

**SELECT BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
Monday, February 10, 2020  
Office of the Select Board, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA**

Members Present: Chairman William Matchett III; Clerk John Grasso

Members Absent/Excused: Vice Chairman Michael Valanzola

*Others Present: Cheri Fisher, Senior Center Director; Sheila Noyes-Miller, BAS; Kay Koprowski, BAS; Leon Givner, Cable Access Director; Fire Chief John Croke; BOS Member Michael Doyle, Brimfield; 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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Vote to appoint Liam Boehne to the position of Cook for the Senior Center effective February 11, 2020: Ms. Fisher came forward to discuss the recruitment process. The Board reviewed Mr. Boehne's resume and Ms. Fisher's recommendation.

***Motion 021020-01 by Selectman Grasso; seconded by Chairman Matchett; to appoint Liam Boehne to the position of Cook for the Senior Center effective February 11, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.***

Vote to appoint Therisa Cook to the Historical Commission for a 3 year term to expire February 9, 2023

***Motion 021020-02 by Selectman Grasso; seconded by Chairman Matchett; to appoint Therisa Cook to the Historical Commission for a 3 year term to expire February 9, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.***

Brimfield Ambulance Service, Inc.: Chief Croke, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Noyes-Miller and Ms. Koprowski came forward to review the recently submitted request for a substantial increase in the FY 2021 assessment. Ms. Noyes-Miller provided the Board with a financial statement reflecting the first 2 quarters of FY 2020 through December 31, 2019. Other topics of discussion included the Board of Directors' continuing operations plan in the absence of Chief McCarthy, a status update regarding the lease/purchase of a new ambulance and the recruitment of additional paramedic level staff.

Vote to approve and authorize the Chair to sign FFY 2020 CDBG Joint Application Authorization Form: Ms. Leduc advises the Board that she attended the public hearing held in Holland on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 6:00 pm. The joint Holland/Wales grant application seeks funding for the housing rehabilitation assistance program, design engineering services for Union Road from Mashapaug Road to Lake Drive in Holland, and public social service programs to include Stop Abuse Today and the Wales Community Food Pantry.

***Motion 021020-03 by Selectman Grasso; seconded by Chairman Matchett; to approve and authorize the Chair to sign FFY 2020 CDBG Joint Application Authorization Form. The motion passed unanimously.***

Vote to approve and authorize the Chair to sign FFY 2015 CDBG Program Subordination Agreement as recommended by PVPC: The Board reviewed the documentation provided by PVPC.

***Motion 021020-04 by Selectman Grasso; seconded by Chairman Matchett; to approve and authorize the Chair to sign FFY 2015 CDBG Program Subordination Agreement for a housing rehab project located at 29 Main Street, Wales. The motion passed unanimously.***

Earth Day 2020: Ms. Leduc advises the Board that April 22, 2020 will mark 50 years of Earth Day. The theme for Earth Day 2020 is climate action. Chairman Matchett instructs Ms. Leduc to solicit input and recommendations for an Earth Day celebration from other departments, boards/committees.

Vote to approve the January 27, 2020 Regular Session Meeting Minutes: Action postponed until February 24, 2020.

Vote to approve the January 27, 2020 Executive Session Meeting Minutes not subject to release: Action postponed until February 24, 2020.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Transfer Station operations: Discussion postponed until February 24, 2020.

Town Accountant: The Board reviewed the resume received in response to the posting for the position of Town Accountant. Chairman Matchett instructs Ms. Leduc to schedule the applicant for an interview on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Board of Selectmen 2020 Annual Report: Ms. Leduc requests that the Board provide her with their highlights from calendar year 2019 in order for her to draft a report for their consideration and approval at a future meeting.

Grant Writing Committee: Discussion postponed until February 24, 2020.

Bylaw Review Committee: Chairman Matchett instructs Ms. Leduc to remove this topic from future agendas.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion by Selectman Grasso; seconded by Chairman Matchett; to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,

*Pamela A. Leduc*

Executive Secretary