

**Select Board Meeting Minutes**  
Monday, April 29, 2019 @ 5:00 P.M.  
Office of the Select Board, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA

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

Others Present: Leis Phinney, Town Clerk; Pamela Leduc, Executive Secretary

Chairman Ed Boyce called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

**New Business**

Designation as a Purple Heart Community: Wilfred Jarvais, VFW Post 2596 Commander

**Motion 042919-01 by Selectman Whalen; Seconded by Selectmen Matchett**

Brian Wohlet explains that the Purple Heart city and town program is a nationwide project. Becoming a purple heart community is a profound way of thanking our veterans and becomes an educational resource for the younger generation who see the purple heart signs around the community which serves as a reminder of those who have fought and been injured defending our country. Mr. Wohlet then reads the Town of Wales Purple heart proclamation.

**The Selectman considers and adopts this proclamation, all board members sign and all veterans present in the room gather for a picture with Purple Heart Signs.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Review and approve Veterans' Service Officer Job Description

**Motion 042919-02 by Selectman Whalen; Seconded by Selectmen Matchett**

Charlie Dukett reads through the proposed description and has discussion with Selectmen about handicap van accessibility, which would be coordinated through Senior Center.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Appoint Charlie Dukett to Veterans' Service Officer Interim Effective July 1 2019

**Motion 042919-03 by Selectmen Whalen; Seconded by Selectmen Matchett**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Vote to approve and sign the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Wales and Teamsters Local Union 404 for the period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021

**Motion 042919-04 by Selectmen Matchett; Seconded by Selectmen Whalen**

The board, Toney Torres and Willie Jarvais discuss the edits made to the Local Union 404 agreement. All agree on what is written, the board members sign the agreement.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### Approve Road Commissioners Reserve Fund Request

##### **Motion 042919-05 by Selectmen Matchett; Seconded by Selectman Whalen**

Pam L. explains that the Road Commissioner has done all calculations for the additional funding that is needed in his budget. The Road Commissioner is requesting that the Selectmen sign reserve fund request that would be submitted to the Finance Committee.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Chief John Croke, Fire Department

##### **Motion 042919-06 by Selectmen Matchett; Seconded by Selectmen Whalen**

Chief Croke is requesting \$500 for building maintenance.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

(Chief Croke has concerns about the contract that the town has with the Brimfield Ambulance Service expiring June 30. Chief Croke feels that the contract would need to be revised to better protect the town and its citizens. Chief Croke would like for the town to draft a new contract with the help of a consultant. The Chief and the board discuss the significant expense with a private service. )

#### **Old Business**

Vote to designate Wendy LeSage as Animal Control Officer for the Town of Wales for the year 2019 in accordance with M.G.L Chapter 140, Section 151 (a)

##### **Motion 042919-07 by Selectmen Whalen; Seconded by Selectmen Matchett**

The board discusses the positions of Animal Control Officer and Inspector of Animals to include training of the job.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Vote to nominate Rachel Taylor as Inspector of Animals for the Town of Wales for the year ended April 30, 2020 in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 129, Section 15, as amended

##### **Motion 042919-08 by Selectman Matchett; Seconded by Selectman Whalen**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **New Business**

Vote to request that the Building Inspector conduct an inspection of the property located at 33 Barney Road pursuant to M.G.L Chapter 143 Section 13

##### **Motion 042919-09 by Selectman Whalen; Seconded by Selectman Matchett**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Vote to appoint the following individuals to the Lake George Study Committee for an indefinite term-Judy McKane, Robert Reidy, Joseph Trolia

**Motion 042919-10 by Selectmen Matchett; Seconded by Selectman Whalen**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Vote to approve and authorize the Chair to sign PVPC City/Town-Owner Agreement 18 Oakwood Road, Brimfield

**Motion 042919-11 by Selectman Matchett; Seconded by Selectman Whalen**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Vote to approve and authorize the Chair to sign PVPC City/Town-Owner Amendment 28 Hollow Road, Wales

**Motion 042919-12 by Selectman Matchett; Seconded by Selectman Whalen**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Review and approve both Police Officer Job Description and Police Clerk Job Description

**Motion 042919-13 by Selectman Matchett; Seconded by Selectman Whalen**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**Old Business**

Old Sturbridge Academy Charter School Better World Day

**Motion 042919-14 by Selectman Whalen; Seconded by Selectman Matchett**

Selectman Whalen explains that the Old Sturbridge Academy Charter School for Better World Day is conducting a student led project where they would like to plant a tree in Wales. Selectman Whalen and Boyce discuss the possible location for the planting of this tree since specific locations may need further approval by different departments. The board decides to authorize the students at Old Sturbridge Academy to plant a tree for Better World Day be their choice of planting at the Veterans Memorial Park or Needham Park.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Library ADA Compliance: Vote to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Professional Services Agreement from Bertin Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$975.00

**Motion 042919-15 by Selectman Matchett; Seconded by Selectman Whalen**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Police Cheif Search Committee

**Motion 042919-16 by Selectman Matchett; Seconded by Selectman Whalen**

The board discusses the possible conflict of nominating Selectman Boyce to serve on the Police Search Committee being that he is still a Selectman set to resign in May, and the Selectmen would be the ones approving the applicants before they are evaluated. Chairman Boyce decides to resign at an earlier time so he could be appointed to this committee. Selectman Matchett nominates Chairman Boyce, Selectman

Whalen appoints Howard Whyte. Selectman Matchett lists all members to include himself, Holland Police Chief, Bruce Cadieux, Ed Boyce and Howard Whyte. These said members are what the Police Search Committee will consist of until further appointments are made.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Vote to approve amended quote dated April 9, 2019 from Saybrooke Environment and Chemical Management LLC in the amount of \$16,765.42

Selectman Matchett is requesting requesting records to show the increase in expense for the Transfer Station. Selectman Matchett would like to implement a Point of Sale System and draft a job description for employees of the Transfer Station. The board feels that it has become clear that not all residents are being required to purchase yearly stickers, no fees are being imposed for dropping off bulk items along with other services not being compensated for. The board discusses different procedures that need to be implemented in for the for the Transfer Station to run in an efficient and accountable manner. *Selectman Matchett's motion was that the Transfer Station will not accept hazmat waste until July 1st, effectively immediatly. Selectman Whalen also motions to table Transfer Station dicussion until they meet with Mr. Silva on Saturday.*

**Motion 042919-17 by Selectman Matchett; Seonded by Selectman Whalen**

**The motion's passed unanimously.**

**Selectman Matchett makes a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Selectman Whalen; all in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.**

*The above minutes were transcribed by Sarah Ryan- Assistant Town Clerk via DVD*