

**SELECT BOARD MEETING
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Monday, January 27, 2020
Office of the Select Board, 1st Floor
3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA**

Members Present: Chairman William Matchett III; Vice Chairman Michael Valanzola

Members Absent/Excused: Clerk John Grasso

Others Present: Ed Boyce, Rent Control Board Chair; Leis Phinney, Town Clerk; Bruce Cadieux, Road Commissioner; Pamela Leduc, Executive Secretary

Chairman Matchett called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Matchett led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion 012720-01 by Chairman Matchett at 6:04 pm; seconded by Selectman Valanzola; to enter into Executive Session 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 Matchett declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the Town of Wales. Selectman Valanzola – yes; Chairman Matchett – yes.

Chairman Matchett reconvened Regular Session at 6:14 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Rent Control Board: Ed Boyce came forward on behalf of the Rent Control Board to request the use of town counsel for the purpose of reviewing and defining the role and authority of the Rent Control Board in the Town of Wales.

Motion 012720-02 by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Chairman Matchett; to authorize the services (up to \$1,000.00) of town counsel for the purpose of reviewing and defining the role and authority of the Rent Control Board. All communication to occur through the Executive Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk Leis Phinney: Ms. Phinney came forward to advise the Board and the public that early voting for the presidential primaries will take place in Wales from Monday, February 24, 2020 through Thursday, February 27, 2020 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Ms. Phinney requests that the Board authorize the use of the Office of the Select Board for this purpose and seeks their approval of an electioneering policy. Selectman Valanzola suggests replacing the reference to “Town Hall” in the policy as presented to “Town Office building”.

Motion 012720-03 by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Chairman Matchett; to approve the electioneering policy with the suggested amendment and to authorize the use of the Office of the Select Board for early voting. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to approve and sign the warrant for the Presidential Primaries to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Motion 012720-04 by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Chairman Matchett; to approve and sign the warrant for the Presidential Primaries to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to appoint a representative to the Parks Commission

Motion 012720-05 by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Chairman Matchett; to appoint Selectman Grasso as the Board of Selectman's representative to the Parks Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to designate Gary Wilson as Animal Control Officer for the Town of Wales for the year 2020 in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 140, Section 151(a): Ms. Leduc advises that MDAR (Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources) requires the annual designation of an ACO (animal control officer) and notification of the same to the commissioner by February 1st.

Motion 012720-06 by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Chairman Matchett; to designate Gary Wilson as Animal Control Officer for the Town of Wales for the year 2020 in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 140, Section 151(a). The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to approve and sign the FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Financial Warrant #13 in the amount of \$13,880.63

Motion 012720-07 by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Chairman Matchett; to approve and sign the FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Financial Warrant #13 in the amount of \$13,880.63. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to approve the February 21, 2019 Regular Session Meeting Minutes: Selectman Valanzola cites the rule of necessity to support his action on this agenda item; otherwise, his vote would be to abstain given the fact that he did not participate in the February 21, 2019 meeting.

Motion 012720-08 by Chairman Matchett; seconded by Selectman Valanzola; to approve the February 21, 2019 Regular Session Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to approve the February 21, 2019 Executive Session Meeting Minutes not subject to release: Action postponed.

Vote to approve the April 1, 2019 Regular Session Meeting Minutes: Selectman Valanzola cites the rule of necessity to support his action on this agenda item; otherwise, his vote would be to abstain given the fact that he did not participate in the April 1, 2019 meeting.

Motion 012720-09 by Chairman Matchett; seconded by Selectman Valanzola; to approve the April 1, 2019 Regular Session Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to approve the January 13, 2020 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Motion 012720-10 by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Chairman Matchett; to amend the January 13, 2020 Regular Session Meeting Minutes by replacing "ConCom" with "by court order" in the last sentence under Peter Johnson and by inserting "WES" before "School Choice" under FY 2021 Budget.

Motion 012720-11 by Chairman Matchett; seconded by Selectman Valanzola; to approve the January 13, 2020 Regular Session Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to approve the January 13, 2020 Executive Session Meeting Minutes subject to release

Motion 012720-12 by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Chairman Matchett; to approve the January 13, 2020 Executive Session Meeting Minutes subject to release. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to approve the January 15, 2020 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Motion 012720-13 by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Chairman Matchett; to approve the January 15, 2020 Regular Session Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Chairman Matchett; to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Leduc

Executive Secretary