assume that the provider is an ALS service, which requires paramedics rather than EMT's. Dispatchers code the calls based on the emergency call conversation. Monson and Sturbridge, both ALS approved, are Wales' primary mutual aid for ambulance service needed in an emergency. The current contract also has no performance criteria. The costs for outside independent ambulance services are high.

Actions:

Mr. Matchett indicated

- The language of the contract can be tightened up, but he wanted to be sure that the residents have coverage. Action: Ensure the agreement requires the level of staffing to meet ALS service coverage. Seek the advice of legal counsel to create a new agreement to address concerns about the quality of service, addition of performance standards, and consequences for non-compliance.
- Ms. Leduc indicated there is grant funding available through PVPC to apply for cooperative/regional projects such as ambulance service. PVPC would provide a 3rd-party review of the ambulance coverage issue and suggest possible solutions. Action: Ms. Leduc can start with an application in collaboration with the Holland Executive Secretary.
- Can't depend on the Town of Brimfield voters approving creating a municipal ambulance service.
- Action: Ms. Leduc to schedule a meeting with the Board of Directors of the Brimfield Ambulance Service to discuss concerns, also inviting Braintree dispatch r and PD & FD Chiefs. If more than one Select Board member will be present, Ms. Leduc will post as a meeting.
- Dispatch is not being notified when the ambulance service doesn't have ALS coverage. Ensure dispatch is sending ALS service when needed.

- Action: Get dispatch logs to review data – types and frequency of calls, mutual aid requests, etc.

- Seasonal Population Increase Estimation Form

Motion:

Mr. Grasso moved, seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve and sign the ABCC 2020 Seasonal Population Increase Estimation Form.

VOTE: All in Favor

- PVPC Discharge of Lien

Motion:

Mr. Grasso moved, seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve the authorize the Chair to sign the following two documents:

- PVPC Discharge of Lien on Real Estate: 6 Hamilton Drive, Holland, MA
- PVPC City/Town Owner Agreement for: 31 Halfway Lane, Holland, MA

VOTE: All in Favor

* Mr. Valanzola called into the meeting.

- Class II-Used Car Dealer License - Renewals

Motion:

Mr. Grasso moved, seconded by Mr. Valanzola., to approve and sign the renewal of Class II – Used Car Dealer’s License for Calendar Year 2020 for:

- Pearson Towing & Collision Repair, 51 Hollow Road
- Eugene V. Randall or Joshua C. Smith, 49 Main Street
- RV’s Plus, 97 Monson Road
- T Works, 37 Union Road
- T Works, 32 Monson Road

Roll Call: Yes - Mr. Valanzola & Mr. Grasso – All businesses

Mr. Matchett abstained from both T Works, Yes on other 3 businesses

- Class III – Automobile Junk License - Renewal

Motion:

Mr. Grasso moved, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to approve and sign the renewal of Class II – Automobile Junk License for Calendar Year 2020 to:

- Richard Silva, 87 McBride Road

Roll Call: Yes - Matchett, Grasso, Valanzola

- Entertainment Licenses - Renewals

Motion:

Mr. Grasso moved, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to approve and sign the renewals of Entertainment Licenses for Calendar Year 2020 to:

- Lake George Tavern, 2 Main Street
- Oak Haven Campground, 22 Main Street
- Wales Irish Pub, 16 Holland Road

Roll Call: YES - Matchett, Grasso, Valanzola

- Common Victualler Licenses - Renewals

Motion:

Mr. Grasso moved, seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve and sign the renewals of Common Victualler Licenses for Calendar Year 2020 to:

- Choice Foods, 2 Main Street
- Lake George Towers, 2 Main Street
- Oak Haven Campground, 22 Main Street
- Wales Irish Pub, 16 Holland Road

Roll Call: YES - Matchett, Grasso, Valanzola

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

"The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is considering the acquisition of an interest in two (2) parcels of land located in Wales: a 10.00 +/- acre parcel and a 45.35 +/- acre parcel as shown on a two (2) locus maps on file in the Office of the Town Clerk. If acquired by the state, DCR will manage the properties for natural resource protection and outdoor public recreation and incorporate them into the Brimfield State Forest."

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Mr. Grasso moved, seconded by Mr. Matchett, to adjourn the meeting at 1:04 pm.

VOTE: All in Favor

Minutes transcribed by Pat Gauthier via a DVD recording.

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