

**TOWN OF WALES, MA**  
**SELECT BOARD MEETING**

Office of the Select Board, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA

**Meeting of Monday, June 8, 2020**  
**Regular Session**

**Members Present:** Michael Valanzola; William Matchett III, John Grasso  
**Others Present:** Pamela Leduc, Executive Secretary

**OPEN & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. leading the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Wales Board of Selectmen is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town of Wales website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Wales Community Development Program – Financial Warrant

**Motion:**

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to approve and sign the FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Financial Warrant #16 in the amount of \$7,713.89.

VOTE: All in Favor

- PVPC Discharges of Liens

**Motion:**

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign PVPC Discharges of Liens on Real Estate:

- 60 Knollwood Road, Brimfield (2)
- 1 Lee Lane, Holland
- 56 South Cottage Road, Holland
- 5 Apple Tree Lane, Holland

VOTE: All in Favor

- PVPC FY2018 Wales Community Development Program

**Motion:**

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign PVPC FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Budget and Program Revision Form.

Discussion: This is an extension of time provision

VOTE: All in Favor

- PVPC Regional CDBG-CV Grant Form

**Motion:**

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign PVPC regional CDBG-CV grant application participation form.

VOTE: All in Favor

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Transfer Station Operations – FY2021 Fees**

Ms. Leduc reviewed the FY21 Transfer Station Fees. She recommended: (1) No increase in Annual fees; (2) change from stickers to trash bags as follows: \$2/ea. 15-gallon bags, \$3/ea. 30-gallon bags.

The revenues and expenses were discussed.

**Motion:**

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to accept the recommendation of the Executive Secretary to keep the Transfer Station Annual fees as currently listed and change from stickers to trash bags: \$2/ea. 15-gallon bags, \$3/ea. 30-gallon bags. Changes effective July 1, 2020.

Discussion: Will continue to investigate data related to the fees charged against the expenses.

VOTE: All in Favor

- **COVID-19 Update/Action Plan**

*June 10, 2020 Annual Town Meeting* - Mr. Valanzola, as Town Moderator, reported he had a walk-through of the Tantasqua High School auditorium, large enough to provide social distancing. He noted that four of the five Union #61 towns have held their Annual Town Meetings at the Tantasqua High School. The Town Clerk will make recommendations to the school building principal about the way to set up tables for the check in procedures. Additional COVID protocols will be in place. Inside, attendees will be subject to the masking rules for that day, with provisions to separate anyone who refuses to wear a mask. Ms. Leduc indicated Annual Town reports will be available at the Town Meeting. Mrs. Boyd, Tantasqua's Associate Superintendent of Business & Finance, has agreed to work with the town to provide transportation for voters if so desired.

*Town Offices* – still remains closed, Town Clerk seeing people by appointments. Other Departments are also seeing people by appointment.

*Senior Center* – staying closed until July 1<sup>st</sup>

*Library* – still closed, but working to provide books to residents.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:**

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm.

VOTE: All in Favor

Minutes transcribed by Pat Gauthier via a DVD recording.

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