

Select Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 14th, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.
Office of the Select Board, 1st Floor
3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA

Members Present: Chairman William Matchett III, Member Mike Valanzola

Others Present: Pamela Leduc, Executive Secretary, Sue Cadieux, Leon Givner, Shannon Grasso, Keith Davis, and Roy Lainson

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

Public Hearing

6:00 PM: Tax Classification Hearing pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 56 for the purpose of allocating the local property tax levy among the classes of real and personal property

The Board of Assessors states that there was a \$55,280.00 tax growth for 2020. Since the town does not have enough industry to share the burden the Board of Assessors are recommending a "1 Tax Classification".

Selectman Valanzola explains that in Wales about 91% of the revenue comes from residential properties, since Wales has a small commercial base a split tax rate would be hard for the few small business the town has.

Motion 111419-01 by Selectman Valanzola; Seconded by Selectman Matchett

The motion is to accept the Board of Assessors recommendation of filing a "1 Tax Classification".

No discussion, all in favor.

Selectman Matchett closes the public hearing.

New Business

FY 2021 Budget / Finance Committee

The board discusses the finance committee's schedule for the year to include budget and capital submissions, finance committee meetings, deadline proposals to Select board, public hearing and joint meetings. The Select board would like to be aligned with the Finance Committee in all areas.

Vote to appoint Robyn Chrabasz to the Historical Commission for a 3-year term to expire November 13, 2022

Motion 111419-02 by Selectman Valanzola; Seconded by Selectman Matchett

No discussion, all in favor.

Vote to approve and authorize the Chair to sign PVPC City/Town-Owner Amendment 16 Woodland Heights, Wales

Motion 111419-03 by Selectman Valanzola; Seconded by Selectman Matchett

No discussion, all in favor.

Vote to approve and sign the FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Financial Warrant #9 in the amount of \$9,624.14

Motion 111419-04 by Selectman Valanzola; Seconded by Selectman Matchett

No discussion, all in favor.

Vote to approve and sign the FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Financial Warrant #10 in the amount of \$10,334.16

Motion 111419-05 by Selectman Valanzola; Seconded by Selectman Matchett

No discussion, all in favor.

Vote to appoint a representative to the Tri Town Community Development Program Committee

Motion 111419-06 by Selectman Valanzola to appoint William Matchett; Seconded by Selectman Matchett

No discussion, all in favor.

Vote to appoint an alternate representative to the PVPC Joint Transportation Committee

Motion 111419-07 by Selectman Matchett to appoint Michael Valanzola; Seconded by Selectman Valanzola

No discussion, all in favor.

Insurance Advisory Committee

Pam L. explains that the Insurance Advisory Committee would help the town evaluate financial choices that may affect taxpayers. The committee would consist of (7-8) members appointed by the Selectman to include (1) Selectman, (1) Finance Committee Member, (1) Union member from Wales Elementary School, (1) Union Member from the Highway Department, (1) non-union town employee, (1) retired representative and the treasurer.

Other Business

Police Department Appointments

Motion 111419-08 by Selectman Valanzola; Seconded by Selectman Matchett

The motion was to extend all appointments made within the Police Department that were set to expire November 30, 2019, now expiring June 30th, 2020.

No discussion, all in favor.

Old Business

Community Compact IT Grant

Pam L. explains the technical rules and regulations of the IT Grant that the town applied for previously. The board discusses their next move with moving forward with updating the towns servers and revisiting how and when to apply for the same grant in the future.

Master Plan / Community Forum held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at WES

Pam L. informs the Select board of the successful Community Forum that took place the night before at WES for the Master Plan. In the next phase PVPC will take community feedback and put together a drafted plan for the Town of Wales.

Executive Session

Selectmen Matchett moves to adjourn the meeting. Selectmen Valanzola makes a motion under M.G.L. Chapter 30A Section 21A Sub-Section 6 to convene into executive session with the intent of only leaving executive session for the purpose of adjournment.

Selectmen Matchett calls a Roll Call Vote:

William Matchett (Y)

Michael Valanzola (Y)

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