

**SELECT BOARD MEETING
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Friday, October 1, 2021
Office of the Select Board, 1st Floor
3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA**

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

Members Absent/Excused: Clerk John Grasso

Others Present: Dianna Peele (remotely); Pamela Leduc, Executive Secretary

Chairman Valanzola called the meeting to order at 11:37 am.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the public body as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be at the meeting location listed above, and it is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of the public. The meeting may also be accessed remotely via the GoToMeeting instructions below. When required by law or allowed by the Chair, persons wishing to provide public comment or otherwise participate in the meeting, may do so by in person attendance, or by accessing the meeting remotely, as noted above.

NEW BUSINESS

Vote to appoint Christopher Ryan to the position of Interim Road Commissioner effective October 4, 2021 through December 4, 2021: Chairman Valanzola reviewed the need for this appointment after the abrupt resignation of Mr. Cadieux as Road Commissioner and explained that the permanent position will be properly posted and advertised to ensure full transparency and adequate opportunity for other qualified candidates to apply and be given proper consideration.

Motion 100121-01 by Selectman Matchett; seconded by Chairman Valanzola; to appoint Christopher Ryan to the position of Interim Road Commissioner effective October 4, 2021 through December 4, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to ratify the approval of and Chair's signature on PVPC FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Budget and Program Revision Form E-5 dated September 29, 2021: Ms. Leduc advises the Board that this is the final program extension request for the FFY 2018 grant (December 31, 2021).

Motion 100121-02 by Selectman Matchett; seconded by Chairman Valanzola; to ratify the approval of and Chair's signature on PVPC FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Budget and Program Revision Form E-5 dated September 29, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Leduc provided the Board with an update relative to highway department operations since Mr. Cadieux's resignation became effective on September 20th.

Chairman Valanzola provided the Board with an update relative to the status of the Eastern Hampden County Veterans' Service District.

Selectman Matchett provided the Board with an update relative to the condition of Lake George Dam. The Board instructs Ms. Leduc to research the drawdown guidelines and status of the current permit on file with the Conservation Commission and DEP.

Chairman Valanzola requests that the Conservation Commission attend the Select Board's next meeting scheduled for October 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Matchett; seconded by Chairman Valanzola; to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela A. Leduc
Executive Secretary