

TOWN OF WALES, MA
SELECT BOARD MEETING

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

Meeting of Monday, July 27, 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 6:15 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

• David W. Worth Citizenship Award

Presentation of the 2020 David W. Worth Citizenship Award to Howard and Susan White. Mr. Valanzola read the nomination letter from Leis Phinney, Town Clerk, and the letter of congratulations presented by Representative Tod Smola. Board members congratulated and thanked Howard and Susan White for their service to the Town of Wales

• Wales Community Development Program – Financial Warrants

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to approve and sign the following:

- FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Financial Warrant #17 in the amount of \$5,423.67.
- FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Financial Warrant #18 in the amount of \$3,711.15.
- FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Financial Warrant #19 in the amount of \$1,952.96.

VOTE: All in Favor

OLD BUSINESS

• Olde Home Day (OHD)

In attendance: Police Chief Dessert; Fire Chief Croke; Nicole Croteau, Chair -OHD Committee; David Foote, Board of Health

Ms. Croteau reported that food vendors, fireworks, and bands are in place. Following the state's COVID-19 guidance, face masks will be required.

Chief Dessert & Chief Croke discussed public safety/protection/traffic & parking control activities.

Actions:

- OHD Committee should contact the Board of Health to put in place the town's response to any mask violations (follow restaurant rules).

- Bounce House vender must supply insurance proof. A fog-type sanitizing system will be used that day to periodically clean the structure.
- People are urged to stay home if feeling unwell, are at risk, are uncomfortable or opposed to the concept.
- Sign-in sheets for the event (used for contact tracing). The Board agreed with the Board of Health that requiring attendees to sign in will be a mandatory process to enjoy Olde Home Day activities. The Select Board will check with legal counsel to ensure that the Town has the right to require Old Home Day attendee sign-in.

- Highway Department - McBride Road Follow Up

Correspondence - Mr. & Mrs. Tunstall sent a follow up letter that the debris left by the town on the edge of McBride Road has not been cleaned up by the town. (See minutes of 6-22-20)

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso to forward the Tunstall's letter to the Road Commissioner, seeking a response and a response to why there was no response to the 1st letter.

VOTE: All in Favor

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to respond to the Tunstall family:

- Acknowledge receipt of both their letters.
- Explain the steps taken by the Select Board.
- Explain the model that exists with regard to oversight for the Road Commissioner's position (not a direct report to the Select Board).

VOTE: All in Favor

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

- Police Department Appointments - Recommendation of Police Chief

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to appoint as Police Officers, effective July 27, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

○ John Jovan

○ Thomas J Ford, II

VOTE: All in Favor

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Mr. Grasso moved, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm.

VOTE: All in Favor

Minutes transcribed by Pat Gauthier via a DVD recording.

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