

TOWN OF WALES, MA
SELECT BOARD MEETING

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

Meeting of Monday, November 30, 2020
Regular Session

Members Present: William Matchett III, John Grasso; Michael Valanzola (remote: via telephone)
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.

NOTE: All votes were taken by roll call as required with members attending via telephone.

PUBLIC HEARING

• **6:00 PM: Tax Classification Hearing**

Attending: Leon Givner, Board of Assessors

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 56 for the purpose of allocating the local property tax levy among the classes of real and personal property, the hearing was opened at 6:00 p.m.

Recommendation: Single tax rate factor: 1 (single tax rate)

Motion:

Mr. Grasso moved, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to approve a single tax rate factor of one.

VOTE: All in Favor

NEW BUSINESS

• **Joint Meeting with the Wales School Committee called to order at 6:08 p.m.**

Purpose: to appoint a registered voter of the town to fill the vacancy on the Wales Elementary School Committee until the next annual town election.

Elementary Sch

Motion:

Mr. Grasso moved, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to appoint John Croke to the Wales Elementary School Committee for a term through the next annual town election.

Combined vote was taken. Role Call vote:

VOTE: School Committee – YES: Boyce, Randall, Boehne
Select Board – YES: Matchett, Grasso, Valanzola

OLD BUSINESS

• **Wales Library ADA Ramp Reconstruction Project**

Library Trustees members present via telephone conference: Keith xx and Nancy Baer

Bids exceed the amount of funds available (grants). Engineers have recommended the design of the project for an ADA approved ramp.

Action: The Library Trustees will also check with the Finance Committee to see if there are additional funds that can be used to supplement this project. Ms. Leduc to check with engineer to see what other options may be available

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd)

- Fire Chief John Croke - Building maintenance

Attending: Chief Croke – via telephone

Request: installation of lockers. Two contractors submitted quotes; it would be \$1,300 for the project. Ms. Leduc will check to see if Covid funding can be used for this project.

- FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Financial Warrant

Motion:

Mr. Grasso moved, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to approve and sign the FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Financial Warrant #20 in the amount of \$477.00.

VOTE: All in Favor

- MINUTES

Motion:

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

- April 29, 2019
- May 13, 2019

VOTE: All in Favor

NOTE: Mr. Grasso and Mr. Valanzola were not members of the Board at the time of the meetings.

Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Calendar Year 2021**Motion:**

Mr. Valanzola moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to approve the following renewals of annual Alcoholic Beverages Licenses for Calendar Year 2021:

- Choice Foods, 2 Main Street
- Lake George Tavern, 2 Main Street
- Wales Irish Pub, 16 Holland Road

VOTE: All in Favor

- ABCC 2021 Seasonal Population Increase Estimation Form

Motion:

Mr. Grasso moved, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to approve and sign ABCC 2021 Seasonal Population Increase Estimation Form.

VOTE: All in Favor

- Veterans Memorial Park

Mr. Valanzola discussed the upkeep of monuments.

- Emergency Action Plan for Significant Hazard Potential Dams

Order to Prepare an Emergency Action Plan for Significant Hazard Potential Dams dated December 10, 2018 due December 31, 2019

Lake George Dam

Shawville Pond Dam

Squires Dam

Mr. Matchett indicated that the dams listed are in need of repair.

Action: Ms. Leduc will look at developing an Emergency Action Plan for the dams listed.

Motion:

Mr. Matchett moved, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to authorize the Executive Secretary to further research the design of an Emergency Action Plan for the dams listed.

VOTE: All in Favor

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Mr. Grasso moved, seconded by Mr. Valanzola, to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm.

VOTE: All in Favor

Minutes transcribed by Pat Gauthier via a DVD recording.

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