

**SELECT BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, June 10, 2019**

Office of the Select Board, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA

Members Present: Chairman James Whalen; Vice Chairman William Matchett III

Members Absent/Excused: Clerk Michael Valanzola

*Others Present: Hugh Brower, candidate for appointment to the Conservation Commission; Howard Whyte, Police Chief Search Committee Chair; Diane Piazza, Henry Road resident; Michael Piazza, Henry Road resident; Bruce Cadieux, Road Commissioner; Norma Thompson, Conservation Commission; Nelson Rodriguez, Henry Road resident; Dario Camacho, Interim Chief of Police; Leon Givner, BOA and Cable Director; William Terry, Lake George Study Committee Chair; Ron Anderson; Cheri Fisher, Interim Senior Center Director; Denis Bouchard, Henry Road resident; Gary Brown, Henry Road resident; Doug Dickinson, Sizer Drive resident; Pamela Leduc, Executive Secretary*

Chairman Whalen called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Police Chief Search Committee: Howard Whyte came forward on behalf of the Police Chief Search Committee to present the Board of Selectmen with their recommendations for finalists for the position of Chief of Police. Mr. Whyte explained the ranking of the three (3) candidates selected; Candidate 5 ranked number one by unanimous vote of the committee; Candidate 9 ranked number two by majority vote of the committee; Candidate 11 ranked number three by majority vote of the committee. Board members instruct Ms. Leduc to solicit quotes from firms qualified to conduct an assessment center for the police chief position.

Henry Road: Diane and Michael Piazza, Nelson Rodriguez, Denis Bouchard and Gary Brown came forward to discuss the ongoing stormwater and drainage issues on Henry Road. Board members attempted to address communication concerns expressed by the neighbors. Chairman Whalen and Selectman Matchett responded to requests for assistance by providing personal suggestions and an offer to act as a mediator between the parties in an attempt to bring resolution to the matter. Ms. Leduc reminded everyone involved that Henry Road is a private road, this is a civil issue, and that the suggestions offered by board members are not to be misconstrued as formal representations being made on behalf of the Town of Wales.

Interim Senior Center Director Cheri Fisher: Cheri Fisher came forward to present the Board with her research and recommendation to replace the dishwashing equipment at the Senior Center. This recommendation included an upgrade to the existing equipment to provide staff with the ability to properly sanitize pots and pans, cooking utensils, etc., and also required the services of a licensed plumber. Ms. Fisher requested that the Board consider funding a portion of the total cost.

***Motion 061019-01 by Chairman Whalen; seconded by Selectman Matchett; to authorize spending up to \$2,200.00 from Building Maintenance for the purchase and installation of a dishwasher at the Senior Center. The motion passed unanimously.***

Review and approve SOLitude Lake Management proposal for Lake George Aquatic Plant Management for 2019: William Terry came forward on behalf of the Lake George Study Committee to discuss the sole response to the request for proposals. Town meeting approved the sum of \$3,150.00 as matching funds for Lake George Plant Management.

***Motion 061019-02 by Chairman Whalen; seconded by Selectman Matchett; to approve the proposal submitted by SOLitude Lake Management for management of the aquatic plants, excluding Lily Pads and Brasenia, in the amount of \$3,510.00 (50% match). The motion passed unanimously.***

Conservation Commission: Hugh Brower and Norma Thompson came forward. Mr. Brower discussed his qualifications and his interest in serving on the Conservation Commission.

***Motion 061019-03 by Chairman Whalen; seconded by Selectman Matchett; to appoint Hugh W. Brower to the Conservation Commission for a 3 year term to expire June 9, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.***

Review and approve Code Enforcement Clerk Job Description

***Motion 061019-04 by Chairman Whalen; seconded by Selectman Matchett; to approve the Code Enforcement Clerk job description as presented and proceed with the job posting. The motion passed unanimously.***

Review and approve Senior Center Director Job Description: Ms. Leduc advised the Board that she had reviewed the job description prepared in March 2018 and recommends using the same information but modifying the document to reflect our current job description format. Unanimous consent was given to proceed with the job posting as recommended by the Executive Secretary.

Summer meeting schedule: The Select Board will not meet as scheduled on Monday, June 24, 2019 due to the anticipated lack of a majority of the members being present.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

FY19 Police Chief Salary account

***Motion 061019-05 by Chairman Whalen; seconded by Selectman Matchett; to approve a transfer in the amount of \$3,570.00 from the Norcross Gift Account to the Police Chief Salary account to fund the payment of administrative leave compensation to Chief Jeffrey Hastings through June 30, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.***

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Assessor Leon Givner appeared before the Board to advise them that the Norcross Wildlife Foundation owns approximately 12,000 acres in response to a request for information from Chairman Whalen. Selectman Matchett requested that the BOA provide the BOS with an estimated land value and the amount of real estate tax that would be assessed if the property was not classified as exempt.

Doug Dickinson requested that the Board consider alternatives to the ban on the collection of household hazardous products by the transfer station facility.

Chairman Whalen advised that he had received complaints from residents about the poor quality of the audio during televised BOS meetings. Cable Director Leon Givner came forward to advise the Board that the Cable Advisory Committee had recently authorized the purchase of 6 new mics and a new computer with editing capability.

Board members instruct Ms. Leduc to forward the USA Waste and Recycling, Inc. Service Agreement and the proposed FY 2020 Brimfield Ambulance Service Contract to town counsel.

Chairman Whalen instructs Ms. Leduc to purchase a Massachusetts flag and an American flag for the office.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion by Selectman Whalen; seconded by Selectman Matchett; to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 pm. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,

*Pamela A. Leduc*

Executive Secretary