

**SELECT BOARD MEETING
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Office of the Select Board, 1st Floor
3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA

Members Present: Chairman Ed Boyce; Vice Chairman James Whalen

Members Absent/Excused: Clerk William Matchett III

Others Present: Richard Silva, Transfer Station Manager; Leon Givner, Cable Access Director; Pamela Leduc, Executive Secretary

Chairman Boyce called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

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): Action postponed until March 19, 2019.

FY20 Budget: Mr. Silva came forward to discuss his recommendations for the transfer station facility. He presented the Board with his proposal for bulk waste fees for FY20 and advised the Board that the "office" building located on the property is falling over and will need to be replaced with an estimated cost of between 6,500 and 7,000 dollars. Designated resident compost days were discussed and Selectman Whalen advised that he would like the Board to consider imposing an additional permit fee for commercial users of the compost facility. Household hazardous waste products were discussed. Mr. Silva recommends eliminating the acceptance of any motor oil or paint products at the transfer station. Chairman Boyce expressed concern about improper disposal by residents if they were turned away by the facility. Mr. Silva explained that there were other options available to residents to dispose of their household hazardous products. Chairman Boyce instructed Mr. Silva to research the possibility of the Town hosting quarterly hazmat days where the fees charged cover the cost of disposal. Selectman Whalen advised that he was researching several point of sale (POS) systems for implementation at the transfer station.

Selectman Whalen discussed the financial impact of a solar related payment in lieu of tax (PILOT) agreement to the FY20 budget.

Chairman Boyce discussed the possibility of a tri town (Brimfield, Holland, Wales) regionalization project to address IT related costs in FY20.

NEW BUSINESS

Leon Givner, Cable Access Director: Mr. Givner came forward to advise the Board that the HVAC system in old town hall has failed. Cable access staff and volunteers are unable to work in their designated area of the building due to lack of heat and Mr. Givner is concerned that allowing the situation to continue for an extended period of time will cause damage to the equipment. Board members instructed Ms. Leduc to contact Tasse's.

Vote to approve the February 13, 2019 Tri Town Meeting Minutes: Action postponed until March 19, 2019.

Vote to approve the February 21, 2019 Regular Session Meeting Minutes: Action postponed until March 19, 2019.

Vote to approve the February 21, 2019 Executive Session Meeting Minutes subject to release: Action postponed until March 19, 2019.

Vote to approve and authorize the Chair to sign PVPC City/Town-Owner Agreements

Motion 030519-01 by Selectman Whalen; seconded by Chairman Boyce; to approve and authorize the Chair to sign PVPC City/Town-Owner Agreement for a housing rehab project located at 20 Old Millbrook Road, Brimfield. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion 030519-02 by Selectman Whalen; seconded by Chairman Boyce; to approve and authorize the Chair to sign PVPC City/Town-Owner Agreement for a housing rehab project located at 31 Halfway Lane, Holland. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to approve and sign the FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Financial Warrant #1

Motion 030519-03 by Selectman Whalen; seconded by Chairman Boyce; to approve the FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Financial Warrant #1. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to approve and sign the FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Financial Warrant #2

Motion 030519-04 by Selectman Whalen; seconded by Chairman Boyce; to approve the FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Financial Warrant #2. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to approve and sign the warrant for the Annual Town Non-Partisan Caucus to be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM: Selectman Whalen read the warrant for the benefit of the audience.

Motion 030519-05 by Selectman Whalen; seconded by Chairman Boyce; to approve the warrant for the Annual Town Non-Partisan Caucus. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to withdraw from the Eastern Hampden County Veterans' Service District effective June 30, 2019 pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 115, Section 10: Chairman Boyce explained that the BOS attempted to withdraw from the district last year after receiving negative feedback from various members of local veteran organizations, but failed to adhere to the required process as defined in Section 10 of Chapter 115.

Motion 030519-06 by Selectman Whalen; seconded by Chairman Boyce; to withdraw from the Eastern Hampden County Veterans' Service District effective June 30, 2019 pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 115, Section 10. The motion passed unanimously.

Police Chief Search Committee: Action postponed until March 19, 2019.

ACTION ITEMS

National Grid Email: Unanimous consent was given to approve National Grid's proposal to adjust the cost of a police detail by reducing the charge for 1 police officer's time by 3 hours to offset the cost of the additional 3 hours of overtime paid to National Grid's designer to attend a 2nd pole petition hearing caused by an error in the notification to abutters by the Town.

Annual Town Report: No discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Whalen; seconded by Chairman Boyce; to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela A. Leduc
Executive Secretary