

**SELECT BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 8, 2019  
Office of the Select Board, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA**

Members Present: Chairman Ed Boyce; Vice Chairman James Whalen; Clerk William Matchett III

*Others Present: Bill Cantell, Building Inspector; Diane Clowes, National Grid; Joseph McCarthy, National Grid; Pamela Leduc, Executive Secretary*

Chairman Boyce called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Ms. Clowes and Mr. McCarthy came forward and provided an overview of the project followed by discussion relative to the public hearing process. Ms. Leduc provided confirmation that the hearing was properly advertised but the maps were not on file with the Town Clerk. The Interim Executive Secretary confirmed via Selectman Whalen that the postcards provided by National Grid were not mailed to abutters.

***Motion 010819-01 by Selectman Whalen; seconded by Selectman Matchett; to continue the public hearing to Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 5:00 pm. The motion passed unanimously.***

**OLD BUSINESS**

FY19 Selectmen Secretary Salary line item funding: Ms. Leduc advises the Board that the line item will require additional funding in the amount of \$2,779.48, according to her calculations. Selectman Whalen advises that he spoke with the Interim Executive Secretary regarding the completion of prior meetings' minutes. It is requested that Selectman Whalen reach out to the Interim Executive Secretary again to confirm that the minutes will be completed with no expectation of additional compensation. The Board agrees to address this issue later in the fiscal year.

Roads List Update – Union Road: Selectman Whalen advises that the original printing of the maps inadvertently omitted the Connecticut end of Union Road and that a subsequent printing will correct the issue.

Town Hall Boiler Replacement Project: Ms. Leduc provided the Board with the amended quote from Tasse's which increased the proposed oil tank size from 275 gallons to 330 gallons. The Board confirms its prior vote to accept Tasse's quote in the amount of \$12,250.00 contingent upon the timing of installation. Expense to be charged to the Building Maintenance account.

Conservation Commission Laptop Purchase: Ms. Leduc provided the Board with an updated quote from Winslow Technology Group for the previously approved purchase of a laptop computer for the ConCom.

***Motion 010819-02 by Selectman Matchett; seconded by Selectman Whalen; to accept the updated quote in the amount of \$1,395.00. The motion passed unanimously.***

**NEW BUSINESS**

Vote to approve and sign ABCC 2019 Seasonal Population Increase Estimation Form: Ms. Leduc advises the Board that the Town Clerk's estimate is 1,910 residents.

***Motion 010819-03 by Selectman Whalen; seconded by Selectman Matchett; to approve the Town Clerk's estimate of 1,910 residents and sign the ABCC 2019 Seasonal Population Increase Estimation Form. The motion passed unanimously.***

Vote to approve and sign the renewal of Class III – Automobile Junk License for Calendar Year 2019: Ms. Leduc confirms that payment of the fee has been received from Mr. Silva.

***Motion 010819-04 by Selectman Whalen; seconded by Selectman Matchett; to approve and sign the 2019 Class III License for Richard J. Silva. The motion passed unanimously.***

Vote to approve and authorize the Chair to sign DCAMM Certificate of Notification Waiver: Ms. Leduc advises that DCAMM proposes to grant a utility easement for the installation of a subsurface pipeline on approximately 1.23 acres, more or less, of state-owned real property located in Brimfield State Forest, Route 19 (Main Street), in the town of Wales and requests that the Town of Wales agree to reduce the 120 day notification period required pursuant to MGL Chapter 7C, Section 37 to 60 days.

***Motion 010819-05 by Selectman Whalen; seconded by Selectman Matchett; to approve and authorize the Chair to sign DCAMM Certificate of Notification Waiver. The motion passed unanimously.***

Vote to approve and authorize the Chair to sign PVPC City/Town-Owner Agreements

***Motion 010819-06 by Selectman Whalen; seconded by Selectman Matchett; to approve and authorize the Chair to sign PVPC City/Town-Owner Agreement for a housing rehab project located at 28 Hollow Road, Wales. The motion passed unanimously.***

***Motion 010819-07 by Selectman Whalen; seconded by Selectman Matchett; to approve and authorize the Chair to sign PVPC City/Town-Owner Agreement for a housing rehab project located at 60 Knollwood Road, Brimfield. The motion passed unanimously.***

FY20 Budget: The Board discussed some of their priorities for funding in the FY20 budget submission including current and future minimum wage increases, replacement of the town hall server, replacement of the town hall phone system, street light audit and the purchase of a POS for the transfer station.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***Motion 010819-08 by Selectman Whalen at 7:00 pm; seconded by Selectman Matchett; to enter into Executive Session 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 and 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. Chairman Boyce declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the Town of Wales and announces that the Board will not be returning to Regular Session. Selectman Matchett – yes; Selectman Whalen – yes; Chairman Boyce – yes.***

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Refer to Executive Session minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pamela A. Leduc*

Executive Secretary