

TOWN OF WALES, MA
SELECT BOARD MEETING

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

Meeting of Monday, June 22, 2020
Regular Session

Members Present: William Matchett III, John Grasso, Michael Valanzola
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.

OLD BUSINESS

- Olde Home Day - Nicole Croteau and Becky Smith called in to the meeting. Ms. Leduc will contact the town's Insurance provider to check on liability insurance for Beer Garden and fireworks.

NEW BUSINESS

- Town Meeting Review

Mr. Valanzola spoke about the Town Meeting – good attendance, good engagement. He thanked all personnel for making the Town Meeting a success. If a special town meeting is needed in the fall, it should be scheduled now to reserve the High School Auditorium. October 21, 2020 chosen to hold a special town meeting if needed. Ms. Leduc will reserve the auditorium.

- COVID-19 Emergency Expenditures

Motion:

Mr. Grasso moved, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to authorize up to \$100,000 in emergency expenditures related to COVID-19 in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 31 (Cares Act) and authorize the Chair to sign the letter (draft letter provided for your consideration).

Discussion: Authorization to expend beyond appropriation.

VOTE: All in Favor

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to enter into Executive Session as indicated:

6:15 PM

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. *Teamsters Local Union 404*

and to remain in Executive Session for:

7:00 PM

To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

Fire Chief John Croke

A roll call vote was taken.

YES - Grasso, Matchett, Valanzola

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:58 pm.

- Cable Advisory Appointments

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to reappoint the following individuals to the Cable Advisory Committee for a 1-year term effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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| ○ Trent Bradbury | ○ Lynn Greene |
| ○ Susan Cadieux | ○ Keith Hood |

VOTE: All in Favor

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to appoint to the Cable Advisory Committee for a 1 year term effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

- Robert Housand

VOTE: All in Favor

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to reappoint Leon Givner to the position of Cable Access Director for a 1-year term effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

VOTE: All in Favor

- Council on Aging Appointments

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to reappoint the following individuals to the Council on Aging for a 1-year term effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021:

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| ○ Howard Darnley | ○ Dorothy Warren |
| ○ Brian Hartling | ○ Patricia Wheeler |
| ○ Joyce Pickering | |

VOTE: All in Favor

- Electrical Inspector – Appointment

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso , to reappoint Scot Mansfield to the position of Electrical Inspector for a 1-year term effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

VOTE: All in Favor

- Emergency Management Director – Appointment

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to appoint John Croke as the Emergency Management Director for a 1-year term effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

VOTE: All in Favor

- Police Department Appointments

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to reappoint the following individuals to the position of Police Sergeant for a 1-year term effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021:

- Dario Camacho
- Paul Valley

VOTE: All in Favor

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to reappoint the following individuals to the position of Police Officer for a 1-year term effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021:

- Ryan Jordan
- Christopher Ryan
- Eric Kanavos
- Ricky Simoneau
- Christopher Matczak

VOTE: All in Favor

- Plumbing/Gas Inspector – Appointment

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to reappoint Richard Buccelli to the position of Plumbing/Gas Inspector for a 1-year term effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

VOTE: All in Favor

- Records Access Officer

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to reappoint Pamela Leduc to the position of Records Access Officer for a 1-year term effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

VOTE: All in Favor

- Recreation Committee – Appointment

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to reappoint the following individuals to the Recreation Committee for a 1-year term effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021:

- Nicole Croteau
- Peter Higgins

VOTE: All in Favor

- Rent Control Board – Appointments

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to reappoint the following individuals to the Rent Control Board for a 1-year term effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021:

- Edward Boyce
- Gail Jette
- Jane Duggan

VOTE: All in Favor

- Tree Warden Appointment

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to reappoint Charles Smith III to the position of Tree Warden for a 1-year term effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

VOTE: All in Favor

- Town Counsel – Appointment

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to reappoint KP Law, P.C. as Town Counsel for a 1-year term effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

VOTE: All in Favor

- Veterans' Graves Officer

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to reappoint Peter Haley to the position of Veterans' Graves Officer for a 1-year term effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

VOTE: All in Favor

- Chief Procurement Officer – Appointment

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to reappoint Pamela Leduc to the position of Chief Procurement Officer for a 1-year term effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

VOTE: All in Favor

- Zoning Board of Appeals – Appointments

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to reappoint the following individuals to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 1-year term effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021:

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| ○ Edward Boyce (Alternate) | ○ Joel Jette |
| ○ Adam Brassard | ○ Nathan Collins |

VOTE: All in Favor

- Minutes

Motion:

Mr. Grasso moved, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to approve the June 8, 2020 Regular Session Meeting Minutes.

VOTE: All in Favor

Motion:

Mr. Grasso moved, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to approve the May 4, 2020 Regular Session Meeting Minutes as presented.

VOTE: All in Favor

- Summer Meeting Schedule

Meet once a month during the summer months (July & August), but call a meeting if needed.

- Summer Office Hours – Executive Secretary

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mrs. Grasso, to adjust the Executive Secretary's summer hours as recommended by Ms. Leduc effective June 24, 2020 through September 5, 2020.

VOTE: All in Favor

- Correspondence

McBride Road – In a letter to the Select Board, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Tunstall expressed concern over the debris being set on the sides of the road. McBride Road is designated as a Scenic Road and the debris does not comply with Scenic Road criteria.

Mr. Valanzola recommended the letter be sent to the Road Commissioner and respond to the Tunstall's that the matter has been forwarded to the Road Commissioner.

Motion:

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to forward the concerned citizen's letter to the Road Commissioner, requesting a response within 5 days; and further, to alert the citizen to the Board's actions and the Road Commissioner's response.

VOTE: All in Favor

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Mr. Grasso moved, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm.

VOTE: All in Favor

Minutes transcribed by Pat Gauthier via a DVD recording.

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