

TOWN OF WALES, MA
SELECT BOARD MEETING

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

Meeting of Monday, August 17, 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 5:00 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

- Senior Center

Sandra Delphia was present for the meeting.

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to appoint Sandra Delphia to the position of Cook for the Senior Center effective August 18, 2020.

VOTE: All in Favor

Motion:

Mr. Grasso moved, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to approve Estimate number 999999900002078 from Advanced Energy Concepts in the amount of \$6,293.00 for the replacement of the central air conditioning system at the Senior Center.

VOTE: All in Favor

- Highway Department

Present: Bruce Cadieux, Highway Commissioner

Motion:

Mr. Grasso moved, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to approve Quote ID 22534377 from United Ag & Turf in the amount of \$6,706.88 for the purchase of lawn maintenance equipment (John Deere riding mower with 48" deck) for the Highway Department.

Discussion: The unit was recommended by Highway Commissioner.

VOTE: All in Favor

Time Recorder/Card Request: To approve Estimate #6218476 from New England Time Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$638.00 for the purchase of a time recorder and cards for the Highway Department.

Discussion: Mr. Cadieux asked why the Select Board was in favor of purchasing a time-card system for the Highway Department. The Select Board indicated accountability was their reasoning as a few members of the public have questioned employees coming in late and leaving early.

Also discussed: Whether the software can manage adding travel time for snow removal times, etc. Action: Matter Tabled. Ms. Leduc will work with Mr. Cadieux to see what systems are being used by neighboring towns and ask the vendor about the capabilities for the software.

- State Primary

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to approve and sign the warrant for the 2020 State Primary to be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. (To be held: Senior Center)

VOTE: All in Favor

- Emergency Ambulance Service

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement between the Towns of Brimfield, Holland, Wales and Action Ambulance Service, Inc. for Emergency Ambulance Service effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

Discussion: This is an extension to the current agreement.

VOTE: All in Favor

- Transfer Station – 3rd Party Inspector Services

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to approve the renewal of the Professional Services Agreement with Mark W. Popham, R.S. in the amount of \$485.00 to provide Third Party Inspector (TPI) services for the transfer station facility in accordance with the requirements of 310 CMR 19.018.

VOTE: All in Favor

- Household Hazardous Waste Day

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mrs. Grasso, to authorize Ms. Leduc to coordinate the Household Hazardous Waste Day at the Transfer Station.

VOTE: All in Favor

- Resolution in Support of The Soldiers' Home in Holyoke

Motion:

Mr. moved, seconded by Mr. , to support the request of VFW Post 2596 Commander Wilfred Jarvais to adopt a Resolution in Support of The Soldiers' Home in Holyoke and sign post review by town counsel.

VOTE: All in Favor

- Minutes

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to approve the following Regular Session Meeting Minutes:

- July 13, 2020
- July 27, 2020
- July 31, 2020

VOTE: All in Favor

OLD BUSINESS

- COVID-19 Update/Discussion/Action Plan

- Red Line Proposal - Decontamination proposal (chemical spraying) for facilities & vehicles. For the school building and school buses, this should be referred to the school administrators. Can be

funded by the Cares Act. There is a significant cost involved, and members questioned whether there is a need. Mr. Valanzola felt there wasn't enough foot traffic in town buildings to warrant this expenditure. Action: Get more information and discuss with Board of Health.

- School reopening discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Matters discussed:

- Fallen tree at Elementary School.
- Charter Communications/Spectrum
 - Rate increase.
 - For areas of Holland near the Wales town line with no internet access, Charter will come out and conduct an assessment. There are about 10 homes affected and those homes, pending Charter's assessment and agreement, could become part of the Wales town internet services.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Mr. Grasso moved, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 pm.

VOTE: All in Favor

Minutes transcribed by Pat Gauthier via a DVD recording.

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