



**TOWN OF WALES**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MAY 20, & June 24, 2009**

**ARTICLE 1:** The Town of Wales voted to *accept* the reports of Town Officers as written.

**Article 2:** The Town of Wales voted to *accept* the reports of Committees as written.

**Article 3:** The Town of Wales voted to *authorize* the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.

**Article 4:** The Town of Wales voted to *authorize* the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into compensating balance agreements with bank offices having their principal offices in the Commonwealth during the fiscal year 2010, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.

**Article 5:** The Town of Wales voted to *authorize* the Board of Selectmen to defend all suits that may be brought against the Town and to prosecute all suits on behalf of the Town, to engage counsel for same, and to settle such suits as they deem advisable. (No suits at this time)

**Article 6:** The town of Wales voted to *authorize* the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept such federal or state grants or monies as may be advisable and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend any funds received there from in accordance with the terms of said grants.

**Article 7:** The Town of Wales voted pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to *reauthorize revolving funds* for certain Town departments and officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, as follows:

<b>Revolving Funds</b>	<b>Authority to spend</b>	<b>Revenue source</b>	<b>Use of fund</b>	<b>FY10 budget</b>
Building inspections	Building commissioner	Inspection fees	Expenses and costs related to provision of inspection services	\$10,000
Plumbing, heating and gas inspections	Plumbing/heating/gas inspector	Inspection fees and expense reimbursements	Expenses and costs related to provision of inspection services	\$3,000
Cemetery services	Cemetery commission	Fees received in connection with opening and closing graves	Expenses and costs related to opening and closing graves, including payment to other departments related thereto	\$2,000
Town clerk	Town clerk	Fees and fines	Expenses related to provision of services for which fees and fines are assessed	\$5,000
Planning	Planning board	Filing fees and expense reimbursements	Expenses and costs related to processing applications, publishing notices, an holding hearings	\$5,000

Conservation	Conservation commission	Filing fees, expense reimbursements	Expenses and costs related to processing applications, publishing notices, and holding hearings	\$5,000
Zoning	Zoning board	Filing fees, expense reimbursements	Expenses and costs related to processing applications, publishing notices, and holding hearings	\$2,000
Animal control	Animal control officer	Fees and fines	Expenses and costs related to provision of animal control services for which fees and fines are assessed	\$2,000
Library	Library trustees or director	Fees and fines	Expenses and costs related to library programs for which fees and fines are assessed	\$1,000
Board of health	Board of health	Fees and reimbursements	Expenses and costs related to enforcing state & local board of health regulations	\$10,000
Electrical	Electrical inspector	Permit fees and expenses	Expenses and costs related to inspections	\$3,000
Police-Pistol permits	Police chief	Pistol permit fees	Expenses and costs related to pistol permit application review and issuance	\$5,000
Council on aging	Council on aging	Fees and reimbursements	Expenses and costs related to programs and activities for seniors	\$3,500
Highway superintendent	Highway superintendent	Permit fees and expenses	Expenses and costs related to driveway permits	\$1,500
Fire dept.	Fire inspector	Permit fees	Expenses and costs related to provisions of inspection services	\$1,500
Cable advisory	Cable committee	Fees	Expenses and costs related to cable committee	\$1,500

*Article 8:* The Town of Wales voted to *reauthorize an Offset Receipt Account*, said amount not to exceed SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$65,000.00) more or less, for the operation of the Transfer Station provided, however, that pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E, such costs shall be offset by the estimated receipts from the fees charged to users of the services provided by the Transfer Station.

*Article 9:* The Town of Wales voted to *accept* the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53D, to authorize a revolving fund for the conduct of self-supporting park services, such fund to be expended by the Park Commission in accordance with the provisions of the statute.

*Article 10:* The Town of Wales voted to *transfer* the interest as expended from the Library Trust Fund to the Library Account, for the use of the Wales Public Library.

*Article 11:* The Town of Wales voted to *accept* any and all grant monies received during FY10 for the Wales Public Library Grant Account, for the use of the Wales Public Library.

*Article 12:* The Town of Wales voted to *transfer* the sum of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$17,000.00) FROM FY09 School Expense Account to offset the Snow & Ice Deficit.

Article 13: The Town of Wales voted to *transfer* the sum of FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN and 24/100 Dollars (\$4,377.24) from the amount appropriated for the FY09 Financial Audit to the FY10 Financial Audit line item.

