

Select Board –Town of Wales, Massachusetts
Open Meeting Minutes February 6th, 2018 – Complete
3 Hollow Road, Wales Massachusetts 01081

Members Present: Chairman: Ed Boyce (**EB**); Vice Chairman: Jeff Vannais (**JV**) Clerk: James Whalen (**JW**)
Executive Secretary - Janine Drake (JD)

Remote Participation: Vice Chairman: Jeffrey Vannais

Others Present: PVPC: Chris Dunphy & Ashley Eaton (Green Communities); Holland Select Board Member: Bettina Schmidt; Brimfield Select Board Member: Paul McCarthy; Brimfield Select Board Chair: Mike Miller; Brimfield Select Board Member: Michelle-Lee Shea ; Holland Little League: Tara Corriveau and her daughter (Daughter did not sign in); Finance Committee Chair: Roy Lainson; Senior Center Director: Heather Ackerman; Town Accountant: Val Bernier; Laura Foster; Recreation Member: Nicole Croteau; Road Commissioner: Bruce Cadieux;

Ed Boyce (**EB**) called the Open meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

The Board approved to discuss the Agenda Items out of order.

***Motion-02062018-1** James Whalen (JW) made a motion to open the PVPC Public Hearing at 6:03pm. **Seconded by:** Jeff Vannais (JV). **Roll Call:** Vannais, YES; Whalen, YES; Boyce, YES.

🔊 PVPC Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Hearing at 6pm with Chris Dunphy:

PVPC presented a proposed application program federal program vast majority of funds are given to entitlement cities get funds automatically. Smaller towns are able to apply for the remainder of the funds. Housing rehabilitation projects. 1st project would be regional housing assistance. 2nd project would be Holland Senior Housing development. 3rd project would be the area food pantry project. The Food Pantry Volunteer who has been using their own car, no longer want to use their own vehicle for delivering fresh food for the Food Pantry recipients.

***Motion-02062018-2** James Whalen (JW) made a motion that the town approves the submission of the proposed joint community FY 2018 CDF grant application as presented which include the towns of Holland and Brimfield as joint applicants and the PVPC as the administrating agent. The town of Wales also accepts the proposal submitted by Wales Food Pantry for public social services funding.

Seconded by: Jeff Vannais (JV) **Roll Call:** Vannais, YES; Whalen, YES; Boyce, YES. **Discussion:** None.

***Motion 02062018-3** JW made a motion to close the PVPC CDBG Hearing at 6:50pm

Seconded by: JV Roll Call Vote: Boyce- Yes, Whalen- Yes, Vannais- Yes.

🔊 Ball Fields Usage with Nicole Croteau and Wales Little League:

The Little League asked if there were any plans to fix up and update the ball fields? We need to pass the safety check and we need a certificate. Someone mentioned that there was a man hole cover in the field? What's needed or cost? We will be getting a list of needs. Changed regulations on bats. So far the little league has spent \$1,056.00 on bats and would like to know if there are funds available from Recreation? What do they need for field permissions to practice on the fields?

🔊 PVPC Ashley Eaton – Green Communities Designation:

***Motion 02062018-5** JW made a motion to table this discussion to the SB February 20th, 2018 Meeting.

Seconded by: JV Roll Call Vote: Boyce- Yes, Whalen- Yes, Vannais- Yes. Discussion: None.

🔊 Olde Home Day (OHD):

The Raffle Fundraiser was successful at the Wales Irish Pub, they raised a \$868.00 and was very well received. There will be wonderful Fire Works. There may be a possibility have Doug Danger perform.

🔊 PVPC Ashley Eaton – Green Communities Designation:

PVPC has funding available to help get us to where we may want to be. We need to jump through 5 hoops. Most green renewable funds come from: . 1. Adapt by-right zoning that supports renewable energy generation.. 2. Expedited Permitting. 3. Energy baseline and Plan to Reduce Usage by 20%. 4. Adopt a Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy. 5. Adoption of the Massachusetts' Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS) Stretch Code (780 CMR 115.AA) which would need to be voted on at the Town Meeting.

***Motion 02062018-6** JW made a motion to defer any actions on Green Energies act to our next February 20th, 2018, SB Meeting. **Seconded by: JV Roll Call Vote: Boyce- Yes, Whalen- Yes, Vannais- Yes. Discussion:** None.

☼ PVPC Signing Invoice #25, Amendment #1, and Discharge of Lien:

***Motion 02062018-7 JW** made a motion to sign Invoice #25, Contract Amendment #1 and Discharge of Lien.
Seconded by: JV Roll Call Vote: Boyce- Yes, Whalen- Yes, Vannais- Yes. Discussion: None.

☼ Inspection Reports and Planning for Town Infrastructure Discussion with Bruce Cadieux and Roy Lainson :

The SB would like to put forth a plan in place. JW would like a plan on how to address the report deficiencies.

☼ Assistant Accountant Position with Laura Foster and Val Bernier:

Val had 3 interviews, of the 3, Laura has the most municipal experience. EB asks if she is enthused about getting back in the saddle? Laura Foster explains she always enjoyed working for the towns. Val would like for Laura to work one day per week, then a few hours with Val. Val would like for Laura to help with Warrant, Payroll and reconciliations. Laura had Jeff at conflict resolution. Val will need another License sign on to Vadar. The cost will be either \$990.00 for a single contract or \$800 to add Laura on to the 3 year.

***Motion 02062018-9 JW** made a motion make a temporary appointment to hire Laura Foster as the Assistant Accountant to the end of the Fiscal Year 2018.

Seconded by: JV Vote: Boyce- Yes, Whalen- Yes, Vannais- Yes. Discussion: None.

☼ Emergency Planning:

The Fire Chief would like to be on the next February 20th, 2018 SB meeting agenda to discuss Emergency Planning.

☼ Financial Team Meeting with all Boards/Committees & Commissions/Departments(B/C/D's):

Thursday, February 15th, 2018 at the Wales Elementary School at 7pm.

☼ Select Board Budget Discussion:

JV asked about the Moderator's raise to 5%. The SB would like to retroactively pay the Moderator 3 years multiplied by 3% increases. More hours for Janine Drake, JD would like longer days with a 4 day schedule, and use Friday as an alternate day. SB approved the Executive Secretary increase of 7 hours from 25 hours per week to 32 hours.

***Motion 02062018-10 JW** made a motion to recess for the creation of the 02-06-2018 Executive Session Minutes and regular Minutes.

Seconded by: JV Vote: Boyce- Yes, Whalen- Yes, Vannais- Yes. Discussion: None.

EB calls meeting out of recess at 8:45 pm.

***Motion 02062018-11 JW** made a motion to recess for the creation of the 02-06-2018 Executive Session Minutes and regular Minutes.

***Motion 02062018-12 JW** made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm.

Seconded by: JV Vote: Boyce- Yes, Whalen- Yes, Vannais- Yes. Discussion: None.

*Respectfully submitted,
Janine C. Drake, Executive Secretary*