

**SELECT BOARD MEETING
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Monday, January 13, 2020
Office of the Select Board, 1st Floor
3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA**

Members Present: Chairman William Matchett III; Vice Chairman Michael Valanzola; Clerk John Grasso
Others Present: Leon Givner, BOA and Cable Director; Jillian Giannandrea Mustion, FinCom Member; Peter Johnson, Church Street resident; Susan Cadieux, BOA; Bruce Cadieux, Road Commissioner; Pamela Leduc, Executive Secretary

Chairman Matchett called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Matchett led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS

Peter Johnson: Peter Johnson and Bruce Cadieux came forward to discuss stormwater and drainage issues on Haynes Hill Road. The firm of Sherman and Frydryk, LLC has been retained by Mr. Cadieux with Chapter 90 funds to engineer plans to correct the situation. The plans have been submitted to the Conservation Commission (ConCom) and both Mr. Cadieux and Mr. Johnson anticipate approval of the plans at the next ConCom meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 15th. Mr. Johnson advises the Board that the brook located on his property has been negatively affected by the situation and he requests that the Board instruct Mr. Cadieux to clean the brook. Mr. Cadieux advises the Board that the situation was exacerbated when someone backfilled the drainage structures located on Mr. Johnson's property. Board members and Mr. Cadieux explain to Mr. Johnson that the town cannot expend municipal funds and/or labor to remedy a situation located on private property without first obtaining an easement and/or legal authorization from the property owner in addition to a town meeting appropriation of funds specifically for that purpose. The Board recommends that Mr. Johnson petition MassDEP and advises that the town will act upon any enforcement action issued by MassDEP and/or a formal order issued by a court.

Vote to appoint Howard "Bill" Darnley to the Council on Aging for a term to expire June 30, 2020

Motion 011320-01 by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Selectman Grasso; to appoint Howard "Bill" Darnley to the Council on Aging for a term to expire June 30, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to appoint Dorothy Warren to the Council on Aging for a term to expire June 30, 2020

Motion 011320-02 by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Selectman Grasso; to appoint Dorothy Warren to the Council on Aging for a term to expire June 30, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to approve and sign the FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Financial Warrant #11 in the amount of \$15,291.95

Motion 011320-03 by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Selectman Grasso; to approve and sign the FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Financial Warrant #11 in the amount of \$15,291.95. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to approve and sign the FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Financial Warrant #12 in the amount of \$7,794.50

Motion 011320-04 by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Selectman Grasso; to approve and sign the FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Financial Warrant #12 in the amount of \$7,794.50. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to approve and authorize the Chair to sign PVPC Discharge of Lien on Real Estate

Motion 011320-05 by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Selectman Grasso; to approve and authorize the Chair to sign PVPC Discharge of Lien on Real Estate for a housing rehab project located at 49 Stafford Road, Holland. The motion passed unanimously.

FY 2021 Budget: The Board reviewed the budgets submitted by Ms. Leduc; Moderator, Board of Selectmen, Legal, Town Hall and Annual Printing. Chairman Matchett commended Selectman Valanzola and the members of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) on the Capital Plan. Selectman Valanzola advises that the school department is anticipating an increase in the Tantasqua assessment in addition to a continuing decline in School Choice tuition in with a corresponding increase in School Choice tuition out. Ms. Leduc advises that she and the Treasurer met with Tara Fafard, the town's MIIA representative, to discuss plan design changes to the current health insurance program. Ms. Fafard was instructed to provide quotes for FY 2021 coverage to include the current level of benefits, a plan with higher deductibles, a plan with higher copayments for higher cost procedures, a plan with higher copayments for emergency services and a plan utilizing the SmartShopper Incentive Program.

Motion 011320-06 by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Selectman Grasso; to reallocate \$500 from the Board of Selectmen Records Access Officer line item 100-122-5120-00 (\$0) to the Board of Selectmen Expenses line item 100-122-5400-00 (\$2,000). The motion passed unanimously.

Grant Writing Committee – preliminary discussion (JG): Selectman Grasso advises that he has been approached by several residents interested in serving on a Grant Writing Committee. Board members agreed to report back at the next meeting with their recommendations relative to establishment and role/responsibilities; bylaw versus ad hoc.

Bylaw Review Committee – preliminary discussion (JG): Selectman Grasso advises that he has been approached by several residents interested in serving on a Bylaw Review Committee. Board members agreed to report back at the next meeting with their recommendations relative to establishment and role/responsibilities; bylaw versus ad hoc.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board reviewed correspondence and pictures received from Elizabeth Martinez, 67 Union Road, relative to water issues she is experiencing on her property. Chairman Matchett instructs Ms. Leduc to contact Ms. Martinez to advise her that the situation was referred to the Road Commissioner for resolution.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion 011320-07 by Selectman Valanzola at 7:15 pm; seconded by Selectman Grasso; 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 Matchett announces that the Board will be returning to Regular Session for the purpose of adjournment only. Selectman Grasso – yes; Selectman Valanzola – yes; Chairman Matchett – yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Selectman Grasso; to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Leduc

Executive Secretary