

Select Board Meeting Minutes
Monday September 28, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.
Office of the Select Board, 1st Floor
3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA

Members Present: Chairman - William Matchett III, Vice Chair - Michael Valanzola, Clerk Selectman John Grasso

Others Present: Pamela Leduc - *Executive Secretary*, Leis Phinney – *Town Clerk*, John Croke – *Fire Chief*

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

Selectman Matchett delivers the Pledge of Allegiance and Governor Baker's Order

Old Business

Vote to accept the Center for Tech and Civic Life COVID-19 Response Grant on behalf of the Town Clerk, in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of funding additional election staff, voter education and election administrative needs; and to authorize the expenditure of funds without further appropriation

Leis Phinney – *Town Clerk*, explains why she applied for the grant and hat those funds would be utilized for.

Motion 092820-01 by Selectman Valanzola, Seconded by Selectman Grasso

No discussion, all in favor.

New Business

November 3, 2020 Election

The Town Clerk updates the Board of Selectman on voting locations, staffing and the planned flow of residents entering and existing the voting polls.

COVID-19 update/discussion/action plan – Halloween

The Board of Selectman and Chief Dessert discuss hours of trick or treating and police staffing for Halloween night.

Motion 092820-02 by Selectman Valanzola to accept the action plan discussed for Halloween on October 31, 2020, Seconded by Selectman Grasso

No discussion, all in favor.

Wales Library ADA Ramp Reconstruction Project

The Executive Secretary and Board of Selectman discuss estimates received for the reconstruction of the ramp. New analysis regarding unrestrictive governmental aide, Chapter 70, Cherry Sheet Revenue, allows the Executive Secretary to estimate funds for maintenance of the Library to be around \$24,000.00, with \$16,000.00 of Tri Town PVPC Funds available.

The Executive Secretary will check on trust fund availability, which would require approval from Library trustees.

The Board of Selectman will meet with the Library Trustees at the next scheduled meeting to discuss payment of the ramp project.

Review and vote to approve and sign the October 21,2020 Special Town Meeting Warrant

The Executive Secretary explains that the drafted warrant is complete, there are a few articles that need some adjustments in regards to the numbering and format, making them cohesive with the Towns bylaws. Pam L. gives a brief explanation of what each article is and the purpose of the articles. The Board of Selectman are happy with the overall content of the drafted warrant and the Executive Secretary will send to K.P. Law for review.

Review and vote to approve Planning Board Fee Schedule (revised July 2020)

Motion 092820-03 by Selectman Valanzola, Seconded by Selectman Grasso

No discussion, all in favor.

October/November/December meeting schedule

Pam L. and the Board of Selectman discuss individual schedules and plan for the following meetings.

October 8th, 2020

November 18th and 30th, 2020

December 14th and 28th, 2020

Old Business

COVID-19 update/ discussion/ action plan – Amended Redline Proposal

John Croke – Fire Chief, Executive Secretary and Board of Selectman discuss the amended Redline proposal for sanitation services taking place at town buildings, town vehicles and voting/meeting locations.

Motion 092820-04 by Selectman Valanzola to optimize up to \$26,145.00 in CARES money for the purpose of paying Redline through the end of the school year, Seconded by Selectman Grasso

No discussion, all in favor.

Motion 092820-05 by Selectman Valanzola to convene into Executive Session, M.G.L. Chapter 38 Section 29 for the reason (#2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel. Fire Chief John Croke, Seconded by Selectman Grasso

No discussion, all in favor.

Selectman Matchett moves that the Board of Selectman will be moving into Executive Session and only returning for the purpose of adjournment.

Minutes were transcribed by Sarah Ryan – Assistant Town Clerk via DVD