Article 14: The Town of Wales voted to *transfer* the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) from the amount appropriated for the FY09 Revaluation to the FY10 Revaluation line item for the purpose of revaluation of one-third of the Town.

Article 15: The Town of Wales voted to *transfer* the sum of THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$3,500.00) from the amount appropriated for FY09 Dam Inspections to the FY10 Dam Inspections line item for the purpose of complying with State Mandated inspections of town-owned dams every three years.

Article 16: The Town of Wales voted *against* a Debt Exclusion and *amended* this article to read: The Board of Selectmen will appoint a 7 member board committee for the study and feasibility of fixing the existing town offices or buying another building such as Tedore's.

Article 17: The Town of Wales voted to *amend* the Town Bylaws, Chapter Three, Section Four (2), Records, Reports and Documents, by inserting a new sentence at the conclusion of said section, as follows, "A copy of approved minutes of meetings of boards and committees shall be filed with the Town Clerk not later than one month after approval thereof."

Article 18: The town of Wales voted *NOT TO amend* the bylaw about sending of the annual town report.

Article 19: The Town of Wales voted to *establish* a Personnel Handbook Committee, consisting of five members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, each for a term of one-year.

Article 20: The Town of Wales voted to *raise and appropriate* the sum of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) to pay for an actuarial study in compliance with GASB 45 (Governmental Accounting Standards Board) which requires the accounting for OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits).

Article 21: The Town of Wales pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82 A, Section 2, to *designate* the Board of Selectmen as the appointing authority for the Board or Officer authorized to issue permits for the purpose of creating a trench as that term is defined by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82A, Section 4 and 520CMR 14.00.

Article 22: The Town of Wales voted to *amend* the Town Bylaws, Chapter 4, Part One, Dog Restrictions Section 3 Procedure following impoundment, iii, by deleting the words, "\$10.00 for the initial handling of the dog and \$8.00 a day or portion thereof of time dog has been impounded" to "\$25.00 for initial handling of the dog and \$10.00 a day for each day or portion thereof the dog has been impounded.

Article 23: The Town of Wales voted to *establish* a Public Access Committee, consisting of five members to be appointed by the Board of Select, to manage the affairs of the Cable Studio.

Article 24: The Town of Wales voted to *authorize and require* the Wales Board of Selectmen to notify in writing the Governor of Massachusetts, the State Senator, and the State Representative for the Town of Wales that the citizens of Wales strongly oppose the imposition of any new state taxes at a time when our nation's economy teeters on the brink of a depression. This is especially true for any gas tax increase which would unfairly burden residents of rural communities like Wales. The citizens of Wales would encourage our elected leaders to trim bureaucracy and eliminate non-essential spending as the proper way to balance the state's budget.

Article 25: The Town of Wales *did not pass the adoption* of this by-law consisting of temporary repairs to private ways.

Article 26: The Town voted to *transfer* EIGHTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE AND 54/100 DOLLARS (\$18,523.54) from Free Cash to reduce the tax rate in FY10.

Article 27: The Town voted to *transfer* SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWELVE AND 46/100 DOLLARS (\$73,512.46) from Free Cash to Stabilization.

Article 28: The Town voted to *cover the balance* of THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS and 00/100 (\$31,440.00) of Snow & Ice Deficit.

Article 29: The Town voted to *raise & appropriate* the sum of THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND FIFTY-SIX AND 54/100 DOLLARS (\$3,552,056.54) to defray expenses of the town for the ensuing Fiscal 2010 period.

Article 30: The following officers were *elected* at the Annual Town Elections held on May 26, 2009:

(These positions are for 3 years (till 2012) unless noted)

Board of Selectman.....Jeffrey Vannais

Board of Assessors.....Joanne Wright

Board of Health Member.....Daniel Haley

Cemetery Commissioner.....David Worth

Constable.....Charles Smith, III

Library Trustee.....Keri Pitcher

Moderator.....Eric Esiason

Planning Board Member .....David McClain

Planning Board Member (2yr).....Lisa Fusco

Tax Collector.....Rebecca Smith

Treasurer.....Lynn S. Greene

Road Commissioner.....Michael Wasiluk

Wales School Committee Member.....Trent Bradbury

Tantasqua Representative.....Michael Valanzola