

**SELECT BOARD MEETING
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, January 22, 2019
Office of the Select Board, 1st Floor
3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA**

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

Others Present: Diane Clowes, National Grid; Joseph McCarthy, National Grid; Steven Joffe, 170 Union Road; Thomas Turcotte, 127 Union Road; Deborah Turcotte, 127 Union Road; Susan Swenson, 114 Union Road; Pamela Leduc, Executive Secretary

Ms. Leduc called the meeting to order on behalf of Chairman Boyce at 5:03 pm and announced that the meeting would be in recess while the Board meets with Tasse employees to discuss the current state of affairs related to the replacement of the boiler(s) which took place on Friday, January 18th; i.e. running out of oil over the weekend, no heat, bursting of the pipes and the flooding of the basement in the Town Offices building.

Chairman Boyce reconvened the meeting at 5:09 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Clowes and Mr. McCarthy came forward and provided an overview of the project followed by a question and answer period with those abutters in attendance. The Board requested that the Tree Warden be notified about all tree related work. Chairman Boyce requested that National Grid coordinate with the Town Clerk to notify residents of any scheduled power outages related to the project via the CodeRED notification system.

Motion 012219-01 by Selectman Whalen; seconded by Selectman Matchett; to adopt the order as requested in National Grid's petition dated August 20, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Boyce recessed the meeting at 5:35 pm.

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OLD BUSINESS

Vote to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement between the Town of Wales and Wales Community Pantry, Inc. for the period from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

Motion 012219-02 by Selectman Whalen; seconded by Selectman Matchett; to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement between the Town of Wales and Wales Community Pantry, Inc. for the period from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to approve and sign the agreement between the Town of Wales and Brimfield Ambulance Service, Inc. for the period from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

Motion 012219-03 by Selectman Whalen; seconded by Selectman Matchett; to approve and sign the agreement between the Town of Wales and Brimfield Ambulance Service, Inc. for the period from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

FY20 Budget: The Board discussed the Finance Committee Chairman's email regarding Brimfield Ambulance Service, Inc.'s proposed 43 percent increase from FY19 to FY20. Board members request Chief Croke's presence at the next meeting (February 5th) to discuss the status of the ambulance service.

NEW BUSINESS

Vote to approve the December 26, 2018 Regular Session Meeting Minutes: Selectman Whalen agrees to reach out to the Interim Executive Secretary again to confirm that he intends to provide prior meetings' minutes to the Town and to negotiate compensation to complete the task. Chairman Boyce requests that the former Executive Secretary's practice of numbering motions/votes be continued.

Motion 012219-04 by Selectman Whalen; seconded by Selectman Matchett; to amend the December 26, 2018 Regular Session Meeting Minutes by inserting "for the remainder of this fiscal year" after "hours" in the second to last sentence under Interim Senior Center Director. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion 012219-05 by Selectman Whalen; seconded by Selectman Matchett; to approve the December 26, 2018 Regular Session Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to approve the January 8, 2019 Regular Session Meeting Minutes : Action postponed until February 5, 2019.

Vote to approve the January 8, 2019 Executive Session Meeting Minutes not subject to release: Action postponed until February 5, 2019.

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

Motion 012219-06 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 16 Woodland Heights, Wales. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion 012219-07 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 56 South Cottage Road, Holland. The motion passed unanimously.

Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund (MPPF) grant program (JW): Selectman Whalen advises the Board that the Massachusetts Historical Commission has announced Round 25 of the MPPF grant program. The MPPF is a state-funded 50% reimbursable matching grant program established in 1984 to support the preservation of properties, landscapes, and sites listed in the State Register of Historic Places. Applicants must be a municipality or nonprofit organization. The Round 25 application deadline is March 22, 2019.

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) order to prepare an emergency action plan for high and significant hazard potential dams (JW): Selectman Matchett explains his plans to repair the Lake George Dam and requests that the Board authorize spending up to \$1,600.00 to purchase materials. The Road Commissioner has agreed to complete the repairs using highway personnel.

Motion 012219-08 by Selectman Matchett; seconded by Selectman Whalen; to authorize spending up to \$1,600.00 from Building Maintenance for the purchase of materials required to repair the Lake George Dam. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Leduc advises the Board that the Road Commissioner has requested that the outdoor trash enclosure located at the Town Hall be replaced. Unanimous consent was given to proceed with the procurement of a new trash enclosure.

Police Chief Hastings appeared before the Board for a brief meet and greet with Officer Chris Matczak. Officer Matczak was appointed in December 2018. The Board welcomed Officer Matczak to the Town of Wales and wished him the best in his new position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion 012219-09 by Selectman Whalen at 8:14 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. Chairman Boyce 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