

**Select Board Meeting Minutes**  
Monday July 13, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.  
Office of the Select Board, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA

Members Present: Chairman - William Matchett III, Clerk Selectman John Grasso

Absent Members: Vice Chairman Michael Valanzola

Others Present: Pamela Leduc - Executive Secretary, Keith Davis – Finance Committee, Cheri Fisher – Senior Center

Chairman Matchett called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

**Pledge**

**Governor Bakers Order**

**New Business**

**End of year budget transfers**

A quorum is met between both the Select board and Finance Committee.

Executive Secretary Pamela Leduc reads all necessary account balances and reads what items will be transferred to where and for the specific reasons.

**Motion 071320-01 by Selectman Grasso to approve the budget transfers, Seconded by Selectman Matchett**

**No discussion, all in favor.**

Keith Davis from the Finance Committee made a motion to approve end of year budget transfers as presented, Seconded by Shanon Grasso. No discussion, all in favor.

Keith Davis made a motion to adjourn the finance committee meeting, Shanon G. seconded that motion, no discussion, all in favor.

Vote to reappoint John S. Croke IV to the position of Fire Chief for a 3-year term effective July 1,2020 through June 30,2023

**Motion 071320-02 by Selectman Grasso, Seconded by Selectman Matchett**

**No discussion, all in favor.**

Vote to approve and sign the Employment Agreement between John S. Croke IV, Fire Chief and the Town of Wales

**Motion 071320-03 by Selectman Grasso, Seconded by Selectman Matchett**

**No discussion, all in favor.**

Vote to appoint Ann Chrabascz to the Council of Aging for a term to expire June 30, 2021

**Motion 071320-04 by Selectman Matchett, Seconded by Selectman Grasso**

**No discussion, all in favor.**

**Old Business**

COVID-19 update/discussion/action plan – Senior Center – Redline proposal

Cheri Fisher updates the Board of Selectman on Senior Center operations. Cheri explains that the center is not open to the public but by appointment only, outreach services are available, mask deliveries were completed, transportation for medical appointments are available by appointment, and in July they introduced outdoor exercise. Depending on the potential hiring of a cook will determine availability for lunches in August but if not, lunches are available through Brimfield and Holland by calling and reserving meals.

**New Business**

Vote to approve and authorize the Chair to sign PVPC Discharges of Liens on Real Estate – 31 Halfway Lane, Holland – 92 Vinton Road, Holland

**Motion 071320-05 by Selectman Grasso, Seconded by Selectman Matchett**

**No discussion, all in favor.**

USDA Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant

Selectman Grasso explains that the board had previously attempted applying for this grant and the board will be doing research to re-apply.

**Old Business**

Olde Home Day / Public Safety discussion

The Selectman, Chief Dessert, Nicole Croteau, and Becky Smith discuss Olde Home Day updates. Nicole explains that they are just waiting on a few donations. Becky adds that the only concerns she is hearing from residents is how the town plans on managing crowd control. There will be no parade taking place, sanitation stations throughout the grounds and sanitation spray for the bounce house will be provided. Everyone will be encouraged to wear masks.

Chief Dessert is concerned about traffic control since Wales is one of the only towns locally that is holding an event. Chief Dessert is utilizing other departments for support with patrolling and crowd control. The Board of Health would be responsible for controlling the public adhering to social distancing and COVID guidelines.

Route 19 will not be used for the public to park. The town will utilize the Wales Irish Pub, The Tavern, and the Fire Station with bus shuttle services.

The beer tent will be set up near the upper baseball field with one way in and one way out, no alcohol consumption outside of the tent and there will be specific workers strictly looking for the public's consumption. Alcohol will be served from 1PM-11PM.

The first band is from 1 PM – 4 PM, magic show from 4 PM- 5 PM, improv from 5 PM- 6 PM, second band from 7 PM – 11 PM.

Pam Leduc has been working with the insurance advisor regarding the liquor license and bounce house.

Vote to approve the Wales Fire Association's request for a one-day Liquor License for Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 1 PM – 11 PM

**Motion 071320-06 by Selectman Grasso, Seconded by Selectman Matchett**

**No discussion, all in favor.**

Vote to approve the Wales Olde Home Day Committee's request for a one-day Entertainment License for Saturday August 1, 2020

**Motion 071320-07 by Selectman Grasso, Seconded by Selectman Matchett**

**No discussion, all in favor.**

### **New Business**

Leis Phinney, Town Clerk

Leis wanted to update the board about upcoming elections and the location of the polls. Leis met with Cheri Fisher, David Foote (Board of Health), and \_\_\_\_\_ (Warden) at the Senior Center and after taking measurements they were able to design a polling location that follows COVID guidelines consisting of (8) stations. Leis also explained to the board that the state encourages towns to use the voting machines. With the use of federal grant money, the State will lease the machines and then in turn sell them for a little over a \$100 which would be a great investment for the town.

### **Old Business**

McBride Road

Pam Leduc was contacted by the Road Commissioner that the issue on McBride Rd was taken care of and she in turn requested that she get that in writing.

### **Other Business**

David W. Worth Citizenship Award

A request was submitted by the Town Clerk (as a citizen of Wales) to nominate Susan Hubbell-Whyte.

**Motion 071320-08 by Selectman Grasso to award Susan Hubbell-Whyte for the David W. Worth Citizenship Award, Seconded by Selectman Matchett**

**No discussion, all in favor.**

Selectman Grasso makes a motion to adjourn, Seconded by Selectman Matchett

Meeting adjourned

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

